

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

MN279037

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

Dakota County

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

MN279307

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Dakota County

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

41-1253302

* c. UEI:

EYVQRJLNKUC7

d. Address:

* Street1:

1590 West Highway 55

Street2:

* City:

Hastings

County/Parish:

* State:

MN: Minnesota

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip./ Postal Code:

55033-2343

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community & Economic Developme

Division Name:

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

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Ms.

* First Name:

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Middle Name:

* Last Name:

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Title:

Director of Community and Economic Developmen

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

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M21-DP270203

* Title:

HOME-ARP

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

HOME-ARP Activities

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

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* b. Program/Project

MN-002

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

07/01/2022

* b. End Date:

12/30/2030

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

8762441

* b. Applicant

* c. State

* d. Local

* e. Other

* f. Program Income

* g. TOTAL

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

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

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* First Name:

Kathleen

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Gaylord

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Kathleen Gaylord

* Date Signed:

05/24/2022

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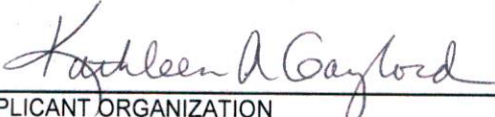
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1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of 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.
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9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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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.
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18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Chair, Dakota County Board of Commissioners	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Dakota County	DATE SUBMITTED 05/24/2022	

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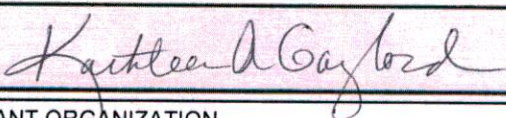
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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Chair, Dakota County Board of Commissioners
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Dakota County	05/24/2022

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.

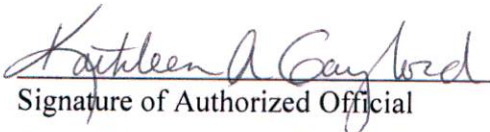
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

Chair, Dakota County Board of Commissioners

05/24/2022

Date

Title

DAKOTA COUNTY ANNUAL ACTION PLAN Program Year 2021 Substantial Amendment

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



Home-ARP Allocation Plan

Participating Jurisdiction: Dakota County HOME Consortium

Date: November 17, 2022

Consultation

Summarize the consultation process:

The counties of Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington, and the City of Woodbury formed the Dakota County HOME Consortium (Consortium), and Dakota County is designated as the Lead Agency of the Consortium. The City of Woodbury is located within Washington County and has chosen to have Washington County administer their HOME-ARP funds. Washington County will use their HOME-ARP allocation and Woodbury's allocation to serve all of Washington County, including the City of Woodbury.

Each member of the Consortium conducted an individual consultation process of their own community to assist in developing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the entire Consortium. This engagement strategy ensured more intentional participation from key stakeholders in each community and across the region and reflects the diverse communities that make up the entire Consortium. Together, the Consortium met all requirements regarding consultation and participation. Below, each Consortium member describes their process individually, which is then combined to cover the Consortium as a whole and is summarized in the list of all stakeholders that engaged in the consultation process.

Anoka County

As part of the requirements in developing their plan, Anoka County staff reviewed system data and conducted consultations with Heading Home Anoka Housing Collaborative, Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care members (CoC SMAC), Minnesota Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAHA), homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies, public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities, fair housing and civil rights. A survey was utilized during the consultation process with community partners. The surveys are on file and available upon request.

To initiate the community engagement process, HOME-ARP presentations were conducted by Anoka County Representatives during meetings with organizations whose missions are to improve the system of care for very low-income people and those experiencing homelessness. The presentations given informed attendees about HOME-ARP and inspired discussions on methods to implement strategies that would increase

the supply of safe, decent, and affordable rental housing, shelters, and supportive services for the qualifying populations. These presentations and discussions occurred during the following meetings:

- Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) during December 2021 and February 2022. In late February 2022, small groups of the AHC met to further discuss the gaps, needs, activities, and preferences. Anoka County staff conducted a formal presentation at the AHC meeting on March 10, 2022.
- Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAHA - Anoka Chapter) A Consortium-Wide Virtual Presentation to the on Public on February 14, 2022. Anoka County Commissioner, Mandy Meisner, presented HOME-ARP information during a virtual breakfast meeting. The HOME-ARP information shared included the proposed funding amount, potential use of funds, and definitions of the qualifying populations. The formal presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session with county staff available to respond to questions. The focus conveyed by MICAHA was the need to increase the inventory of emergency housing for families experiencing homelessness and the need for a significant increase in producing more affordable rental housing. Attendees were informed that Anoka County will be accepting public comments, and the Public Hearing would be an opportunity for the public and others to provide input for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Data Source: [Anoka's 2022 Legislative Breakfast Report - Sue Baysden — MICAHA](#)

- Public Hearing and Comment Period (April 9, 2022 – April 23, 2022). A 15-day public comment period was opened on April 8, 2022 and ran through April 23, 2022. A Public Notice was published in The Anoka County Union Herald Newspaper on April 8, 2022 and was placed on the Anoka County Community Development and Governmental Relations website.
- Anoka County Staff consulted with Anoka County Community Services and Behavioral Health multiple occasions via WebEx, emails, and phone calls between February 2022 – May 2022. Data and feedback for the needs, gaps, qualifying populations, and potential activities in Anoka County were provided.

Dakota County

Dakota County receives an annual entitlement of HOME Investment Partnerships funds. The Dakota County Community Development Agency (the CDA) administers these funds on behalf of Dakota County. The Dakota County CDA and Dakota County began the consultation process in September 2021 with an initial review of system-level data. Additionally, community partners were consulted to determine the needs and gaps that could be filled by the HOME-ARP funds. In December 2021, the Dakota County CDA distributed a survey to the community partners to determine needs, gaps, and funding

priorities. Over 600 responses were received by December 31, 2021. The Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC), a public/private collaboration of government and non-profit providers that facilitates Dakota County-wide planning of homeless services and resources, was consulted at its meetings in December 2021, February 2022, and March 2022. Small groups made of up members of the AHC met to further discuss the gaps, needs, activities, and preferences in late February and March 2022.

Dakota County Community Services and Physical Development Division provided input on the needs and gaps. Community Services and Physical Development held several staff meetings with Dakota County CDA staff to discuss potential activities.

To continue the community engagement process once the proposed objectives and outcomes had been identified, Dakota County CDA staff presented the plan to the community and its stakeholders in the following manner:

1. Presentations (February 2022 – May 2022) – The Dakota County CDA presented a draft of the priorities and goals to the following:
 - A Consortium-wide presentation to the public (February 15, 2022)
 - Affordable Housing Coalition presentation to receive feedback from subject-matter experts (March 10, 2022)
 - The Physical Development Committee of the Whole (March 15, 2022) reviewed the material at a regularly scheduled meeting. This Committee consists of the entire Dakota County Board of Commissioners.
2. Public Hearing and Comment Period (March 2022 – April 2022) – A 38-day public comment period was opened on March 11, 2022 and ran through April 18, 2022. A public notice was published in the *Star Tribune*, as well as on the Dakota County CDA website, the Dakota County website, and city websites. A public hearing was held on April 19, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners. The Dakota County HOME Consortium members each held their own public hearings to gather specific comments about their own communities, which were then incorporated into the Consortium process.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County implemented a robust consultation process in conjunction with the local Continuum of Care, municipalities, and other community partners. Ramsey County staff gathered and reviewed housing and homelessness data, reviewed existing engagement reports, implemented a survey, and met with numerous organizations and working groups to better understand need and prioritize investments of federal resources. The process culminated in an “engagement report” which is posted publicly online and summarizes the process, findings, and recommendations of the process. Furthermore,

Ramsey County hosted a 30-day public comment period that started on April 9, 2022 and closed on May 9, 2022. A public hearing was hosted on May 9, 2022, and no comments regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan were received.

The following engagement reports and data were reviewed as part of the creation of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:

- Youth Provider Interview Report: Infrastructure to Address Youth Homelessness (Ramsey County, 2021).
- Housing Stability Community Engagement Report (Ramsey County, 2020).
- Heading Home Ramsey 2020 Homeless Needs Assessment (Ramsey County, 2020).
- Coordinated Entry in Ramsey County: An Evaluation (Ramsey County, 2020).
- 2018 Minnesota Homeless Study, Ramsey County Characteristics and Trends (Wilder Research, 2020).
- City of Saint Paul 2040 Comprehensive Plan (2020).
- Ramsey County Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan (2020).
- Fair Housing Convenings: Tenant Protections Policy Engagement (City of Saint Paul, 2019).
- Re-directing Users of Shelter to Housing Program Evaluation (Ramsey County, 2018).
- Working with Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness (Catholic Charities, 2018).
- It is Important to Hear and Learn from Youth Experiencing Homelessness in the Twin Cities (Khalique Rogers, Meghan JaKa & Thomas E Kottke, MinnPost, 2021).

Ramsey County and partner staff also conducted 10 interviews with stakeholder organizations to gain perspective from those directly serving residents facing housing instability. Additionally, staff presented at 7 existing workgroups or committees that are made up of residents, community partners, and other key stakeholders. These presentations led to conversations on priorities and community need. All stakeholders that the Consortium engaged with are listed in the table after the county narratives. These activities occurred in September 2021- February 2022.

Lastly, Ramsey County implemented an online survey and received 34 responses from service providers and other community partners. The survey occurred in September 2021 and asked the following 10 questions:

1. Who are you serving? (key characteristics or demographics)
2. What are your clients' sources of income (employment income and/or benefits)?

