

Clearwater, Florida
Substantial Amendment for HOME-ARP
June 2, 2022

Attachments

1. HOME-ARP SF-424 Forms (SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D)
2. HOME-ARP Certifications
3. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
4. HOME-ARP Citizen Participation Documentation

1. HOME-ARP SF-424 Forms (SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D)

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424			
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
		* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text" value="120492"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Clearwater, Florida"/>			
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="59-6000289"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="SG2DQRMWJYL6"/>	
d. Address:			
* Street1: <input type="text" value="600 Cleveland Street"/>			
Street2: <input type="text" value="Suite 600"/>			
* City: <input type="text" value="Clearwater"/>			
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>			
* State: <input type="text" value="FL: Florida"/>			
Province: <input type="text"/>			
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>			
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="33755-4151"/>			
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Economic Development/Housing"/>		Division Name: <input type="text" value="Housing"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Irin"/>		
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>			
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Gomez"/>			
Suffix: <input type="text"/>			
Title: <input type="text" value="HUD Programs Administrator"/>			
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>			
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="727-562-4032"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text" value="727-562-4037"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="irin.gomez@myclearwater.com"/>			

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*** 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 Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

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

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

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

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

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,637,567.00"/>
* 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="1,637,567.00"/>

*** 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

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

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

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:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
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11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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<p>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</p>  <p>Jon P. Jennings</p>	<p>TITLE</p> <p>City Manager</p>
<p>APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</p> <p>City of Clearwater, Florida (HOME-ARP)</p>	<p>DATE SUBMITTED</p>

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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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2. HOME-ARP Certifications

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.

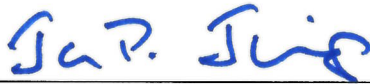
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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.

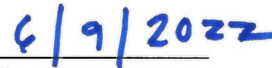


Signature of Authorized Official

Jon P. Jennings

City Manager, City of Clearwater

Title



Date

3. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template with Guidance

Instructions: All guidance in this template, including questions and tables, reflect requirements for the HOME-ARP allocation plan, as described in Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, unless noted as optional. As the requirements highlighted in this template are not exhaustive, please refer to the Notice for a full description of the allocation plan requirements as well as instructions for submitting the plan, the SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and the certifications.

References to “the ARP” mean the HOME-ARP statute at section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2).

Consultation

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

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

State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Template:

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

The City of Clearwater developed a robust consultation process to meet HUD’s requirements and to ensure that the city is considering all priorities and needs within the community. On January 20, 2022, the City of Clearwater held a HOME-ARP Funding workshop to consult with local service providers, housing providers, and other groups that work to address the needs of qualifying populations. There were representatives from approximately a dozen organizations in attendance; further information about all consultation is detailed in the table below. In addition to a workshop, the city formed a selection committee, the Technical Review Committee (TRC), to score and select the projects for HOME-ARP Funding. The TRC met on February 18, 2022, and is comprised of several city staff, representatives from the Salvation Army, Pinellas Community

Foundation, and the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas. These are the agencies that uniquely serve the qualifying populations under HOME-ARP.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
City of Clearwater, City Council	Civic Leaders	Public Hearing	Approval of proposed project funding.
City of Clearwater, Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Board (NAHAB)	Other (Advisory Board)	Public Hearing	Recommendation to City Council to approve proposed funding.
City of Clearwater Economic Development and Housing Department	Other (City Departments); Grantee Department	Funding Workshop, Technical Review Committee, Public Hearing, Internal Communication	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding. Work closely with local service providers to understand needs and make funding determinations.
Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance	Continuum of Care; Services - Homeless	Funding Workshop, Technical Review Committee	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding.
R'Club Childcare, Inc.	Services - Children	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
The Salvation Army	Services – Homeless; Other (Services – Veterans, Human Trafficking)	Funding Workshop, Technical Review Committee	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding.
Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP), Inc.	Services – Homeless; Other (Services – Veterans)	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Directions for Living	Other (Services – Mental Health)	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.

Hope Villages of America	Housing; Services – Victims of Domestic Violence; Other (Food Bank)	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Clearwater Housing Authority	PHA	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Pinellas Community Foundation	Foundation	Funding Workshop	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding.
Blue Sky Communities	Housing	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Intercultural Advocacy Institute (ICAI)/Hispanic Outreach Center	Services – Children; Services – Education; Other (Civil Rights, Legal)	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Gulfcoast Legal Services	Services – Fair Housing; Other (Civil Rights, Legal)	Funding Workshop	Review project funding requests and make recommendations about which projects to fund.

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

All agencies were consulted through the HOME-ARP Funding Workshop and the Technical Review Committee. The Technical Review Committee, comprised of organizations representing Qualifying Populations, used input garnered from the HOME-ARP Funding Workshop to select projects for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The priority needs identified through consultation with these organizations were additional affordable rental units, rental assistance, and rapid rehousing for homeless prevention. When considering applications submitted in response to the HOME-ARP NOFA, the Technical Review Committee selected projects that specifically addressed these needs.

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.

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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: 5/4/2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 5/4/2022 end date - 6/2/2022***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 6/2/2022***

Describe the public participation process:

In accordance with HUD guidelines, the City of Clearwater held a public comment period that was at least 15 days to obtain comments from Clearwater residents, agencies, and anyone else who wished to review and comment on the plan. Following the public comment period, the city held a public hearing with the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB) and with the City Council. The NAHAB is tasked with making recommendations to the City Council about the use of federal funds. The proposed funding activities are first heard by the NAHAB and then heard by the City Council, upon NAHAB's recommendation. The NAHAB public hearing took place on May 10, 2022, and the City Council public hearing for adoption of the substantial amendment to approve the HOME-ARP Funding Allocation Plan was held on June 2, 2022.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The City of Clearwater published public notices for the NAHAB and City Council public hearings in an effort to broaden public awareness and participation in the development of the allocation plan. A 15-day public comment period is required; however, the city is holding a 30-day public comment period to allow more time for citizens to review the plan and provide comment. Additionally, the city followed its citizen participation plan, which guides all public participation efforts in a manner that promotes transparency and encourages active participation from residents, especially those qualifying populations.

