



# THE CITY OF ERIE

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## HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

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## Consultation

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

See Appendix A for all Stakeholder Consultation materials, including outreach materials, meeting invitees, meeting attendees and a participant comments. Stakeholder comments received throughout these various sessions and individual meetings are summarized below, in the Appendix, and are referenced appropriately throughout the Needs Assessment & Gaps Analysis.

The City of Erie engaged in an extensive stakeholder consultation process during June 2022. During this time, the City engaged with a variety of shelter and service providers serving each of the qualifying populations; the Continuum of Care Home Team; Erie County Department of Human Services, including the Office of Mental Health; victim service providers; the Housing Authority of the City of Erie; members of City Council; the Mayor's office; and organizations addressing fair housing and Civil Rights in the City.

Each of the focus group sessions focused on identifying the Qualifying Populations and their unmet housing and service needs. A brief Power Point presentation on the HOME-ARP program was presented followed by questions meant to engage participants in identifying unmet needs among the qualifying populations they served.

The City also issued an online survey targeted to service providers, and conducted a survey of people with lived experience.

### ***List the organizations consulted:***

Focus Group Topic/ Agency	Date of Session	Method of Consultation	Number of Participants	Type of Agency(ies)/Org
Continuum of Care	June 28, 2022 1:00 p.m.	Virtual Interview	5	Continuum of Care  Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations
Shelter Providers	June 28, 2022 3:00 p.m.	Virtual Interview	5	Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence, veterans' groups  Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations

Focus Group Topic/ Agency	Date of Session	Method of Consultation	Number of Participants	Type of Agency(ies)/Org
Service Providers	June 29, 2022 1:00	Virtual Interview	16	<p>Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence, veterans' groups</p> <p>Public or private agencies that address the needs of persons with disabilities</p> <p>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</p>
Public Housing Authority/Affordable Housing Developers	June 30, 2022 11:00	Virtual Interview	5	<p>Public Housing Authority</p> <p>Public or private agencies that address the needs of persons with disabilities</p> <p>Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence</p>
Disability/Civil Rights Advocates	June 29, 2022 3:00	Virtual Interview	1	<p>Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence, veterans' groups</p> <p>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</p>
Victims Service Providers	August 2, 2022 2:00	Virtual Interview	2	<p>Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence</p>
Service Providers	August 4, 2022 1:00 p.m.	Virtual Interview	3	<p>Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence</p> <p>Public or private agencies that address the needs of persons with disabilities</p> <p>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</p>

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

All stakeholders identified a need for more affordable rental housing units as well as permanent supportive housing units and other low-barrier housing options. According to the Housing Authority, rents are not high in the City; however, there is a general lack of quality inventory. Continuum of Care providers indicated a growing number of landlords unwilling to accept rental assistance payments and unwilling to lease to special needs populations with criminal, poor credit and poor rental histories. The market is saturated with rental assistance, landlords less willing to accept assistance. A landlord survey conducted separately from this outreach identified landlord incentives as a need/something that would be effective in generating landlord participation. Shelter staff capacity is extremely limited. Unmet supportive service needs include housing location and stabilization services, transportation services, and services during non-traditional hours (after business hours, weekends).

## Public Participation

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 11/22/2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date – 11/23/2022 end date – 12/9/2022***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 12/5/2022***

***Describe the public participation process:***

The City of Erie published a notice in the *Erie Times-News* informing the public of the availability of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, as well as the public hearings, on November 22, 2022. A copy of the notice and Plan were also made available on the City's Website. The Plan was available for a 15 day period, and the City conducted two public hearings on December 5, 2022. The public hearings were held in person, with a virtual option. Comments on the Plan were accepted via US mail, e-mail, telephone or at the public hearing.

***Describe efforts to broaden public participation:***

The City of Erie offered multiple opportunities and methods for interested parties to provide comment and participate in the public participation process (such as virtually, in person, written or verbal comments). Language services for the Limited English Proficient were available upon request. Reasonable accommodations to allow broader participation by LEP persons or persons with disabilities in the hearing either in person or virtually were made available. In addition, the City consulted with people with lived experience during the drafting of this plan, as well as representatives from the Erie School District and local medical facilities, all groups that typically do not participate in the annual planning process.

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

The following comments/questions were received during the public hearings:

**What is the role of CHDOs and the ability of not having to use a CHDO?**

City response: The HOME ARP program does not require the same specific set aside of funds for CHDOs like the regular HOME Program but the City could, if it so chooses, fund CHDOs for HOME ARP eligible activities and could even provide capacity building and/or operating assistance for HOME ARP eligible projects.

**Two initiatives that have worked in other communities include the Universal Based Income Project, which provides income grants to residents of a community, and a County-supported HOME project that provides housing for previously housed people.**

City response: The universal based income is not an eligible HOME ARP activity but that if another source of funds, such as a foundation would fund the basic income, it could be part of a broader project

that included a HOME ARP eligible project to assist persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. All funds must be used within the City of Erie limits.

**This commentor also suggested that 15% admin was too high and the City should consider 10-12% of the grant for administrative expenses.**

City response: The City will need to prepare a number of documents like Policy and Procedure Manuals, ERRs, underwriting, subrecipient agreements under this program. The funds must be expended by 2030 and projects developed with HOME ARP funds must be monitored for the HOME ARP period of affordability, which requires significant staff time. So, although 15% seems high it is a reasonable amount for what the City will have to do to administer this program through 2030.

**Will the City build a place that will allow the homeless to shower, change clothes, perhaps in various locations throughout the City? The City should consider the Universal Based Income Project.**

City response: Neither of these items are eligible to be funded with HOME ARP funds.