3. What benefit programs are your clients accessing?
4. What are the obstacles or gaps for your clients to find and maintain housing?
5. What size units do your clients/families need?
6. What types of services are needed on site, if any, for clients to succeed?
7. Where have your clients successfully found and maintained housing (examples of programs or locations)?
8. What types of space or units do your clients find success in (e.g., individual units, private rooms with shared common space, shared bedrooms, etc.)?
9. What does successful housing look like to you as a provider?
10. Is there anything else you want to share with us?

Through the review of data and existing engagement reports, interview notes, large group conversations and the online Ramsey County and its partners discovered these main findings and themes:

- There are increasing levels of homelessness in our communities.
- There is a large need for rental housing affordable to those making less than 30 percent of the Area Median Income.
- There is a large need for permanent supportive housing.
- There are numerous and entrenched barriers for residents to access affordable housing.
- There is a need for housing that can serve a variety of types of households including individuals, families with children, and multigenerational households.
- Housing investments should be located in places with access to public transportation.
- There should be a range of supportive services that support residents where they are at.
- Culturally specific services should be available.
- Coordinated Entry is barrier to placing residents in housing due to onerous requirements and a lack of housing.

Investments of HOME-ARP will reflect the findings of the consultation process.

Washington County

The City of Woodbury is located within Washington County and has chosen to have Washington County administer their HOME-ARP funds. Washington County will use their allocation and Woodbury's allocation to serve all of Washington County.

Washington County Service Providers serve all of Washington County, including Woodbury.

The Washington County consultation process involved reviewing system-level data as well as asking community partners what they saw as needs and gaps. The local Continuum of Care (CoC) provided data, a survey was issued to the public and shared with stakeholders, and focus groups and interviews were held with community stakeholders as well.

The survey was issued to the public along with being sent to service providers and agencies that work with fair housing, veteran services, housing, domestic violence and disabled populations. The survey asked what the unmet needs and gaps were in the county for the qualifying populations. The survey was posted on the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA) website, and an email blast went to community partners, developers, and service providers in Washington. Washington County Community Services shared the survey via email and word of mouth to service providers. The survey received 27 responses.

Washington County CDA staff reached out and met with disability, veteran, fair housing, and civil rights advocates and providers, homelessness prevention service providers and the CoC to gain feedback on unmet needs and gaps for the qualifying populations. Staff also reached out to housing developers to learn more about the needs and gaps. The Washington County CDA is the County's Public Housing Authority (PHA) and serves on the Twin Cities Fair Housing Implementation Council. Additionally, Washington County Community Services held several focus groups with service providers and persons with lived experience of homelessness. The focus groups were held on August 11, 2021, with 8 members of the Housing Strategy and Advocacy Team; August 31, 2021, and September 3, 2021, with persons with lived experience of homelessness; September 10, 2021, with 5 persons from the Mental Health, Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICA), and two non-profit leaders; and September 14, 2021, with Washington County Community Services Department supervisor to assess the needs, gaps, and services needed for households experiencing homelessness in shelter.

The Dakota County HOME Consortium held a joint public input meeting on February 15, 2022, at 5pm in order to gain citizen participation input on the Consortium's draft plan.

The draft plan was also available from May 20, 2022 to June 21, 2022 for public review and comment. A public hearing was held on June 21, 2022 at the Washington County CDA offices.

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
360 Communities (Dakota)	Homeless and Domestic Violence	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recommended HOME-ARP fund be used for shelters, helping the domestic violence population, and homeless population. •360 provided data as well.
FHIC (Fair Housing Implementation Council) (Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington)	Fair Housing	One-on-Ones with staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provided feedback on fair housing within the HOME-ARP program and how the Consortium should set preferences and limitations.
Dakota County CDA (Dakota)	Public Housing Agency	One-on-Ones with CDA staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provided feedback on housing, homelessness, and at-risk of homelessness. •Supported more funding for deeply affordable housing.
CoC – SMAC (Dakota, Anoka, Washington)	Continuum of Care	Presentation and Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provided feedback on homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, and ideas of housing. •Supported more funding for more permanent supportive housing and creating low-barrier affordable housing.
The Arc of Minnesota (Dakota, Washington)	Persons with Disabilities	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There is great need for 30% AMI or lower housing for persons with disabilities.
Dakota County Community Services (Dakota)	Community Services - County	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There is need for more permanent supportive housing and supportive services to address homelessness in Dakota County. •Need for a supportive housing development similar to Cahill Place for singles. •Provided data for housing and qualifying populations.
Restoration for All, Inc. (Dakota)	Community Development	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Need for housing and services to assist those unhoused

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	•Feedback
Hearth Connections (Dakota)	Housing	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consulted through the Affordable Housing Coalition meetings. Anticipated outcomes are continued work on strategies to recruit and retain landlords for subsidy rental programs, households with negative rental history, or barriers to accessing housing.
The Link (Dakota)	Housing and Homelessness	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consulted through the Affordable Housing Coalition and the Housing and Services committee meetings. •The anticipated outcomes are continued operation of a youth drop-in center at a local church.
Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency (Dakota)	Housing	One-on-One with CDA staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consulted through the Affordable Housing Coalition and the Housing and Services committee meetings. •Provided feedback specific to the need for single family housing for large families.
Mental Health Resources (Dakota)	Homelessness	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consulted through the Affordable Housing Coalition and the Housing and Services committee meetings. •Anticipated outcomes are continued work on coordinated entry.
MICAH (All members)	Homelessness	Group Meeting and One-on-One with staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assisted in feedback and data on homelessness. •Emphasized need for more low-barrier affordable housing.
Dakota County Veterans Services (Dakota)	Veterans, Housing, Homelessness	One-on-One with CDA staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consulted through the Affordable Housing Coalition meetings. •Areas for improved coordination are to identify if other housing gaps exist for veterans.
Information Providers Inc. (Dakota)	Homelessness	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Need for services and shelter for homeless populations.
Holiday Acres Apartments (Dakota)	Homelessness	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for permanent housing more supportive services and shelter needs for homeless populations.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	• Feedback
Cogic (Dakota)	Homelessness	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations.
Matrix Housing Services (Dakota)	Homelessness	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations.
Ally Supportive Services (Dakota)	Homelessness	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations.
Dakota Woodlands (Dakota)	Homelessness	Group Meeting and Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations. • Emphasized need for permanent supportive housing.
District 196 – Woodland Elementary (Dakota)	Homelessness Schools	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services in schools for homeless populations.
Guild Services (Dakota)	Homelessness	Group Meeting and Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations. • Emphasized need for permanent supportive housing and supportive services for those experiencing long-term homelessness.
Resident Transitions Inc (Dakota)	Homelessness	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations.
The Experience of Neshama (Dakota)	Homelessness	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations.
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (Ramsey, Washington)	Housing and services provider	Data and survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on services and housing needs in Washington County and Ramsey County. • Provided 2020 CAPRW needs study.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	• Feedback
Salvation Army (Anoka, Washington)	Homeless Services	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter for homeless populations.
Washington County Community Services (Washington)	Homeless Services	Survey and Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Groups, Data, Narrative, and feedback regarding need for homeless shelter for adults.
Valley Outreach (Washington)	Family Service Provider	Survey and meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for services, shelter and housing needs for homeless populations. • Need for long term rental assistance for those on fixed incomes.
Housing Strategies and Advocacy Task Force (Washington)	Advocate and Service Provider	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey response and focus groups on housing and service needs.
Catholic Workers Peace House (Washington)	Service Provider	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need services and shelter needs for homeless populations.
First United Methodist Church (Washington)	Church	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for services and shelter needs for homeless populations.
School District 622 (Washington)	School	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for service needs, housing and populations.
Trinity Lutheran Church (Washington)	Church	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for services and shelter needs for homeless populations.
Washington County CDA (Washington)	Community Development Agency and Public Housing Agency	Survey and data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Groups, Data, Narrative, and feedback on housing needs