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

Feedback received during the HOME-ARP Funding workshop and the public participation process identified an apparent need for affordable rental units, rental assistance, and rapid rehousing for homeless prevention, on which the City of Clearwater will focus its allocation.

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

All comments and recommendations were accepted and considered in the development of this allocation plan.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of **all four** of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

Template:

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	380	94	764	N/A	11								
Transitional Housing	87	35	199	N/A	55								
Permanent Supportive Housing	336	88	1,266	N/A	934								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	20	N/A	20								
Sheltered Homeless						114	1,058	215	99				
Unsheltered Homeless						4	786	50	85				
<i>Current Gap</i>										N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

OPTIONAL 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	20,029		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	600		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	1,815		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		2,855 (standard housing problems, not severe)	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,150 (standard housing problems, not severe)	
<i>Current Gaps</i>			N/A

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Homelessness affects all races and ethnicities; however, in Clearwater, white and black individuals are most impacted by homelessness. Of the 2,226 homeless individuals counted in the 2020 Point-In-Time counts for the continuum of care, 1,380 (nearly 62%) individuals were white, and 719 (over 32%) of individuals were black. The remaining 6% of homeless individuals identified as other minority races. Only about 7.6% of the total counted homeless population identified as Hispanic or Latino.

More than 83% of all homeless individuals counted were adults in households without children. There were 350 (nearly 16%) homeless individuals counted in households with children, and 22 homeless individuals counted in households that contained only children (under the age of 18).

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to the FY 2021 Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data, there are approximately 60,520 low- and moderate-income individuals within the City of Clearwater. This represents over 52% of the total population, based on the 2016-2020 American Community Survey. Of the city's 115 Block Groups, 42 Block Groups are characterized as having more than 51.00% of its population designated as low- and moderate-income. This suggests that a significant percentage of Clearwater's population has an income of less than 80% AMI and may be at increased risk of homelessness or in need of additional supportive services and assistance to prevent homelessness and housing instability.

According to 2011-2015 CHAS, there are 460 low- and moderate-income households (<80% AMI) that experience crowding of more than 1 person per room. Additionally, there are 3,115 households in the 0-30% AMI income group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 30%, and 2,755 households in the 0-30% AMI group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 50%. Due to crowding, income levels, and cost burdens, the households within these groups are at risk of homelessness.

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

In total, 184 (about 8%) homeless individuals counted identified themselves as victims of domestic violence. According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, there were 6,111 domestic violence offenses in Pinellas County alone in 2020. There were also 450 reports of rape in Pinellas County for the same year. Considering that Clearwater makes up approximately 12% of the total population in Pinellas County, it can be assumed that there may be 733 domestic violence offenses and 54 reports of rape that occurred within Clearwater. Victims of these crimes are susceptible to homelessness and housing insecurity.

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

The 2020 homeless Point-In-Time count identifies 265 homeless veterans, representing about 12% of the homeless population. According to the 2019 Homeless leadership Alliance HMIS report for the 1-year period between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, it is estimated that there are 969 veterans experiencing homelessness each year and 518 veterans becoming homeless each year within the St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County Continuum of Care. It can be assumed that there are nearly 1,500 veterans who experience or become homeless each year in Pinellas County, suggesting that about 180 veterans in Clearwater alone experience or become homeless each year.

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):

There is a wide array of existing homelessness prevention services available in Clearwater, including counseling, legal assistance, mortgage assistance, rental assistance, utilities assistance, law enforcement, mobile clinics, street outreach services, drug and alcohol abuse services, childcare, education services, employment and employment training services, healthcare services, life skills training, mental health counselling, transportation services, and food banks.

In the Clearwater area, homeless services such as emergency shelter and transitional housing are provided by churches and non-profit organizations. Some of these organizations include the Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. (Homeless Empowerment Program), Kimberly Home, Boley Centers, Hope Villages of America, Salvation Army, and Family Resources, Inc., among others. To better address the needs of the area's homeless population, the Homeless Leadership Alliance maintains an online map-based directory of emergency shelter and transitional housing services, as well as food and clothing assistance targeted to homeless persons. The database connects to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority route maps. Information regarding homeless resources is also disseminated through the 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. hotline.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

In the Clearwater area, homeless services such as emergency shelter and transitional housing are provided by churches and non-profit organizations. Some of these organizations include the Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. (Homeless Empowerment Program), Kimberly Home, Boley Centers, Hope Villages of America, Salvation Army, and Family Resources, Inc., among others. These existing shelters and supportive service providers need additional funding to ensure satisfactory provision of services and future expansion of these services for those experiencing homelessness.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The 5-year consolidated plan identifies priorities related to persons experiencing homelessness. Among these needs are substance abuse and behavioral/mental health services, services for homeless youth and youth aging out of foster care, homeless facilities and shelters, and case management. While there are existing shelters and supportive services for those experiencing homelessness, there may be a need for additional supportive services to prevent homelessness, including transitional housing, emergency assistance and other moving assistance (rental deposit assistance, security deposit), and other rental assistance and utility assistance efforts. These efforts also contribute to the maintenance and availability of affordable housing for all income groups, especially those qualifying populations.

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

Populations with unstable living environments may require additional financial assistance, such as rental assistance, down payment assistance, or utility assistance. These groups may also rely on transitional shelters and safe homes for temporary housing. Additional funding for organizations that provide these services would ensure that sufficient and decent housing is available for those that depend on it.