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	• Feedback
Persons with lived experience of homelessness focus group (Washington)	Focus Group	Focus group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in providing feedback on services and amenities for homeless and shelter needs.
Rise, Inc. (Washington)	Services and Centers for Disabled	Conversation to gain feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in providing feedback on needs for persons with disabilities and housing and service needs. Need for long term rental assistance and affordable housing.
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (Washington)	Services for homeless veterans	Conversation to gain feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal feedback and data on services, shelter and housing needs for veterans experiencing homelessness. Need permanent/supportive housing & services for veterans.
State of Minnesota (All members)	Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Services	Conversation and Feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided research data showing need for services for qualifying populations.
Tubman (Washington)	Domestic Violence Services	Conversation and Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on service, shelter and housing needs and partnerships for rental developments. Provided data.
Eastern Twin Cities Islamic Center (Washington)	Faith Community	Focus Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal feedback regarding shelter service needs.
Stepping Stone Emergency Housing (Anoka, Washington)	Homeless and family Service Provider	Focus Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated an urgent need for long-term and short-term housing for adult male and female individuals. Their waiting lists contain 50 males and 50 females. An additional 10-20 individuals are referred to other areas or turned away Daily due to lack of space. Suggestion to develop transitional multi-tenant housing with supportive services.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	• Feedback
Canvas Health (Washington)	Supportive Services Provider	Focus Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal feedback regarding needs for shelter services.
St. Andrew's Resource Center (Washington)	Family Service Provider	Focus Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal feedback regarding needs for shelter services.
Basic Needs Inc (Washington)	Family and Individual Service Provider	Focus Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal feedback regarding needs for shelter services.
Solid Ground (Dakota, Ramsey, Washington)	Family and Individual Service Provider	Verbal feedback meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal feedback regarding needs for services. • Unmet need for affordable housing, rental assistance and services for households below 30% AMI.
Alexandra House (Anoka)	Homeless and Domestic Violence	Group In-Person Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided shelter ideas, domestic violence population, homeless population data. • Identified a critical need for non-congregate family shelters, permanent supportive housing, a need to increase emergency short-term family housing and scattered site long-term affordable housing for QP experiencing domestic violence, and to increase trained staff to provide supportive services for QP.
Anoka County Veteran Services (Anoka)	Veterans, Housing and Homelessness	One on One In-Person Meeting and Phone Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and feedback for veteran's population, homelessness, and housing concepts; • urgent need for non-congregate shelters, affordable family housing, increase permanent supportive housing and emergency housing for individuals and families to provide same day shelter, • increase trained staff to provide housing navigation and counseling.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	•Feedback
Hope 4 Youth (Anoka)	Non-Profit Youth Drop-in Shelter	Phone Consultation and Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided feedback on youth homelessness, housing needs and at-risk of homelessness. • Identified an urgent need for emergency short-term shelters for youth and for all the homeless categories, • a need for additional staffing, non-congregate shelter and permanent supportive housing for families and individuals, youth, and adults.
Rise, Inc. (Anoka)	Persons with Disabilities	Phone and email Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received feedback regarding the need for more supportive services for persons with disabilities experiencing homelessness; • urgent need for non-congregate shelters and permanent supportive housing for individuals and veterans.
Anoka County Human Services (Anoka)	Community Services - County	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about HOME-ARP processes, comments and feedback on homelessness and ideas for housing concepts. • Provided data for housing and QP.
Heading Home Anoka (Anoka)	Community Services, Housing and Homelessness	Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to assist homelessness housing gaps and needs
Salvation Army (Anoka)	Housing and Homelessness	Phone Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided input for an urgent need of non-congregate shelters for individuals and families, permanent supportive housing, and • An urgent need to increase amount of supportive service staff, • increase available affordable housing, and • to eliminate the “scoring system” which prevents many of homeless people from being eligible to receive housing and services.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Family Promise (Anoka)	Housing and Homelessness	Phone Consultations	Urgent needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Non-Congregate Shelters with off-site supportive services for families. •Need construction or rehabilitation apartments and townhomes for QP, •to extend hotel vouchers. •Additional case managers are highly needed.
Lee Carlson Center (Anoka)	Mental Health and Homelessness	Phone and Email Consultation	Feedback on the urgent need for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •non-congregate shelters and permanent supportive housing, •additional staffing, and •increase available stock of affordable rental housing
The Dwelling Place (Anoka)	Homelessness, Domestic Violence, Housing	Phone Consultation	Urgent needs stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •non-congregate shelters, permanent supportive housing, •increase affordable rental housing and supportive services and staff. •Suggests program to aid with QP to obtain driver's licenses to become more independent, improve ability to go to interviews, work, and daycare.
Ramsey County Veterans Services (Ramsey)	Veterans	Small Group Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing is needed across all AMI levels for veterans, • some housing is needed with strong mental health supports. • Units need to be near transit and services.
Ain Dah Yung Center (Ramsey)	Social Services/Housing	Interview	Discussed the need for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •flexible funding for permanent supportive housing and •culturally specific services
Avivo (Ramsey)	Social Services/Housing	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-barrier housing options for unhoused residents and • greater funding for supportive services to transition people to independence.
Catholic Charities (Ramsey)	Social Services/Housing	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in low-barrier affordable housing, • greater shelter investments and • a priority around mental health services.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	• Feedback
Face to Face (Ramsey)	Youth Services	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure homeless youth are not forgotten as investments are made. • Flexible funding for youth programming.
Model Cities (Ramsey)	Social Services/Housing	Interview	<p>Ongoing funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supportive services and • deeply affordable housing units.
Metro Transit Homeless Action Team (Ramsey)	Law Enforcement Agency	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health services and • housing specifically for those experiencing mental health crises.
Ujaama Place (Ramsey)	Social Services/Housing	Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low barrier housing options for those leaving the correctional system.
Ramsey CoC Steering Committee (Ramsey)	Continuum of Care includes all required groups that need to be consulted	Large group meeting/presentation	<p>The need to have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • housing options for all, • ongoing funding for supportive services and • unsheltered outreach.
Unsheltered Provider Workgroup (Ramsey)	Housing/Homelessness Social Services	Large group discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new units need to be available for those that are experiencing unsheltered homelessness and • more mental health supports.
Metro HRA (Anoka, Ramsey)	PHA/Housing	Small group discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in housing units that accept vouchers, • provide supportive services that help reduce housing instability and • prevent eviction

Public Participation

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

In addition to the consultation process described above, the Consortium held a joint public meeting and several public comment periods and public hearings in each community during the development of the plan, which are described below.

Consortium Joint Public Meeting

The Consortium held a joint Public Input Meeting on February 15, 2022 online via Zoom to summarize a draft of the priorities and goals to gather comments and input. No comments were received. Notice for this public meeting was published in the Star Tribune newspaper on January 13, 2022.

Consortium Public Comment and Public Hearings

Anoka County:

- **Public Comment Period:** A Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period was published in the Anoka County Union Herald Newspaper on April 8, 2022 and ended on April 23, 2022. No public comments were received.
- **Public Hearing:** The Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Board held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Anoka County Government Center. No comments from the public were received. The Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority approved submission of the HOME-American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan.

Dakota County:

- **Public comment period:** A 38-day public comment period was published in the Star Tribune began on March 11, 2022 and ended April 18, 2022. The draft Plan was posted on the Dakota County CDA and Dakota County websites. No public comments were received.
- **Public hearing:** A Notice of Public Hearing Period was published in the Star Tribune on April 8, 2022. The Dakota County Board of Commissioners held the Public Hearing on April 19, 2022, at the Dakota County Administration Center. No comments from the public or Board were received.

Ramsey County:

- **Public comment period:** A 30-day public comment period began on April 9, 2022 and ended on May 9, 2022. A Notice of the Start of Public Comments

Period and Public Hearing was published On April 9, 2022 in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. No public comments were received.

- **Public Meeting:** A Public Meeting was held online on May 9, 2022 from 6:00-7:00 PM to allow for public comments. No public comments were received.
- **Public hearing:** The Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority held a Public Hearing on May 10, 2022. No comments were received.

Washington County:

- **Public comment period:** A 30-day public comment period began on May 20, 2022 and the Plan was posted on the Washington County CDA website. A public comment period and public hearing notice was published in Stillwater Gazette on May 20, 2022.
- **Public hearing:** The Washington County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on June 21, 2022. No public comments were received.

Consultation Process

Each member of the Consortium conducted an individual consultation process of their own community to assist in developing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the entire Consortium. This engagement strategy ensured more intentional participation from key stakeholders in each community and across the region and reflects the diverse communities that make up the entire Consortium. Each Consortium member described their process individually earlier in this Plan, which included surveys completed for each community and extensive outreach, including focus groups and interviews, with community stakeholders.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

Anoka County

On April 8, 2022, The Public Notice was published in the Anoka Union Newspaper, and it was posted on the Anoka County Community and Governmental Relations website, The Public Hearing held on April 26, 2022, was shared via public notice in The Anoka Union Newspaper.

Surveys were shared during consultations and in emails to community partners and stakeholders, and by word of mouth.

Stakeholders group meetings were shared via emails and word of mouth.

Dakota County

A public notice was published in the *Star Tribune*, as well as on the Dakota County CDA website and the Dakota County website. Each city in Dakota County published the public notice on their website.

A Consortium Public Meeting held on February 15, 2022 was shared via public notice in *Star Tribune* and posted on each member's websites.

Surveys were shared on websites, via emails sent to community partners and stakeholders, and by word of mouth.

Requests to participate in stakeholders' group meetings were shared via emails sent to community partners and word of mouth.

Ramsey County

In addition to the required public comment period and public meeting. Ramsey County conducted an online survey, hosted interviews with stakeholders, presented to community partners and reviewed existing engagement reports to honor the community engagement that has already occurred.

Washington County

In addition to the public comment period and hearing, a survey was developed and sent to various cities, stakeholders, service providers, developer groups and on the Washington County CDA's website to gather input on the needs and potential uses for HOME ARP funds. The Washington County CDA reached out to service providers and advocacy groups working in the areas of fair housing, domestic violence, veterans, homeless services, and housing providers to gain input on what the unmet needs and gaps for the qualifying populations were in Washington County.

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

Anoka County

No public comments were received during the public comment period or at the public hearing. However, during the consultation process vital information was learned and is listed below:

One-on-One Meetings

- Non-congregational shelters for individuals and families is needed
- Supportive Services is needed
- Emergency Housing
- Funding to increase affordable rental housing

Dakota County

No public comments were received during the public comment period or at the public hearing. However, during the consultation process Dakota County received important information and the findings are listed below:

Group Meetings

- Permanent Supportive Housing is the number one need (x3)
- Supportive Services needs to be funded (x5)
- Shelter planning in the works at local nonprofit.
- Funding should go towards affordable housing.
- Money should go towards very low-income housing.

One-on-One Meetings

- Low-barrier affordable housing is the biggest need.
- Supportive services that will screen people for resources and continue working with them long term.
- Permanent Supportive housing is highest need.
- Need a Cahill Place (permanent supportive housing for families) for singles.
- Need for single family housing for large families.

Ramsey County

No public comments were received during the public comment period or at the public hearing. However, Ramsey County received a wealth of information during the consultation process. The engagement findings were summarized in a public engagement report and are listed below:

- Invest in the creation of new 30 percent AMI housing.
- Prioritize creation of 1-bedroom and efficiency units to address homelessness.
- Expand the supply of diverse housing types.
- Create new permanent supportive housing with strong mental health supports.
- Locate developments to connect people to jobs and community.
- Reduce barriers to new units and connect units to service providers

Washington County

No public comments were received during the public comment period or at the public hearing. However, during the consultation process vital information was learned and is listed below:

One-on-One Meetings

- Permanent Supportive Housing is needed
- Supportive Services is needed
- Shelter and housing are needed for single adults
- Funding for affordable housing and rent subsidies is needed

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

Anoka County

No public comments were received during the public comment period. However, all consultation comments and input received were incorporated into the Allocation Plan.

Dakota County

No public comments were received during the public comment period. However, all consultation comments and input received were incorporated into the Allocation Plan.

Ramsey County

No public comments were received during the public comment period. However, all consultation comments and input received were incorporated into the Allocation Plan.

Washington County

No public comments were received during the public comment period. However, all consultation comments and input received were incorporated into the Allocation Plan.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Anoka County

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family, DV Victims w/ Children		Single Adults or Single Youth		Vet s	Family HH (at least1 child), Victims of DV w/Child ren	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vet s	Vict ims of DV	Family, DV Victims w/ Children		Single Adults or Single Youth	
	# of Bed s	# of Unit s	# of Bed s	# of Unit s	# of Bed s					# of Be ds	# of Uni ts	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	70	5	95	2	80								
Transitional Housing	71	4	27	6	-								
Permanent Supportive Housing	156	9	66	-	-								
Other Permanent Housing						117	158	45	*				
Sheltered Homeless						114	146	35	*				
Unsheltered Homeless						*	*	*	*				
Current Gap										+66	-213	-116	-296

Data Source: 2020 Anoka County Point-in-Time

Data Source: 2021 Mn Dept of Veterans Affairs: Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry Dashboards

HIC: Anoka County 2022

Dakota County
Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vet s	Fami ly HH (at least 1 child)	Adu lt HH (w/o chil d)	Vet s	Victi ms of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Bed s	# of Unit s	# of Bed s	# of Unit s	# of Bed s					# of Bed s	# of Unit s	# of Bed s	# of Unit s
Emergency Shelter	153	#	84	#	#								
Transitional Housing	#	#	#	#	#								
Permanent Supportive Housing	#	40	#	#	#								
Other Permanent Housing						#	#	#	#				
Sheltered Homeless						36	85	#	20				
Unsheltered Homeless						#	54	#	#				
Current Gap										+117	+4	-55	-139

Source: Preliminary 2022 Point-In-Time Count

Ramsey County

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table 2021 PIT, HIC and Coordinated Entry Dashboard

	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		Vets
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# Beds
Emergency Shelter	362	156	1193	0	0									
Rapid Re-Housing	333	104	28	28	30									
Transitional Housing	473	171	114	114	21									
Permanent Supportive Housing	1001	282	1512	1512	353									
Other Permanent Housing	306	91	196	196	32									
Sheltered Homeless						251	853	48	155					
Rapid Re-Housing						258	28	30	0					
Transitional Housing						312	68	17	15					
Permanent Supportive Housing						526	1280	258	46					
Other Permanent Housing						263	158	28	38					
Unsheltered Homeless						9	279	10	20					
Coordinated Entry Priority List 12/1/21						136	1611							
Current Gap										+720	-951	-1234	-2427	+45

Data Sources:

Families and Singles Methodology: Gap Analysis: (Unsheltered PIT + Sheltered PIT + Priority List) = Gap

Veteran Methodology: (Current Available Beds) – (Unsheltered and Sheltered PIT) = Gap

Priority List by Race and Ethnicity

Washington County

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	N/A	12	20	20	0								
Transitional Housing	3	1	5	2	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	47	16	38	38	10								
Other Permanent Housing						0	0	0	0				
Sheltered Homeless						5	37	6	0				
Unsheltered Homeless						20	309	3	0				
Current Gap										+25	+4	-283	-286

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

Anoka County

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total of All Rental Units	21,969		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	1398		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	427		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		1489	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		452	
Current Gaps			116

Data Source: Maxfield Study

Data Source: [Low Income Apartments in Anoka County, Minnesota\(affordablehousingonline.com\)](http://affordablehousingonline.com)

Anoka County Human Services 2022: Housing Assistance Programs Data

Dakota County

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	41,987		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	9,075		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	7,860		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,355	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		7,295	
Current Gaps			5,285

Source: Updated Comprehensive Housing Needs Analysis for Dakota County, March 2020

Ramsey County

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	84,000		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	6,205		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	4,910		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		21,185	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		13,695	
Current Gaps			23,765

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

Washington County

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	20,690		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	3,290		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	3,045		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		1,535	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,615	
Current Gaps			4,150

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 3. Maxfield Study

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

I. Qualifying Population: Homeless

The Minnesota Dash to End Homelessness (MN DASH) is a tool that uses Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data to monitor a community's homelessness response system. 6,427 people were served by the SMAC CoC in 2021. The MN DASH homeless count for 2021 found the following demographic information for the SMAC area including the counties of Anoka, Dakota, and Washington, which includes the City of Woodbury:

Race:

- White: 59.25%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0.79%
- Black and African American: 38.8%
- Asian: 2.15%
- American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous: 7.68%
- Other: 8.67%

Gender:

- Female: 51.13%
- Male: 48.07%
- Did not disclose: 0.37%

The MN DASH homeless count for 2021 found the following demographic information for Ramsey County CoC, which served 17,040 individuals in 2021:

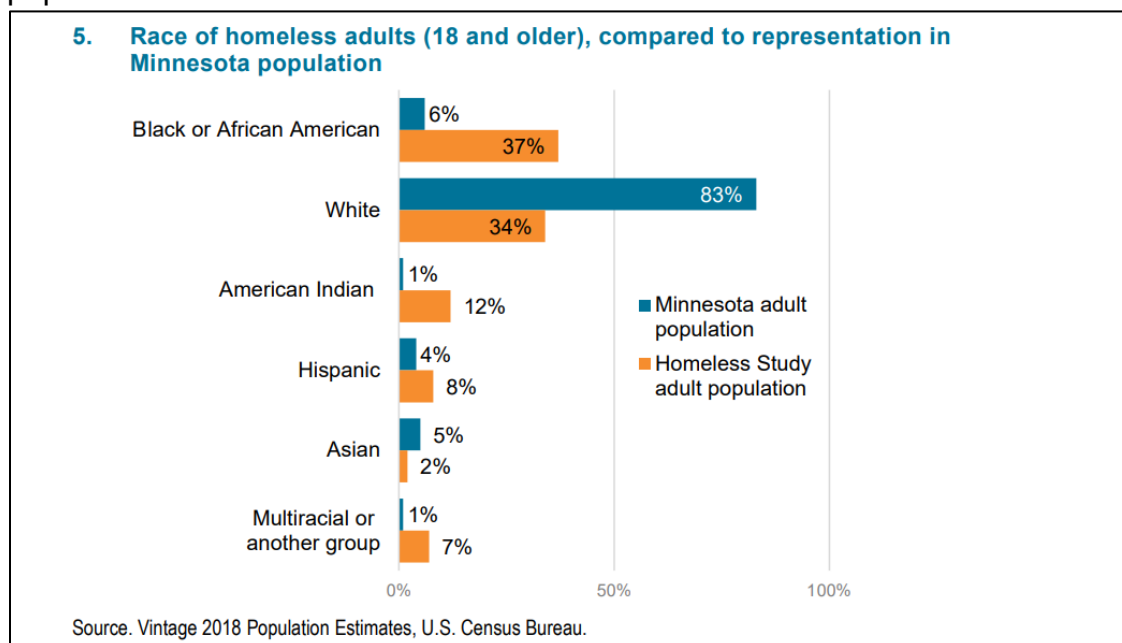
Race:

- White: 30.97%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 1.0%
- Black and African American: 61.11%
- Asian: 3.83%
- American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous: 9.66%

Gender:

- Female: 46.36%
- Male: 51.76%
- Did not disclose: 1.18%

The table below shows the demographic information compared to the Minnesota population total.



Source: Wilder Research: 2020 Homelessness in Minnesota Study

Key findings in the 2020 Homelessness in Minnesota Wilder Study showed:

- African American and American Indian adults are overrepresented in Minnesota's homeless population; this has been true throughout the history of the study.
- LGBTQ identification is more common among young homeless adults.
- 23% of adults experiencing homelessness have children with them.
- 90% of homeless parents are women; these homeless women with children are more stably sheltered and have fewer housing barriers than homeless women without children.
- Most (66%) adults experiencing homelessness were on their own (not with a partner or children).

II. Qualifying Population: At Risk of Homelessness

Overcrowded or rent overburdened households require safe, affordable housing options. According to 2019 CHAS data, 83,615 renter households are at or below 50 percent AMI and are cost burdened and/or have one more severe housing problems in the jurisdictions within the Consortium, and of those renter households, 48,400 are below 30 percent AMI. Rental demographics for households at or below 30 percent AMI in the Consortium boundaries are as follows:

Race/Ethnicity	Households
American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous	550
Asian	7,685
African American	13,570
Hispanic/Latino	6,340
Caucasian/White	63,220
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	35

With the Minnesota Eviction Moratorium having been phased out, the numbers of households that are experiencing homelessness are anticipated to rise dramatically and suddenly. Since the end of the eviction moratorium in June 2021, Homeline MN has reported 14,023 eviction filings in Minnesota, with around 2,000 filings per month since March 2022, suggesting that the size of the group of those at risk of homelessness is growing. Evictions are disproportionately affecting households of color and cause increased housing instability. Around 90% of these evictions are based on nonpayment of rent, showing a need for financial assistance or subsidized rental housing to ease the rent cost burden on households and prevent housing instability.