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

For those non-homeless populations, additional affordable rental housing units and supportive counseling is also needed to reduce existing homelessness and prevent future homelessness.

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

Clearwater has a robust shelter, housing, and service delivery system for those individuals experiencing homelessness and who are at risk of becoming homeless. Some identified gaps may exist, including sufficient funding to support the volume and reach of homeless supportive services (including non-profit service providers that offer substance abuse and mental health services, services for homeless youth, and case management). The city will continue to financially support these programs, when possible, and aid in the identification of additional funding sources, and provide technical assistance to aid in the completion of grant applications.

The city maintains a strong relationship with service providers, and included many of them in the consultation and production of this plan. The input received from these service providers during the consultation process was critical to the identification of needs. Their involvement ensures successful programming and lessens the existing gaps in providing homeless needs and other supportive services for qualifying populations.

The city is very engaged with the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance, supporting the organization in the implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness; additional, improved, and maintained coordination between these service providers, and the city would

benefit those populations at risk of homelessness and those experiencing homelessness by promoting a transparent and accessible communication strategy. Improved coordination would increase the dissemination of information about critical resources and supportive services, as well as improve the quality of those services.

An identified gap is the need for additional transitional or permanent supportive housing; one way to reduce this need is for the city to coordinate with the continuum of care, non-profit service providers, and other organizations to encourage the development of these programs and these types of housing.

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:

Housing with 1 or more housing problems is associated with instability. As shown in the table above, there are 5,005 households earning less than 50% AMI with at least one housing problem. Additionally, households experiencing cost burden and crowding may experiencing housing instability and be at a greater risk of homelessness. According to the 2011-2015 CHAS data, there are 460 low- and moderate-income households (<80% AMI) that experience crowding of more than 1 person per room. Additionally, there are 3,115 households in the 0-30% AMI income group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 30%, and 2,755 households in the 0-30% AMI group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 50%.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

While there are a number of important priority needs, as listed in the city’s five-year consolidated plan, this allocation plan will focus on the priority needs listed below:

1. Affordable housing development (production of new rental units)
2. Facilities/Services for Victims of Domestic Violence (TBRA)
3. Rental Assistance
4. Homeless prevention (through diversion services, utility assistance, move-in assistance)

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 most recent Housing Inventory Counts (January 2021) and Point-In-Time counts (January 2020) were used to develop the data presented in the tables and narrative above. The 2011-2015 CHAS and 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates were used to supplement the housing inventory and point-in-time county. Based on reported numbers, there are currently sufficient shelter beds for those populations experiencing homelessness; however, it should be assumed that the reported count for homeless populations is an undercount. There is likely a gap in affordable housing for low- and moderate-income populations earning less than 50% AMI. There are only 600 units considered affordable to extremely low-income populations earning less

than 30% AMI and only 1,815 rental units affordable to populations earning less than 50% AMI. This leaves 17,614 rental units that are unaffordable to over 12,000 households that earn less than 50% AMI, according to the 2011-2015 CHAS data. Additionally, over 5,000 renter households with an income less than 50% AMI live in a house with one or more housing problems. This represents over 40% of the total low-income population earning less than 50% AMI, suggesting there is a need for additional decent, affordable rental units.

Gaps related to coordination and supportive services were identified using previous performance of similar programs and previously identified community needs, as identified in the 2020/2021-2024/2025 Consolidated Plan. Additionally, through the consultation process the city gauged needs and gaps based on outreach to service providers.

HOME-ARP Activities

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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 accepted applications for proposed projects by local developers, service providers, and nonprofit organizations on the city's website. All proposed project applications submitted a description of the organization, a project description, and requested funding amount. The City of Clearwater developed a Technical Review Committee which was comprised of city staff and local service providers. This committee reviewed all applications for their compliance with the HOME-ARP program and benefits to qualifying populations to determine which projects to allocate funding to.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Funding for eligible activities will be allocated directly to subrecipients with program compliance oversight and general administration/planning conducted by the city of Clearwater.

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

Not applicable.

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.

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Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 0.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 623,430.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 875,000.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 139,137.00	8.49 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,637,567		

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

The following list includes descriptions of the proposed activities and their desired impact to address the gaps and priority needs:

1. Blue Sky Communities

Amount Requested: \$875,000

Purpose of Funding: Allocation to support Blue Sky's proposed project at 610 Franklin Street under partnership with the CRA. Five units will be reserved for households meeting the Qualifying Population under the HOME-ARP Program.

2. HOPE Villages of America

Amount Requested: \$134,750

Purpose of Funding: Hope Villages of America's (HVA) Grace House, a family shelter facility, will provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to families exiting the Grace House after the successful completion of programming, individuals served at The Haven which provides domestic violence shelter and individuals served through outreach services at both programs.

3. Pinellas Opportunity Council

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Purpose of Funding: POC's Emergency Assistance Program provides financial assistance to eligible clients in need of emergency assistance with utilities, fuel oil, and rent/mortgage emergencies. POC just received a local grant through Pinellas Community Foundation for \$25,000 in January 2022 to assist all age demographics in Pinellas County with rent deposits. This grant does not cover utility deposits. POC is requesting a total of \$100,000 to provide these much-needed services to the Clearwater community. POC

proposes to spend \$70,000 in rental deposits with a max of \$2,000 per household and \$30,000 in utility deposits with a max of \$400 per household.

4. Homeless Emergency Project (Homeless Empowerment Program)

Amount Requested: \$292,500

Purpose of Funding: Through the Family Transition Program (FTP), homeless families with minor children receive temporary shelter (up to 90 days) and comprehensive supportive services. HEP is requesting HOME-ARP funds from the City of Clearwater to provide these families with one-time move-in assistance (application fee, security deposit, first months' rent, etc.) as they exit FTP and obtain independent affordable rental housing in the community.