III. Qualifying Population: Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

The 2020 Homelessness in Minnesota Wilder Study reported that almost 6 out of 10 homeless persons have reported experiencing abuse or violence at one time. 11% of women who are experiencing homelessness in Minnesota are staying in Domestic Violence Shelters.

The Harriot Tubman Center East, is located on the county line between Ramsey and Washington Counties and serves the entire metro area. The Center served a total of 788 people in 2021. Of that total, 109 were single adults and 679 were families. 360 Communities, located in Dakota County and serving the entire metro area, served 437 families fleeing domestic violence in 2021. 514 individuals were served at Alexandra House in Anoka County. Demographic information is not shared due to protections in place for these households

IV. Qualifying Population: Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those at greatest risk of housing instability. These are populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above:

Precariously housed households typically require deeply affordable housing and rental subsidy to remain stably housed. This may come in the form of rental assistance, whether it be tenant-based or project-based or renting a unit at an affordable housing development. Homeowners who are precariously housed may require assistance to modify the terms of their mortgage if they have experienced a qualifying financial event. Other precariously housed households who have experienced a temporary financial setback may require short-term assistance due to an unexpected expense to get back on their feet. For precariously housed households with a disability, access to accessible housing or supportive housing may be necessary for the household to be stably housed. Below is the number of renter households above 30% AMI that are cost burdened and/or have severe housing problems within the Consortium boundaries from 2019 CHAS data. These households fall outside the At Risk of Homelessness qualifying populations but could still use housing assistance to maintain housing stability.

Race	Number of people
White	26,035
Black, African American or African	6,764
Asian or Asian American	3,395
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
TOTAL	36,339
Hispanic/Latino	3,485

The current demographics for homeless veterans in the Suburban Metro Continuum of Care (SMAC) region that includes the counties of Anoka, Dakota, and Washington which includes the City of Woodbury are:

Race	Number of Veterans	Percent of Veterans
Black or African-American	4	28.6%
Two or More Races	1	7.1%
Unknown	1	7.1%
White	8	57.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%

The current demographics for homeless veterans in the Ramsey CoC are:

Race	Number of Veterans	Percent of Veterans
Black or African-American	24	36.9%
Two or More Races	3	4.6%
White	30	46.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	9.2%
Asian	2	3.1%

Additionally, another population that would benefit from supportive services or assistance to prevent homelessness are persons with disabilities. The 2019 CHAS data reported that 35% of renter households with persons of disabilities (or 25,510 households) are cost burdened and/or have severe housing problems in the Consortium boundaries.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

- **Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;**
- **Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;**
- **Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness; and,**
- **Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:**

Anoka County

The greatest unmet housing needs for those experiencing homelessness, both sheltered and unsheltered, is to provide non-congregate shelter for individuals and families, increase permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and increase staffing to provide supportive services.

There were 3,767 homeless persons served by SMAC in December of 2021, which serves Anoka, Dakota, Washington, and Woodbury. The total homeless persons counted in the January 26, 2022, PIT count in Anoka County was 615. This number does not include unsheltered homeless individuals or families. Due to the Pandemic, the numbers are believed to be less than the actual numbers. The County also stated that systems are not in place to collect data for the number of unsheltered homeless individuals and families in Anoka County.

HMIS data from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, showed that Anoka County received crisis phone calls from 1103 households and individuals to prevent homelessness and assist with housing concerns.

Dakota County

There were 199 veterans in the SMAC area that includes Anoka, Dakota, Washington, and Woodbury. Dakota County has 24 chronically homeless veterans. Dakota County has 14,716 households that are severely cost-burdened, which means that they are paying more than 50 percent of their income towards rent.

There were 3,767 homeless persons served by SMAC, which includes the counties of Anoka, Dakota, Washington, and the City of Woodbury, in December 2021.

HMIS data for 2021 showed that Dakota County worked with 95 households and 221 persons to prevent homelessness. Coordinated Entry worked with 483 households of these 132 were considered chronically homeless, 386 had a disability, and 18 were veterans. There were 292 emergency sheltered and transitionally housed homeless persons in the 2021 PIT count for Dakota County.

There are currently 7,344 families on the voucher waiting list in Dakota County. These are people that need affordable rents and/or could be facing housing instability/at-risk of homelessness. Dakota County has 50 emergency housing vouchers. They are all allotted with 47 under contract. It can be difficult to find housing for barriered populations.

According to the Arc of Minnesota, there is a large need for housing for persons with disabilities earning 30 percent area median income or below. The Arc of Minnesota states it can supply the services, but more housing is needed for this population. 360 Communities, a local non-profit that runs two shelters for victims of domestic and sexual violence, says there is a high need for more emergency shelter beds as there is a long waitlist at both facilities.

There is a need for permanent supportive housing for singles according to public participation. There is also a need for supportive services for qualifying populations to assist them in moving forward. Survey participants saw a need for shelter and rental housing. One participant shared a need for single family housing for large families since living in an apartment building creates loud noises that bother neighbors, which results in nuisance calls.

Ramsey County

As demonstrated in the tables above Ramsey County currently does not have enough shelter beds, outreach capacity, and permanent housing options to serve each resident facing homelessness and housing instability. Additional permanent housing options and shelter capacity are needed for families, youth and single adults. Additional outreach within shelters and across unsheltered encampments is needed to connect residents to other important supportive services such as case management.

Ramsey County needs 15,000 deeply affordable housing units to address the need for those most severely impacted by the lack of affordable housing. 65,000 households in Ramsey County are cost-burdened, paying more than 30 percent of their income on housing expenses, while nearly 30,000 households pay more than half of their income on housing related expenses. The gap of 15,000 affordable rental units for the lowest income residents is the segment that the market is least likely to address. In addition, the lack of permanent supportive housing increases housing instability for households

and individuals who would like to transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Furthermore, there were 468 unhoused veterans in Ramsey County.

There are not enough resources in Ramsey County to prevent homelessness. Emergency rental assistance, eviction prevention services, rapid re-housing programs and rapid stabilization programming are often overspent or at capacity. Additional resources are needed to expand the prevention and supportive services network, especially for families and youth.

Washington County

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations: There are not enough shelter beds for every unsheltered person, every night. For sheltered persons, there is a severe lack of supportive transitional or permanent supportive housing to help them transition away from homelessness.

- Currently housed and at risk of homelessness – Increasing housing costs continue to strain households at risk of homelessness.
- Adults experiencing homelessness in Minnesota have a diverse set of backgrounds, experiences, and identities.

Homeless Populations: In accordance with HUD's definition of homeless under the HOME-ARP grant, the County will consider a homeless family or individual to generally include:

- An individual or family who lacks a permanent and adequate permanent home
- A person or family who will imminently lose their permanent home due to a lack of resources or support
- A youth under the age of 25, even if accompanied by an adult, that does not have a permanent home Washington County coordinates integrated grant funded programs with mainstream services for which persons that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness may be eligible.

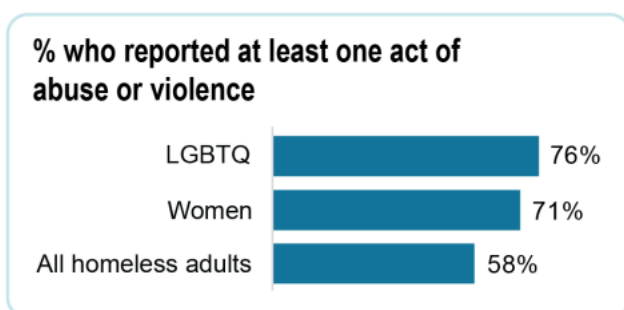
Households requiring services to prevent homelessness: Support services for these households include housing programs, health programs, social services, employment programs, education programs and youth programs. Employment programs are a pivotal part in self-sufficiency and long-term housing sustainability. Shelters and human service providers alone are limited in their capacity to resolve the problem of homelessness, due to the multiple issues of causation and the limited amount of funding available. Additional wraparound services are required to ensure households can address the variety of barriers they may face in maintaining stable housing. Funding these additional services can be cost-prohibitive.

Individuals and Families at Risk of Homelessness: HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income below 30 percent of the

area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless, or live with instability, like moving two or more times during the last 60 days due to economic reasons. Using HUD's 2014-2018 CHAS data, Washington County has 6,395 households with incomes at or below 30 percent AMI, which is 6.9 percent of total households in the county. Of that, 3,290 are rental households below 30 percent AMI. There are approximately 2,455 renter households that earn 30 percent AMI or under and have one or more housing problems, which could include housing cost burden, overcrowding, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities. These households are considered to be at risk of becoming homeless.

Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking: For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. It includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. The Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (SMAC) region has shelter options if emergency shelter is needed. In Washington County, the shelter options include Washington County hotel/motel shelter paid for by Washington County Community Services department (CDBG, Emergency Solutions Grant Emergency Assistance and American Rescue Plan Funds), Hope for the Journey Home Shelter (eight units for families), and Tubman Shelter for households experiencing domestic violence (located in Ramsey County but has seven designated beds for Washington County residents)

In the Wilder Homelessness in Minnesota Study, nearly 6 of 10 homeless adults reported at least one act of violence or abuse. The study found experiences with violence and exploitation are both a cause of homelessness, as well as a result of unsafe situations in which homeless adults may be forced to stay.



Source: Wilder 2020, *Homelessness in Minnesota*

In addition, HUD defines those at greatest risk of housing instability as households that have an annual income less than 30 percent AMI and are experiencing severe cost

burden or have an income less than 50 percent AMI and meet a certain condition, like living in someone else's home or living in a hotel due to an economic hardship. Many renters in Washington County experience varied housing challenges. A total of 4,075 renters with incomes 30-50 percent have housing problems or severe housing problems. In CHAS data, HUD defines housing problems as a household that has one or more of the following: lacking a kitchen or plumbing, having more than one person per room, or being housing cost burdened at 30 percent or more. Of these problems, housing costs negatively impact most renters whose household income is at or below 50 percent AMI.

The unmet housing and service needs of the qualifying populations in Washington County are significant and broad. Access to emergency shelter is the most significant, especially for single adults. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the capacity for single adult shelter was 4. Currently, as a result of temporary federal funds the capacity is 20. The 20 units will expire in January of 2023 putting the beds back down to only 4 for single adult units. A needs analysis that was completed in 2019 determined the shelter need in Washington County for single adults was 30. Emergency shelter is an important service necessary to break the cycle of homelessness. Shelter services provide those experiencing homelessness to connect with a variety of other services to meet their housing needs. Households currently housed but at risk of homelessness have unmet needs that may include social and financial services, employment, transportation, legal and medical services.

Homeless Veterans:

According to SMAC region data provided by Minnesota Assistance for Veterans (MAC-V) in 2021-2022 there were 48 veterans who outflowed. SMAC covers Anoka, Dakota, Washington, and Woodbury. Thirty-six of the outflow veterans were housed. There is a need for permanent supportive housing and services for veterans.

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:

Anoka County

There are currently 5 emergency shelters for the homeless available per night. Of these, there are 154 beds available for families and victims of domestic violence, and 30 of these for individual adults.

Anoka County reported 2022 Metro HRA rental assistance programs utilizing Project Based Vouchers, Housing Choice Vouchers, HOPWA, Housing Trust Fund, EHV, FUPY, MS5, NED, and VASH for 1,824 persons under 80 percent of the area median

income and has an additional 116 persons pending rent assistance in the Metro multi - county area. Of those, Anoka County reported 96 rental assistance vouchers currently issued and an additional 18 are in progress while searching for affordable housing.

Data Source: Anoka County Social Services Assistance by Program 2022

Supportive Services Available:

- **Outreach Services**
Stepping Stone Shelter, Alexandra House, Family Promise of Anoka, Haven for Hero's
- **Homeless Prevention Services**
Anoka County Community Action Programs
- **Social Services/Mental Health Case Management**
Anoka County; Lee Carlson Center
- **Food shelves**
Family Services, Salvation Army, Centennial Community Food Shelf, SACA, Family Table
- **Emergency Assistance**
Human Service Center of Anoka County, Catholic Charities
- **Emergency Housing**
Stepping Stone Shelter, Alexandra House, Family Promise of Anoka, Emma B. Howe YMCA, HOPE Place, and Anoka County Social Services (Hotel Vouchers)
- **Resource Center**
Southern Anoka County Neighborhood Center, Sharing and Caring Hands
- **Clothing Closet**
Salvation Army, Goodwill, Community Helping Hand, Everyday Miracles
- **Youth Drop In**
Hope 4 Youth, Youth Link

Dakota County

There are currently 237 beds of shelter for the homeless available per night in Dakota County based on the preliminary 2022 PIT count data. Of these beds, 153 beds are available for families and 84 beds are for adults. There are currently 43 domestic violence shelter beds available.

Cahill Place is a permanent supportive rental housing development with 40 units in Inver Grove Heights.

The Zero Balance Project, a rental assistance program, is currently available to Dakota County residents that are under 80 percent area median income through the end of 2022. This program will pay a maximum of 15 months of a person's back owed rent.

Local providers offer supportive services through the following initiatives:

- A drop-in center through 360 Communities.
- Housing and outreach services through Ally Supportive Services.
- Homelessness Prevention services through the Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency.
- Social Services/Mental Health Case Management through Dakota County.
- Food shelves through Hastings Family Services, Neighbors Inc., 360 Communities, Salvation Army, and The Open Door Pantry.
- Emergency Assistance through Hastings Family Services.
- Clothing Closet through Salvation Army.
- Youth drop-in center through The Link.

Ramsey County

A variety of funding sources are used to assist qualifying populations in Ramsey County including funds from the Continuum of Care NOFO, Emergency Solutions Grant, Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP), Homework Starts with Home, Community Development Block Grants, philanthropic funding, state funding and local levy funding. These resources assist a wide variety of housing programs and housing types. Ramsey County's Continuum of Care coordinates this vast network of services and housing placements. The resources available are well documented in the annual Housing Inventory Count and the CDBG-HOME Annual Action Plan. Additionally, other rental subsidy sources include housing voucher programs are administered by the two local public housing authorities, the State of Minnesota's Housing Support program and Emergency Assistance funding. Ramsey County does not operate TBRA.

Washington County

Congregate and non-congregate shelter units: The current resources broken out by services specific to family household and single households for the resources identified in this section are listed below:

- Non-congregate shelter, single adult: 20 units. The county has 4 adult shelter beds, but due to COVID additional funding resources this has been increased to 20 and will expire in January 2023.

- Non-congregate shelter, families: 0 units
- Congregate shelter, single adult: 0 units
- Congregate shelter, families: 12 units

In Washington County, the shelter options include Washington County hotel/motel shelter paid for by Washington County Community Services department (CDBG, Emergency Solutions Grant Emergency Assistance and American Rescue Plan Funds), Hope for the Journey Home Shelter (eight units for families), and Tubman Shelter for households experiencing domestic violence (located in Ramsey County but has ten designated beds for Washington County residents). Washington County is currently searching for properties to be converted into an emergency 20-unit adult only shelter and will be utilizing other funds for the acquisition and conversion.

Supportive Services: Support services are resources available in many forms within Washington County but the need continues to increase. Washington County has a Homeless Outreach Services Team that provides outreach and housing case management, several enrolled Housing Stabilization Service Providers, several low barrier food shelves, agencies that provide financial assistance to prevent homelessness and other non-profit providers that participate in the local Heading Home collaborative tasked with ending homelessness in the County. Community Development Block Grant funds are utilized to assist with hotel stays and assistance with rent, deposits or application fees for up to 3 months.

TBRA: Washington County CDA is the county's public housing agency. Currently, the CDA administers the following tenant-based voucher programs:

- HCV – total 95
- HCV Port-in's – total 259
- VASH HCV – total 15
- Family Unification Program HCV – total 37
- Tenant Protection — total 51
- Mainstream HCV – total 39
- Bridges I – total 29
- Bridges II – total 14
- Washington Cares – total 24

Including Port-Ins there are 580 vouchers being utilized in Washington County. While there is always a gap for rental assistance, there are other funds that are more permanent. HOME-ARP funding is a one-time short term funding source. It would be detrimental to households depending on the assistance when the funding ran out without other sources to pay for the ongoing need.

Affordable Housing: Washington County has a total of 49 public housing units, of which all are administered by the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA). Rental housing in Washington County has CDBG, HOME, housing tax credits, and other funding sources from MN Housing and Metropolitan Council. In Washington

County, tax credit properties have set asides for homeless households. There are currently 36 units in the county designated to homeless in tax credit properties. In Washington County according to CHAS data, currently there are 655 subsidized units available to those 30 percent less AMI. The CDA owns and operates over 1,150 affordable housing units in Washington County serving populations under 80 percent AMI. In Washington County, there are 76 properties with 4,792 units that are funded with tax credits, CDBG/HOME, public housing, MN Housing, or other HUD funds. These units are for households under 80 percent AMI. Of those units, there are 682 available for households under 30 percent AMI.

Properties	Total Units	30% AMI*	50% AMI*	60% AMI*	80% AMI*	Total Aff Units*
76	4,978	682	870	2,512	728	4,792

Short-Term Rental and Mortgage Assistance: Washington County CDA through CDBG CARE-Act funding (CDBG-CV) offers a program for emergency mortgage relief for up to six months. Washington County Community Services through their Homeless Outreach Services Team offers emergency rental assistance for up to three months with traditional CDBG and six months for CDBG-CV.

Domestic Violence: The SMAC region has shelter options if emergency shelter is for families or victims of domestic violence if needed. In Washington County, the shelter options include: Washington County hotel/motel shelter paid for by Washington County Community Services department (CDBG, Emergency Solutions Grant Emergency Assistance and American Rescue Plan Funds), St. Andrews Church hotel/motel shelter paid for by St. Andrews Church in Mahtomedi, Hope for the Journey Home Shelter (eight units for families), Hugo Family Shelter (5 units for families) and Tubman Shelter for households experiencing domestic violence (located in Ramsey County but has designated beds for Washington County residents).

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

Anoka County

According to SMAC 2021 data, there are 1,421 chronically homeless in the SMAC region which includes Anoka, Dakota, Washington, and Woodbury. Anoka County does not currently have any non-congregate shelters. This is one of the gaps and needs identified during consultations.