5. Homeless Leadership Alliance

Amount Requested: \$46,180

Purpose of Funding: Clients are identified and referred to the Prevention/Diversion component of the Front Door by over 25 cross sector provider agencies, 211 Tampa Bay Cares, law enforcement officers, municipalities, funders, governmental entities, faith-based groups, elected officials, self-referrals, and "word of mouth" from previous participants. Referrals are made via phone, email, HMIS, or text message. If staff determine that financial assistance is needed to prevent or divert the individual or household from entering the homeless system of care, staff has access to a flexible financial assistance account, provided that it will directly result in a housing solution.

6. Society of St. Vincent DePaul Community Kitchen and Resource Center

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Purpose of Funding: SVDP's proposed project is to expand supportive services to our homeless clients who are seeking opportunities to become self-sufficient. Grant funds will be used to expand housing assistance that positions clients for long-term success. The SVDP Housing Support program includes needs assessments, housing support (rent, utility, deposit fees), and service referrals which may include addiction recovery, mental health services, mentorship, employment readiness, and life skills training.

Some projects under the Pinellas Opportunity Council, the Homeless Emergency Project, and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul may include both supportive services and tenant-based rental assistance. Per HUD guidance and communication with city staff, the city will keep record of funding that is spent as supportive services and how many households benefit from this funding. These data will be monitored for future reporting.

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 previously identified in the above sections, the qualitative and quantitative data presented indicates a need for projects that support the identified priority needs (additional affordable

housing, homeless prevention, rental assistance, and related supportive services), and those that close the gaps in service delivery (increased capacity for coordination, increased capacity to support homeless populations and those at risk of becoming homeless, and those in transitional housing).

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The HOME-ARP will allocate funds to the Blue Sky Communities proposed affordable housing development. The funds will aid in the development of 5 affordable rental housing units reserved for qualifying populations, and 482 households will be assisted through rental assistance and TBRA.

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 Clearwater's 2020/2021-2024/2025 Consolidated Plan identifies the goal of affordable housing, and estimates that 95 rental units will be constructed during the 5-year consolidated planning period. Together, this identified goal and the Blue Sky Communities project work towards addressing the city's identified high priority need of new housing construction for both renters and owners.

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).

Template:

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 of Clearwater does not intend to give preference to one or more 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:

Not applicable.

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. Use of a CE with embedded preferences or methods of prioritization that are not contained in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation does not comply with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

Template:

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):

Since the city of Clearwater will not administer HOME-ARP projects directly (except for administration/planning), the city defers to the Continuum of Care's referral methods and coordinated entry procedures. The Homeless Leadership Alliance (HLA) is the Continuum of Care for the region, including the city of Clearwater. The HLA outlines their Coordinated Entry and referral procedures here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c784173a9ab953d5ee017d5/t/6231ef1c5e2a23775310a130/1647439647497/CE+Policies+and+Procedures+with+Attachments.pdf>

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):

The city will work with the HLA for coordinated entry procedures. Additionally, the HLA is receiving funds through the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for prevention/diversion activities. Referrals for this projects are made through the HLA. Several projects include referral activities and will be completed by the corresponding HOME-ARP subrecipients.

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):

Since the city of Clearwater will not administer HOME-ARP projects directly (except for administration/planning), subrecipients are responsible for decisions related to referral method prioritization, where relevant.

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):

Since the city of Clearwater will not administer HOME-ARP projects directly (except for administration/planning), subrecipients are responsible for decisions related to referral method prioritization, where relevant.

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.

Template

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 of Clearwater does not intend to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular Qualifying Population or specific subpopulation of a Qualifying Population. Any individual who belongs to any of the Qualifying Populations under HOME-ARP is eligible to benefit from the selected projects.

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

The city of Clearwater does not intend to implement a limitation to a particular Qualifying Population or specific subpopulation of a Qualifying Population. Any individual who belongs to any of the Qualifying Populations under HOME-ARP is eligible to benefit from the selected projects.

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):

Not applicable.

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***

Not applicable. The city does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

- ***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.***

Not applicable. The city does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The city does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The city does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The city does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The city does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

4. HOME-ARP Citizen Participation Documentation

From: Lane, Charles <Charles.Lane@myclearwater.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 11:33 AM
To: Kevin Chinault; Ashley Lowery; April Lott; Amy Foster; Melinda Perry; Jackie Rivera (jrivera@clearwaterhousingauth.org); Duggan Cooley; Shawn Wilson; Frank Cornier; chrissy@svdpclearwaterfl.org; Mike Jalazo (mjalazo@exoffender.org); Carmen Lundy (clearwatermlkcenter@gmail.com); Kathy Russell; Jaclyn Boland (jboland@hispanicoutreachcenter.org); Lynne Tucker; Tammy Greer
Cc: Warner, Amanda; Smith, Jason; Sanderson, Denise; Malcolm-Smith, Terry; Gomez, Irin; Grande, Kara; Perez, Dania
Subject: City of Clearwater HOME-ARP Funding Workshop

The City of Clearwater will be publishing a Notice of Funding Availability on January 19 to advertise available HOME-ARP funds. You are being contacted because your organization performs services or activities that may be eligible for these funds. We will have a discussion via Zoom on **Thursday, January 20 at 2:00pm** to discuss the parameters of this program and how your organization may apply for funding to assist people in Clearwater that are homeless or are facing the imminent threat of becoming homeless. Please make sure someone from your organization participates in this workshop.