Dakota County

According to SMAC 2021 data, there are 1,421 chronically homeless in the SMAC region which includes the counties of Anoka, Dakota, Washington, and the city of Woodbury. Ramsey County has 4,248 chronically homeless.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County has an identified service gaps through the [Heading Home Ramsey 2020 Homeless Needs Assessment](#). Gaps in the housing inventory are identified in the [2040 comprehensive](#) plan and the [Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan](#)

Washington County

As indicated on the table on page one, a significant gap exists in Washington County for emergency shelter and services for single adults. Data used to quantify the number of unsheltered households (families and singles) came from local street outreach and coordinated entry data. Sources used to quantify the number of available shelter beds/units, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing beds/units were local shelter's reporting capacity and the coordinated entry housing inventory. There is a housing inventory gap when it comes to populations at or below 60 percent AMI. Many are not only cost burden but have one more housing problem. The CDA owns and operates over 1,150 affordable housing units and nonprofits and developers to continue to expand affordable housing in Washington County. The CDA has several affordable housing gap financing programs for developers. These programs include HOME, CDBG, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, tax-exempt conduit bonds, Tax Increment Financing, and locally funded gap financing for rental and owner-occupied housing in Washington County. However, the need for more affordable housing is far more than these funding sources can provide. The need for additional affordable units is particularly great for households at/below 30 percent area median income.

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

Anoka County

According to data reported from the Minnesota Court Information System, there were 90 evictions per month prior to the Pandemic in Anoka County. During the Pandemic, a temporary moratorium for rental evictions had been imposed state-wide from March 16, 2020 to September 12, 2021. Due to the expiration of the moratorium, there has been

an influx of rental evictions that has steadily increased during recent months. As a result, eviction filings in Anoka County are up by 88% from average. The increased evictions combined with the raise in rent rates and insufficient stock of affordable rental units and shelters has triggered an increase in the number of individuals and families that are at greatest risk of experiencing housing instability and homelessness.

Sources: Minnesota Court Information System; and [The Eviction Tracking System | Eviction Lab](#) (Minnesota/Anoka County)

Dakota County

Based on data from the Minnesota Court Information System, there are 60 evictions per year in Dakota County that led to housing instability.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County plans to create units to house households and individuals at greatest risk of housing instability, those that are experiencing severe cost burden with income equal or less than 30 percent AMI. HOME-ARP funds will be used to support units affordable to those at the 30 percent AMI and will be available to all residents who are able to rent an apartment.

Washington County

The characteristics of housing that is unstable and/or is such that it increases the risk that a household may become homeless are cost as it relates to a percentage of income, being doubled up with other households, and current household income under 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Currently, 23 percent of all renters in Washington County pay more than 50 percent of their income toward rent classifying them as severely cost burdened. Accurately quantifying the number of households doubled up is challenging for several reasons. However, as a percentage of those identified in the 2018 and 2019 Point in Time counts households that reported being doubled up accounted for between 30-50 percent of households surveyed.

Overcrowded or rent overburdened households require safe, affordable housing options. In Washington County according to 2018 CHAS data, 6,330 rental households are at or below 50 percent AMI and have cost burden and/or one more severe housing problems. Of that, 3,290 are below 30 percent AMI. The 2018 CHAS Data indicates that 870 rental households are persons with disabilities that are also cost burden and/or have severe housing problems

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

I. Qualifying Population: Homeless Based on the information provided by the consulted organizations, the priority needs for those who are homeless is non-congregate shelters, permanent housing, supportive services, and affordable rental housing for individuals and families with children. Our goals are to increase and improve available non-congregate shelters, increase staffing for supportive services for those experiencing homelessness and housing instability, and increase affordable rental housing.

II. Qualifying Population: At Risk of Homelessness There is a high need and gap for rental subsidies and supportive services (e.g., financial, parenting, legal counseling, mental health, etc.) for households under 30 percent area median income in order to keep them housed. Households that are on fixed income or under 30 percent AMI especially need rental subsidies.

III. Qualifying Population: Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking: Tubman, which is located on the border of Ramsey and Washington Counties, is seeing a need for permanent housing once victims of domestic violence exit emergency shelter and supportive services after. 360 Communities, which is located in Dakota County, sees a need for improved non-congregate shelter that provides for better safety (both physical and emotional) for those who are victims of domestic violence which includes supporting a wider range of victims including men, LGBTQ and people from other diverse populations. Alexandra House, located in Anoka County, identified a critical need for non-congregate family shelters, permanent supportive housing, a need to increase emergency short-term family housing and scattered site long-term affordable housing for those experiencing domestic violence, and to increase trained staff to provide supportive services.

IV. Qualifying Population: Other populations: Supportive services and more affordable housing is needed for those renter households earning more than 30% AMI that are cost burdened and/or have severe housing problems to maintain housing stability.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MAC-V) provided data and unmet need for services for permanent supportive housing and the need for more units. There is also a need for services to support the veterans being housed in these units.

Additionally, organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities emphasized the need for rental housing affordable to those making under 30 percent area median income or to provide more deep rental subsidy programs.

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

Different Consortium members utilized different types of data to complete the needs assessment and gap analysis. Anoka County did not have official 2022 PIT Count data by the time the plan was due. Anoka used Pre-COVID PIT Data, information from the Wilder Foundation's annual study on homelessness in Minnesota and data provided by the County's Community Social Services and Behavioral Health department. Dakota County chose to utilize its preliminary 2022 PIT County data. Ramsey County used the 2021 PIT and a variety of other data sources. Washington County did not have a PIT count conducted in its boundaries in either 2020 or 2021 and instead used other sources mentioned below.

Anoka County

The County consulted with citizens, stakeholders, developers, and program administrators to identify community needs. Based on feedback and data received, the needs for non-congregate shelters, permanent housing with supportive services, emergency shelters, affordable rental units for individuals and families below 30 percent AMI and to increase staffing for supportive services was frequently reported. The main data used were HMIS, pre-Covid PIT counts, and Minnesota Dash to End Homelessness Count

Dakota County

The County consulted with citizens, stakeholders, developers, and city administrators to determine the needs in Dakota County. Based on feedback and data, it is clear that emergency shelter and affordable rental units for individuals and families below 30 percent area median income are needed. The main data systems used were HMIS, PIT, and Minnesota Dash to End Homelessness Count. Dakota County used preliminary 2022 PIT counts for assessing needs as it was the most recent data available.

Ramsey County

A variety of data sources, including the 2021 Housing Inventory Count (HIC), the 2021 Point in Time (PIT) count, American Community Survey data, Census data, information collected in surveys with residents and providers, data collected from community engagement meetings were used to determine the level of needs and gaps. 2021 data was used because it was the most recent data available at the time this plan was drafted.

Washington County

The level of need for singles and families were determined by reviewing shelter data for 2021. To determine the unsheltered estimates a few data sources were used. Because there was not a point in time count completed in 2020 and 2021, therefore other data sources were used including: local outreach data collected by the Washington County Community Services Department, data from the Homeless Management Information System showing the number of active households on the housing priority list and local coordinated entry assessor data.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

Anoka County

Anoka County will encourage HOME-ARP funding to be leveraged with other funding sources to support the development of non-congregate shelters and affordable rental housing.

Non-Congregate Shelters, Permanent Housing with Supportive Services, and Affordable Rental Housing Development:

Anoka County will release a Request for Proposals to identify developers and/or providers with the knowledge and experience necessary in developing non-congregate shelters, permanent housing with supportive services, affordable rental housing or tenant based rental housing. Developers (for profit and/or nonprofit) and agencies that work with persons experiencing homelessness will be encouraged to respond. All respondents must have the ability to undertake the project identified in their proposal. A

review team will evaluate experience; financial capacity; familiarity with HOME-ARP or other federal programs; and other criteria as identified in the Request for Proposals.

Supportive Services:

Anoka County will release a Request for Proposals to identify supportive service providers with the knowledge and experience necessary in providing services for homeless persons in the development of non-congregate shelters, permanent housing with supportive services, affordable rental housing or tenant based rental housing. Agencies that work with persons experiencing homelessness will be encouraged to respond. All respondents must have the ability to undertake the project identified in their proposal. A review team will evaluate experience, financial capacity, familiarity with HOME-ARP or other federal programs; and other criteria as identified in the Request for Proposal.

Dakota County

Dakota County will encourage HOME-ARP funding to be leveraged with other funding sources to support the development of affordable rental housing and/or non-congregate shelter.

Development of Affordable Rental Housing:

Funding will be allocated through a competitive application process open to all eligible, experienced entities, including the county, cities and towns, non-profits, and for-profit developers. To be considered eligible for funding, the County will require that the recipient, at a minimum meet the following criteria:

- A. Demonstrate that the recipient has the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply, and manage the eligible activity.
- B. Demonstrate a familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with the HOME-ARP funding to ensure compliance.
- C. Has past experience with housing development as evidenced by the ability to own, construct, rehab, manage, and operate an affordable multifamily rental housing development.
- D. Make reasonable assurances that it can comply with requirements of HOME-ARP for the full Affordability Period.
- E. Extra points will be awarded for site control and other items to be determined.

Non-Congregate Shelter:

Funding will be allocated through a competitive application process open to all eligible, experienced entities, including the county, cities and towns, nonprofits, and for-profit

developers. To be considered eligible for funding, the County will require that the recipient, at a minimum meet the following criteria:

- A. Demonstrate that the recipient has the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply, and manage the eligible activity.
- B. Demonstrate a familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with the HOME-ARP funding to ensure compliance.
- C. Have past experience with housing development as evidenced by the ability to own, construct, rehab, manage, and operate an emergency shelter.
- D. Make reasonable assurances that it can comply with requirements of HOME-ARP for the full Affordability Period.
- E. Extra points will be awarded for site control and other items to be determined.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County solicited for supportive services and affordable housing projects out of two competitive application processes including the Inclusive Housing Development Solicitation in Spring 2022 and the Public Services and Infrastructure Solicitation in Spring 2022. The selected projects will be administered by selected developers, non-profits and other governmental agencies. The solicitation processes comply with all local and federal procurement regulations.

Washington County

Washington County CDA will administer the funds through the Dakota County HOME Consortium. It will develop an application and broadcast it out to service providers in the area who serve Washington County. This will be done through an application process and will select subrecipients who serve the qualifying populations.

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

The Consortium did not contract out the HOME-ARP Plan and will administer the program.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

Anoka County

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 250,052.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 850,000.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 450,000.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 103,336.00	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 103,336.00	5 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 310,010.00	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,066,734.00		

Dakota County

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ #		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 1,501,641		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,501,641		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 250,000	7.6%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 3,253,282		

Ramsey County

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 483,875		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,251,595		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 306,259	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,041,729		

Washington County

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 1,190,592		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ #		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 210,104	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,400,696		

Additional Narrative, if applicable:

Anoka County

Anoka County has not yet made project selections. In upcoming months, a Request for Proposal will be developed, taking into consideration the priorities of the community. All responses will be reviewed by an application review team based upon community needs and gaps, applicant experience, organization capacity and other criteria. Final recommendation(s) will be forwarded to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners for approval.

Dakota County

Based on the applications that are submitted, the County may need to reallocate the funding between the affordable rental housing and non-congregate shelter development. This will be a decision made by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners. The qualifying populations will remain the same.

The County will allocate 46 percent of the HOME-ARP Program funds (\$1,501,641) to the development of affordable rental housing. Eligible costs may include, but are not limited to, property acquisition, hard and soft development costs and operating subsidies required to serve extremely low-income households. The County will allocate 46 percent of the HOME-ARP Program funds (\$1,501,461) to the development of non-congregate shelter. The final 8 percent of funds (\$250,000) will be allocated to grant administration. Grant administration funds will be decreased if there is an increased need for funds for either the affordable rental development or the non-congregate shelter.

Ramsey County

N/A

Washington County

Washington County CDA will retain 15 percent of the HOME-ARP funds to ensure rapid implementation of successful projects, as well as monitoring to ensure their ongoing compliance.

All the other funds will be for supportive services to service providers. This approach allows for all qualifying populations to be served.

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:

Anoka County

There is a pressing need in Anoka County to prevent and reduce homelessness, and to increase stability for residents. Potential eligible activities to accomplish this goal include interventions across a broad spectrum, such as the development or increase of the quantity of non-congregate shelters, supportive and emergency services, transitional housing, homelessness prevention through services interventions, fair housing enforcement and education, cultural and population appropriate program delivery and activities to create self-sufficiency, e.g., job-training, employment readiness, education, counseling, and teaching personal financial budgeting.

Homeless families and individuals who are extremely, very low or are low-income households require a wide range of services and supports to remain stably housed. Outreach efforts generated a variety of responses on system needs and gaps, in addition to strategies to address them. The highest priority needs that were consistently identified through these efforts and reinforced with the data described earlier in this document were; 1) Development of non-congregate shelters for families and individuals; 2) Increasing the supply of permanent housing with supportive services; 3) Increasing the quantity of emergency shelters for all qualifying populations; 4) Increase the amount of affordable rental housing to our most vulnerable populations; 5) Increasing the staffing to provide supportive services and 6) tenant-based rental assistance.

Increasing the supply of housing: The Minnesota Dash to End Homelessness shows that there are significant gaps in the supply of shelter beds and permanent affordable rental housing for households at or below 30 percent AMI. Even when homeless or at-risk households have access to resources like rental assistance vouchers or emergency rental assistance, many of them are unable to find an available apartment in their price range or a landlord willing to accept those subsidies. To address this need, Anoka County intends to dedicate a portion its HOME-ARP funds to producing housing accessible and affordable to eligible populations, particularly extremely low-income, low-income, and homeless households. These resources will be available to acquire, produce and preserve housing affordable to these vulnerable populations.

Increasing the non-congregate shelter beds and permanent housing with supportive services: Based on the analysis above, there is a significant gap showing a need for more non-congregate shelters for families and individuals, and a need for permanent housing with supportive services. Affordable Housing Coalition meetings continually share waitlist data for the current shelters. To address this need, the County intends to utilize a portion of the HOME-ARP funds to assist in producing a non-congregate shelter and/or permanent affordable housing with supportive services that is accessible to the qualifying population. These resources will be available to an awarded application to acquire, construct, and preserve a shelter for the qualifying populations.

Dakota County

Homeless families and individuals who are very or extremely low-income households require a wide range of services and supports to remain stably housed. It is not surprising that outreach efforts generated a wide range of responses on system gaps and strategies to address them. However, the highest priority needs that were consistently identified through these efforts and reinforced with the data described earlier in this document were 1) Increasing the supply of housing available and affordable to the most vulnerable populations; and 2) Increasing the supply of non-congregate shelter units to the most vulnerable populations.

Increasing the supply of housing: The Minnesota Dash to End Homelessness shows there are significant gaps in the supply of shelter units and permanent rental housing for households at or below 30 percent AMI. Even when homeless or at-risk households have access to resources like rental assistance vouchers or emergency rental assistance, many of them are unable to find an available apartment in their price range or a landlord willing to accept those subsidies. To address this need, Dakota County intends to dedicate a significant portion its HOME-ARP funds to producing housing accessible and affordable to eligible populations, particularly extremely low-income and homeless households. These resources will be available to acquire, produce and preserve housing affordable to these vulnerable populations.

Increasing the non-congregate shelter units: Based on the analysis in this Plan, there is a significant gap showing a need for more non-congregate shelter units for families and individuals. Members of the Affordable Housing Coalition continually share stories about a long waitlist for current shelters. To address this need, the County intends to dedicate half of the HOME-ARP funds to assist in producing a non-congregate shelter that is accessible to the qualifying population. These resources will be available to the awarded application to acquire, construct, and preserve a shelter for the vulnerable populations.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County has a high number of residents living in shelters and in places unfit for habitation (unsheltered) justifying the need for more deeply affordable housing units including permanent supportive housing. In addition, many residents are cost burdened by their rents, creating housing instability for these households. Our secondary investment of HOME-ARP will be in the supportive services category where residents experiencing housing instability and homelessness will gain access to outreach and case management services.

Washington County

Homeless families and individuals who are very or extremely low-income households require a wide range of services and supports to remain stably housed. It is not surprising that our outreach efforts generated a wide range of responses on system gaps and strategies to address them. However, the highest priority needs that were consistently identified through these efforts and reinforced with the data described earlier in this document was supportive services for all qualifying populations, including rental subsidies. While there is also a lack of shelter beds and housing units, the need falls greater on supportive services. Funding supportive services also supports the expansion of shelter beds to the extent service providers can use the supplemental funds to expand their capacity.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

Anoka County

The County anticipates increasing the number of available beds for those experiencing homelessness utilizing one or more of the following concepts: Rehabilitating existing structures to produce non-congregate shelters to provide up to 25 beds; and/or rehabilitate or construct to add 4 or more affordable rental units.

Dakota County

The County estimates that 10 non-congregate shelter units will be produced through HOME-ARP funding and other funding sources, and 10 units of new affordable rental housing through HOME-ARP and other funding sources.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County will invest HOME-ARP and leverage these funds with other non-federal sources to fund the development of a 40-unit affordable housing building. All units will be permanent supportive units with over 70 percent of the units affordable to those making 30 percent AMI or below.

Washington County

HOME-ARP funds will not be used for this purpose.

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

Anoka County

The County's homelessness sheltering needs will be addressed through increasing availability and the creation of non-congregate shelters and affordable rental housing, together with supportive services. The County estimates it can support the creation of up to 8 affordable rental units. This will be completed through the leveraging of HOME-ARP funds, Anoka County CDBG and HOME funds, and Stakeholder's funding resources depending upon the activity and financial resources available. The

applications anticipated to be received leverage additional financing tools to maximize unit production.

The County estimates it can support the creation of 1 structure with capacity to provide up to 30 non-congregate shelter beds. This will be completed through the leveraging of HOME-ARP, private funds, and Anoka County CDBG and HOME funds. The proposals to be received from community partners will leverage other financing tools to maximize unit production.

Dakota County

The County estimates it can support the creation of a new affordable housing rental development with 10 of the units funded with HOME-ARP funding. This will be fully completed through the leveraging of HOME-ARP, HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds, and tax credit funds. The applications that come in will also leverage other financing tools to maximize unit production as well.

The County estimates it can support the creation of 10 non-congregate shelter units with HOME-ARP funding. This will be fully completed through the leveraging of ARPA, private funds and local levy dollars. The applications that come in will also leverage other financing tools to maximize unit production as well.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County will produce about 40 units at or below 30 percent AMI to increase the supply of units available and affordable to populations at risk of homeless and/or experiencing housing instability.

Washington County

HOME-ARP funds will not be used for this purpose.

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

The Consortium as a whole does not intend to have a preference in any area except for one potential project in Dakota County for a Domestic Violence Shelter. The rest of the Consortium projects will have no preference and will be available for all qualifying populations.

If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:

The Consortium as a whole will address the unmet needs or gaps of the qualifying populations within reason considering the amount of HOME-ARP funding available.

Anoka County

Anoka County did not identify a preference.

Dakota County

Dakota County may have one or two projects. One project will have a preference for the Domestic Violence qualifying population and the other will have no preference for a qualifying population.

Ramsey County

Ramsey County did not identify a preference. Ramsey County has needs across its homeless services system and housing market for all qualifying populations.

Washington County

Washington County did not identify a preference. Through the application process for supportive services, it is the hope all qualifying populations will be served from various providers.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

N/A.

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.

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A