Shortly after receiving this email, you will receive a Zoom Meeting link for the workshop. Feel free to forward the link to others in your organization or to leaders of other organizations that may benefit from this program. Multiple people from an organization may participate in the workshop. Following the workshop, we will open an application period for organizations to apply for funding for qualifying activities. We will also discuss our remaining balance of CDBG-CV funds and will be accepting applications for those funds as well.

If you have any questions and would like to speak with me prior to Thursday, please feel free to reach out directly to me. If you do not receive a Zoom meeting link by the end of today, please let me know.

Thank you,
Chuck

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CLEARWATER COVID-19 INFORMATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

The City of Clearwater is estimated to receive **\$1,637,567** in grant allocation funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). \$245,635 of the allocation will be reserved for administrative activities incurred by the City of Clearwater and the remaining \$1,391,932 will be used to provide funding for qualifying projects. Funds can only be used in the incorporated limits of the City of Clearwater. However, an agency that is located outside the City may receive funding if they provide documented services for city residents. In addition to administrative activities, there are five (5) eligible activity categories under HOME-ARP:

- Rental Housing;
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA);
- Supportive Services;
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter; and
- Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance.

Activities approved for HOME-ARP funding are required to serve Qualifying Populations (QPs) which are limited to the following (paraphrased): the homeless; persons at-risk of homelessness; persons fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking; persons at greatest risk of housing instability such as households earning total household income of less than 30% of Area Median Income (AMI), or less than 50% AMI if the household meets specific criteria for “at-risk of homelessness”; or veterans or families of veterans that meet the population criteria above (i.e., homeless or at-risk of homelessness).

The City of Clearwater is hereby announcing that it has a remaining balance of **\$614,275** in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) grant funding for qualifying activities that are intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (i.e., the COVID-19 pandemic).

A portion of the funds listed above may be used for City conducted and/or sponsored projects and may not be available for allocation to applicants. Proposals for new projects will be accepted beginning on January 21, 2022, and should address one or more of the following strategies:

- Creation of rental housing for QPs
- Tenant-based rental assistance for QPs
- Authorized supportive services for QPs
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter
- Nonprofit operating and capacity-building assistance
- Activities that assist eligible people or households to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City will be utilizing an online application that can be found by clicking the [Apply Here Using Neighborly Software](https://www.myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/affordable-housing/neighborly-software) button located at <https://www.myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/affordable-housing/neighborly-software> beginning January 21, 2022. Additional information on utilizing Neighborly Software can be found under the Neighborly Software tab on the website.

Applications must be submitted via the City’s website no later than **11:59 p.m. on February 4, 2022.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chuck Lane, Economic Development and Housing Department Assistant Director, at (727) 562-4023 or Charles.Lane@MyClearwater.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF CLEARWATER

2021/2022 Annual Action Plan

Substantial Amendment Availability

and Public Hearings

In accordance with the City of Clearwater's Citizen Participation Plan and the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), two public hearings are being held to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan proposed substantial amendment and program funding reallocation. The substantial amendment is a result of an allocation of HOME-ARP funding and reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding to fund new projects and adjustment to previously budgeted projects. The proposed substantial amendment is outlined below:

Proposed Substantial Amendment

The City is proposing to amend the 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan to account for the following funding:

The total amount of new HOME-ARP funds to be allocated is \$1,637,567. The total amount of CDBG funds to be reallocated/reprogrammed is \$255,939. The proposed amendment will allocate/reallocate/reprogram this funding to the following activities:

Project Name	Previous Amount	Amended Amount	Change (Increase)
Pinellas Opportunity Council (Rent and Utilities Assistance)	HOME-ARP - \$0	HOME-ARP - \$100,000	HOME-ARP - \$100,000
Homeless Empowerment Program (Move-in Assistance for Families)	HOME-ARP - \$0	HOME-ARP - \$292,000	HOME-ARP - \$292,000
Homeless Leadership Alliance (Prevention/Diversion)	HOME-ARP - \$0	HOME-ARP - \$46,180	HOME-ARP - \$46,180
Hope Villages of America (Housing Support for HVA Clients)	HOME-ARP - \$0	HOME-ARP - \$134,750	HOME-ARP - \$134,750
St. Vincent DePaul Community Kitchen and Resource Center (SVDP CKRC) (Housing Support and Service Referrals)	HOME-ARP - \$0	HOME-ARP - \$50,000	HOME-ARP - \$50,000
Blue Dolphin Housing Project (New Construction of Affordable Housing)	HOME-ARP - \$0	HOME-ARP - \$875,000	HOME-ARP - \$875,000
HOME-ARP Administration/Planning)	HOME-ARP - \$0	HOME-ARP - \$139,137	HOME-ARP - \$139,137
Hope Villages of America (Grace House Expansion)	CDBG - \$98,000	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - (\$98,000)
City of Clearwater (Lake Belleview Recreation Pier)	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$90,000	CDBG - \$90,000
City of Clearwater (Demolition 1011 Engman St. – Slum & Blight)	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$83,887	CDBG - \$83,887
Property Acquisition – Slum & Blight	CDBG - \$180,884	CDBG - \$96,997	CDBG - (\$141,974)
Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program (Salary Support - Public Service)	CDBG - \$20,352	CDBG - \$15,600	CDBG - (\$4,752)
St. Vincent DePaul CKRC (Salary Support – Public Service)	CDBG - \$19,213	CDBG - \$8,000	CDBG - (\$11,213)
Gulfcoast Legal Services (Legal Services – Public Service)	CDBG - \$24,969	CDBG - \$34,969	CDBG - \$10,000
CDBG TBD Public Services	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$5,965	CDBG - \$5,965
Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services (Business Center Roof Improvements)	CDBG - \$55,500	CDBG - \$85,500	CDBG - \$30,000
R'Club Gateway (Facilities Improvement)	CDBG - \$23,321	CDBG - \$39,408	CDBG - \$16,087
Public Facility Projects Cost Overruns	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$20,000	CDBG - \$20,000

All other activities and funding not listed above will be unaffected by the proposed amendment.

The City of Clearwater is holding two public hearings for citizens, representatives of the public, private agencies and organizations, and other interested parties to review, provide comments and make recommendations on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan.

Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board

City Hall Council Chambers
100 North Osceola Ave, 1st Floor
Clearwater, Florida 33755
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 9:00am

City of Clearwater City Council
City Hall Council Chambers
100 North Osceola Ave, 1st Floor
Clearwater, Florida 33755
Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 6:00pm

The required 30-day public comment period begins on May 4, 2022 and ends on June 2, 2022. A copy of the Substantial Amendment, which includes changes to the 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan, will be made available on May 4, 2022 for viewing by the public at the Economic Development and Housing Department located at 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 600, Clearwater, Florida 33755, or on the City's website at www.myclearwater.com/housing (Economic Development & Housing Department). Public comments are welcomed. All interested parties shall send any comments to Chuck Lane, Assistant Director, City of Clearwater's Economic Development and Housing Department, P.O. Box 4748, Clearwater, FL, 33758, 727.562.4023 or via email at Charles.Lane@MyClearwater.com. Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD ACTION AGENDA
CITY OF CLEARWATER**

May 10, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. at the Main Library

2. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2022

ACTION: Approved as submitted.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda: None.

4. New Business Items

4.1 Approve staff recommended funding allocations among applicants for Fiscal Year 2022/23 Community Development Block Grant funding.

ACTION: Recommended approval

4.2 Recommend City Council approval of the Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan.

ACTION: Recommended approval

4.3 Provide feedback to the Board Chair in preparation of the Chair's presentation to City Council on behalf of the NAHAB.

ACTION: Feedback provided

5. Director's Report

ACTION: Report provided

6. Board Members to be Heard

ACTION: Members reviewed items of interest

7. Adjourn – 9:55 a.m.

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 2, 2022

6:00 PM

Main Library - Council Chambers

City Council

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Frank Hibbard, Vice Mayor Kathleen Beckman, Councilmember David Allbritton, Councilmember Mark Bunker and Councilmember Lina Teixeira

Also Present: Jon Jennings – City Manager, Micah Maxwell – Assistant City Manager, Michael Delk – Assistant City Manager, David Margolis – City Attorney, Rosemarie Call – City Clerk and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk.

To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1** Approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 4.2** Approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Special City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Beckman moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Special City Council Meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda

Christopher Brezezinski expressed concerns with the lack of parking at 700 Osceola Avenue and that the proposed development on the adjacent property has an expired building permit that was extended. He also expressed concerns regarding the size of the proposed development and the lack of offset between the two properties.

Norm Bild invited all to attend the Veterans Breakfast tomorrow and the Honor Flight on June 14, 2022.

Becca Kay thanked the Council for holding community meetings regarding the use of ARPA funds and expressed concerns with the children's playground equipment and lack of shelters at Crest Lake Park.

Rudy Michalek suggested that the management agreement for the Coachman Park amphitheater include an escape clause for non-performance. He also expressed concerns with the disruptive sounds heard in between the presenters at the last council meeting.

6. Consent Agenda – Approved as submitted.

- 6.1** Approve a Work Order to McKim and Creed, of Clearwater, Florida, for design of Drainage Channel Stabilization South of Cleveland - Hercules/Arcturas (22-0013-EN) in the amount of \$249,019 pursuant to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 26-19, Engineer of Record Consulting Services (EOR), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.2** Approve a purchase order to Devtech Sales Inc., of Avon Park, FL, for the purchase of Itron equipment and accessories for water and gas meter reading activities in an amount of \$135,805.00, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.53 (1)(d), Non-competitive purchases (Impractical), and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.3** Approve a Purchase Order with Polydyne Inc., of Riceboro, GA, for polymer to be used at the City's three Wastewater Reclamation Facilities in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000.00 in accordance with Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(a), Single Source, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.4** Authorize purchase orders to Tampa Armature Works, Inc. (TAW) of Orlando, FL, and CEC Motor and Utility Services, LLC of Palmetto, FL for electric motor repair, replace and rewinding services, in a cumulative annual not to exceed amount of \$200,000.00 for the initial term of July 28, 2022 through July 27, 2023, with the option for three, one year renewal options, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback or Cooperative purchasing, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute

same. (consent)

- 6.5** Approve a purchase order to Ring Power Corporation of St. Augustine, FL for automatic transfer switches maintenance and related services in an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00 for an initial period of one year, with the option for two, one-year renewals, pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 09-22 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)
- 6.6** Authorize a purchase order to Trane of Davidson, NC for the purchase of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) replacement and repair parts and services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$325,000.00 through March 31, 2023, pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Sections 2.563(1)(c), Piggyback, and 2.563(1)(d), Non-competitive purchases - Impractical, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

Councilmember Bunker moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings - Not before 6:00 PM

7. Administrative Public Hearings

- 7.1** Approve the Substantial Amendment to the City of Clearwater's Fiscal Year 2021/22 Annual Action Plan and authorize the City to modify existing agreements and enter into new agreements with organizations approved for funding.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$1,637,567 in HOME-ARP (America Rescue Plan) funding to the City of Clearwater. HUD requires HOME-ARP funding to be used to assist the Qualifying Population defined as populations experiencing homelessness and others requiring supportive services for homelessness prevention. A Substantial Amendment (Amendment) is required to incorporate these funds into the city's Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Before developing the Amendment, staff consulted with the Continuum of Care serving the Clearwater area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies, and organizations that address the needs of the qualifying populations such as fair housing and civil rights issues, and the needs of persons with disabilities. Staff made the Amendment available for public viewing and comment beginning on May 4, 2022. The 30-day public comment period ends on June 2 when staff will recommend City Council approval of the Amendment. Staff presented the

Amendment at a public hearing at a meeting of the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB) on May 10, 2022.

The Amendment sets forth a plan for the expenditure of HOME-ARP funding with the following recommended distributions:

Blue Sky Communities

Amount Recommended: \$875,000

Purpose of Funding: Allocation to support Blue Sky's proposed affordable housing project at 610 Franklin Street under partnership with the City's Community Redevelopment Agency. Five units will be reserved for households meeting the Qualifying Population under the HOME-ARP Program.

HOPE Villages of America (HVA)

Amount Recommended: \$134,750

Purpose of Funding: HVA's Grace House, a family shelter facility, will provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to families exiting the Grace House after the successful completion of programming, individuals served at The Haven which provides domestic violence shelter and individuals served through outreach services at both programs.

Pinellas Opportunity Council (POC)

Amount Recommended: \$100,000

Purpose of Funding: POC's Emergency Assistance Program provides financial assistance to eligible clients in need of emergency assistance with utilities, fuel oil, and rent/mortgage emergencies.

Homeless Emergency Project a/k/a Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP)

Amount Recommended: \$292,500

Purpose of Funding: Through the Family Transition Program (FTP), homeless families with minor children receive temporary shelter (up to 90 days) and comprehensive supportive services. HEP is requesting HOME-ARP funds from the City of Clearwater to provide these families with one-time move-in assistance (application fee, security deposit, first months' rent, etc.) as they exit FTP and obtain independent affordable rental housing in the community.

Homeless Leadership Alliance (HLA)

Amount Requested: \$46,180

Purpose of Funding: Clients are identified and referred to the Prevention/Diversion component of the Front Door by various sources. HLA staff will determine what program is most suitable for a person's needs to prevent or divert the individual or household from entering the homeless system of care.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Community Kitchen and Resource Center (SVDP)

Amount Recommended: \$50,000

Purpose of Funding: SVDP's proposed project is to expand supportive services to its homeless clients who are seeking opportunities to become self-sufficient. Grant funds will be used to expand housing assistance that positions clients for long-term success. The SVDP Housing Support program includes needs assessments, housing support (rent, utility, deposit fees), and service referrals which may include addiction recovery, mental health services, mentorship, employment readiness, and life skills training.

The remaining \$139,137 will be budgeted for administrative expenses. The Amendment also reprograms planned expenditures under the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. One public facilities project was cancelled and adjustments to other projects funded with CDBG were made to reflect anticipated costs under shifting economic conditions. New projects planned for use of CDBG funds include construction of a new recreational pier in Lake Belleview behind the Ross Norton Recreation Center and cost overruns for the planned demolition of the former Elks Lodge located at 1011 Engman Street.

On May 10, 2022, the NAHAB unanimously approved a motion recommending City Council approval of the Amendment.

Councilmember Teixeira moved to approve the Substantial Amendment to the City of Clearwater's Fiscal Year 2021/22 Annual Action Plan and authorize the City to modify existing agreements and enter into new agreements with organizations approved for funding. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 7.2** Approve the request from the owner of property addressed 67 Kipling Plaza, Clearwater to vacate the 5-foot-wide platted Utility Easement, located on lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 44, Mandalay Sub, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 32-35, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, and pass Ordinance 9579-22 on first reading.

The property owner at 67 Kipling Plaza, Clearwater, has requested that the City vacate the 5-foot-wide platted Utility Easement near the South property line. The abutting 7.5-foot alley was previously vacated.

The purpose of this vacation is to provide space for pavers and a pool pump.

There are no city utilities present within this easement. All private utility companies have no objection to the vacation. Staff has reviewed this vacation and have no objection.

Ordinance 9579-22 was presented and read by title only.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to approve the request from the owner of property addressed 67 Kipling Plaza, Clearwater to vacate the 5-foot-wide platted Utility Easement, located on lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 44, Mandalay Sub, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 32-35, Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida, and pass Ordinance 9579-22 on first reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Beckman, Councilmember Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Teixeira

8. Second Readings - Public Hearing

- 8.1** Adopt Ordinance 9554-22 on second reading, amending the future land use plan element of the Comprehensive Plan to change the land use designation for a portion of certain real property whose post office address is 1640 Gulf to Bay Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida 33755, from Residential/Office General (R/OG) to Commercial General (CG).

Ordinance 9554-22 was presented and read by title only. Vice Mayor Beckman moved to adopt Ordinance 9554-22 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Beckman, Councilmember Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Teixeira

- 8.2** Adopt Ordinance 9555-22 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by rezoning a portion of certain real property whose post office address is 1640 Gulf to Bay Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida 33755, from Office (O) to Commercial (C).

Ordinance 9555-22 was presented and read by title only. Councilmember Bunker moved to adopt Ordinance 9555-22 on second and final reading. The motion was duly seconded and upon roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Hibbard, Vice Mayor Beckman, Councilmember Allbritton, Councilmember Bunker and Councilmember Teixeira

- 8.3** Continue to June 16, 2022: Adopt Ordinance 9568-22 on second reading, amending the future land use plan element of the Comprehensive Plan to designate the land use for certain unaddressed real property located on the southeast corner of Otten Street and Weston Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33755, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Low (RL).

Councilmember Teixeira moved to continue Item 8.3 to June 16, 2022. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 8.4** Continue to June 16, 2022: Adopt Ordinance 9569-22 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain unaddressed real property located on the southeast corner of Otten Street and Weston Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33755, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

Councilmember Allbritton moved to continue Item 8.4 to June 16, 2022. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 8.5** Continue to June 16, 2022: Adopt Ordinance 9540-22 on second reading, annexing certain real property whose post office address is 1827 Audubon Street, Clearwater, Florida 33764 into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Vice Mayor Beckman moved to continue Item 8.5 to June 16, 2022. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 8.6** Continue to June 16, 2022: Adopt Ordinance 9541-22 on second reading, amending the future land use plan element of the Comprehensive Plan to designate the land use for certain real property whose post office address is 1827 Audubon Street, Clearwater, Florida 33764, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Low (RL).

Councilmember Bunker moved to continue Item 8.6 to June 16, 2022. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 8.7** Continue to June 16, 2022: Adopt Ordinance 9542-22 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain real property whose post office address is 1827 Audubon Street, Clearwater, Florida 33764, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

Councilmember Teixeira moved to continue Item 8.7 to June 16, 2022. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 8.8** Continue to June 16, 2022: Adopt Ordinance 9567-22 on second reading, annexing certain unaddressed real property located on the southeast corner of Otten Street and Weston Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33755 into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to continue Item 8.8 to June 16, 2022. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- 8.9** Continue to a date uncertain: Adopt Ordinance 9564-22 on second reading, annexing certain real property whose post office address is 1272 Sedeeva Circle North, Clearwater, Florida 33755 into the corporate limits of the city and redefining the boundary lines of the city to include said addition.

Vice Mayor Beckman moved to continue Item 8.9 to a date uncertain. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

8.10Continue to a date uncertain: Adopt Ordinance 9565-22 on second reading, amending the future land use plan element of the Comprehensive Plan to designate the land use for certain real property whose post office address is 1272 Sedeeva Circle North, Clearwater, Florida 33755, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Residential Urban (RU).

Councilmember Bunker moved to continue Item 8.10 to a date uncertain. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

8.11Continue to a date uncertain: Adopt Ordinance 9566-22 on second reading, amending the Zoning Atlas of the city by zoning certain real property whose post office address is 1272 Sedeeva Circle North, Clearwater, Florida 33755, upon annexation into the City of Clearwater, as Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR).

Councilmember Teixeira moved to continue Item 8.11 to a date uncertain. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

9. City Manager Reports

9.1 Clearwater Gas

The City Manager said he asked Council at the work session if there was interest to move forward with the process of putting the Clearwater Gas System (CGS) on the market to determine its financial value. He brought forth the item because he noted during his council one-one-ones that there was less interest in moving forward with that process. He requested Council vote on how he should proceed on the matter.

Discussion ensued with comments made that the process to seek information on the potential sale of CGS has caused a lot of angst among the CGS employees and customers. There was council consensus to not move forward with the process.

In response to comments, the City Attorney said Clearwater Gas is the City of Clearwater. CGS is not a special district that is independent of the City or a subsidiary of the City. When CGS pays for things, such as sponsorships, it is the City paying for it. From a State ethics perspective, any benefit that is conferred to councilmembers or any other reporting individual is considered a gift from the City. A gift from a city vendor or the Phillies is impermissible if the value exceeds \$100. He said, from an ethics standpoint, there is nothing wrong with CGS or other city funding sources paying for meals or tickets.

In response to questions, the City Attorney said ratepayer money should be used to advance the mission of the utility. CGS can use ratepayer funds to advertise and market; it is a permissible use of ratepayer funds. He said the safest option is to use general funds; he has discussed the option with the City Manager.

Comments were made that CGS is an enterprise fund and should run like a business.

The City Manager said if the Council decides to terminate the process tonight, the plan is to move forward and continue to grow CGS. There are things that are uniquely reflective in owning and growing a business that are unique to CGS. He said not all of the sponsorships will be cut; some will be moved to the general fund, some will remain with CGS and some will be eliminated.

It was suggested that the CGS advertising and marketing budget be more in line with other public utility marketing efforts.

One individual spoke in support of running CGS as a business and noted that CGS provides more donations and sponsorships than any other utility in the area.

Councilmember Allbritton moved to terminate the process of selling CGS. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The City Manager said submissions for the development concepts for the bluff properties are due June 9, 2022. Staff will review the submissions on Friday, June 10. He said Council will receive a copy of the submissions on Friday. Each group will present their concept to Council at the June 13 work session at 8:00 a.m.

In response to a question, the City Manager said the submissions will be attached to the agenda.

10. City Attorney Reports – None.

11. Closing comments by Councilmembers (limited to 3 minutes)

Councilmember Teixeira said she attended the Memorial Day remembrance event at Crest Lake Park. She said it was a beautiful and heartfelt tribute. She attended the raising of the Pride flag at the Municipal Services Building. She said it was long overdue and enjoyed the community's response to the event. The Art Alliance will be adding an Art Walk on June 11 that will focus on the final viewing of the Clearwater Clean Up exhibit in downtown.

Councilmember Bunker said he agreed with Rudy, Chris, and others who have applauded Vice Mayor Beckman's attention to detail and always looking for the bottom line. He said when it seems hopeless and no one is going to take action, that is when we need to hear from the public that we can't give up. People need to press politicians to take action and be more responsible.

Vice Mayor Beckman thanked the residents who attended the community engagement meetings and provided feedback on the ARPA funds. She was excited to attend the inaugural Pride flag raising and happy the City is flying the flag again. She urged all to check their voter registration status. Primaries are coming up in two months and all eligible residents need to be active voters.

Councilmember Allbritton said the Memorial Day ceremony at Crest Lake Park was nice. He was happy to see so many showed up. He said hurricane season has started and reminded all to begin their hurricane preparations.

12. Closing Comments by Mayor

Mayor Hibbard reviewed recent and upcoming events and encouraged citizens to complete the online survey regarding the use of ARPA funds.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Attest

Rosemary C.
City Clerk



Frank V. Hibbard
Mayor
City of Clearwater