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

While all comments and questions presented during the comment period were accepted, some of the proposed activities are not HOME-ARP eligible activities (homeless day center, Universal Based Income Project) and are not included in the program budget.

## Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Similar to many communities across the United States, the City of Erie struggles with meeting the needs of its unhoused and extremely low-income residents. The following data analysis uses information from the HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count report for Erie City and County CoC, Point in Time Counts (PIT), 2014-2018 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, CoC APR data, and more to determine the needs of the community. The following analysis also includes input derived from consultations with Erie community stakeholders, including CoC representatives, public housing authorities, non-profit social service providers, disability advocates, and emergency shelter providers. In addition, a web-based survey was distributed across these same groups, the results of which are discussed in this analysis.

### OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	99	61	153	130	1								
Transitional Housing	53	31	47	33	16								

Permanent Supportive Housing	312	23	117	145	78								
Other Permanent Housing*	153	7	83	27	17								
Sheltered Homeless						23	203	110	418				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	21	0	0				
<b>Current Gap</b>													

\*Other Permanent Housing includes Safe Haven and Rapid Re-Housing beds. Source: HUD 2021 HIC; HIC Total Summary for PA-605;

The shortage of units both affordable and available for renter households at or below 30% area median income (AMI) increased housing insecurity and rent pressure on extremely low-income households. See Figure 2 below.

**Figure 2: Non-Homeless Needs Inventory and Gaps Analysis Table**

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gaps Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	21,385		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	3,945		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	8,024		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,420	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		3,215	
Current Gaps			6,740

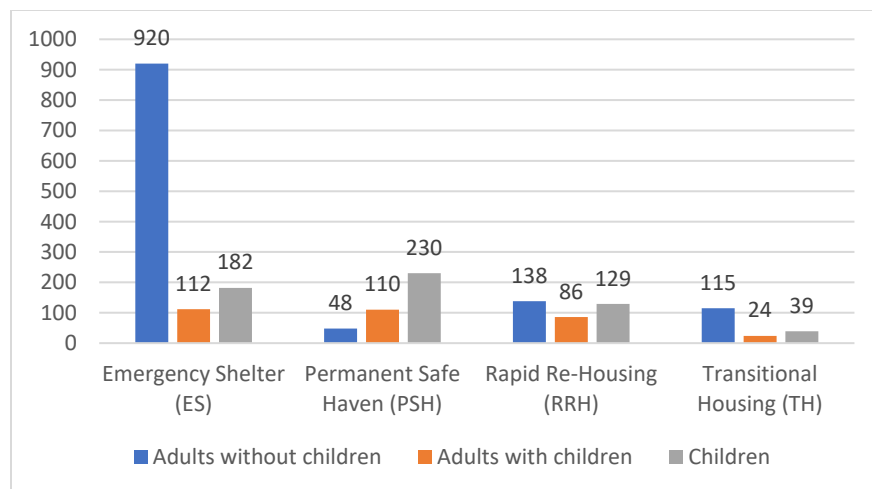
Source: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy data (CHAS)

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

In order to determine whether or not the current housing inventory is sufficient to meet the need, it is important to look at the populations of those served by these housing programs, in order to determine the size and demography of the qualifying populations. Figures 3 through 10 use Continuum of Care APR data to identify these populations. HMIS data utilized is for the time period January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.

Emergency shelters served the greatest number of people in 2021 compared to other housing projects, having served a total of 1,214 persons. Figure 3 below indicates how many individuals were served by project type. According to stakeholder consultations, there is an increase in unsheltered homeless persons congregating in the downtown area of Erie that is impacting businesses. Moreover, there is an increase in demand for permanent supportive housing.

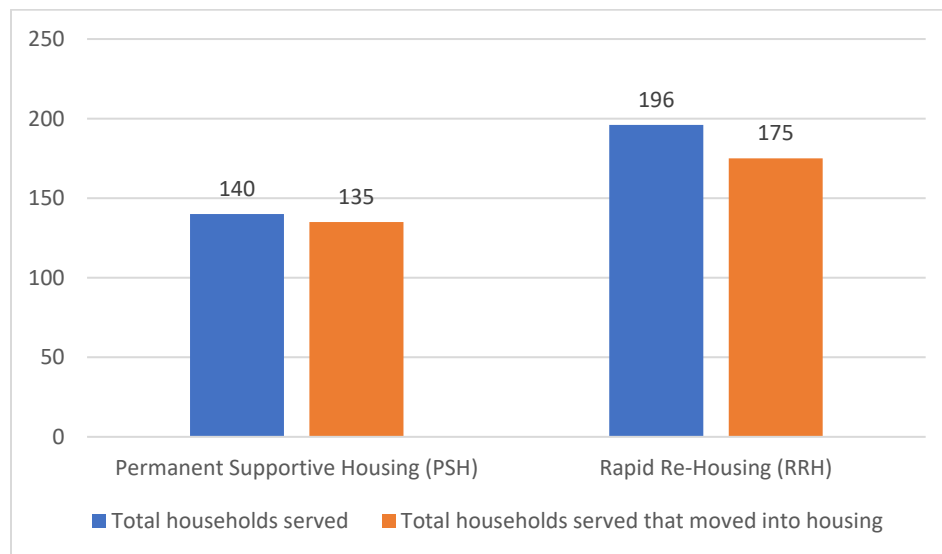
**Figure 3: Persons Served**



Source: CoC APR 2021

Figure 4 shows that among households served through PSH and RRH programs, the majority of households were moved into housing.

**Figure 4: Households Served – PSH and RRH**

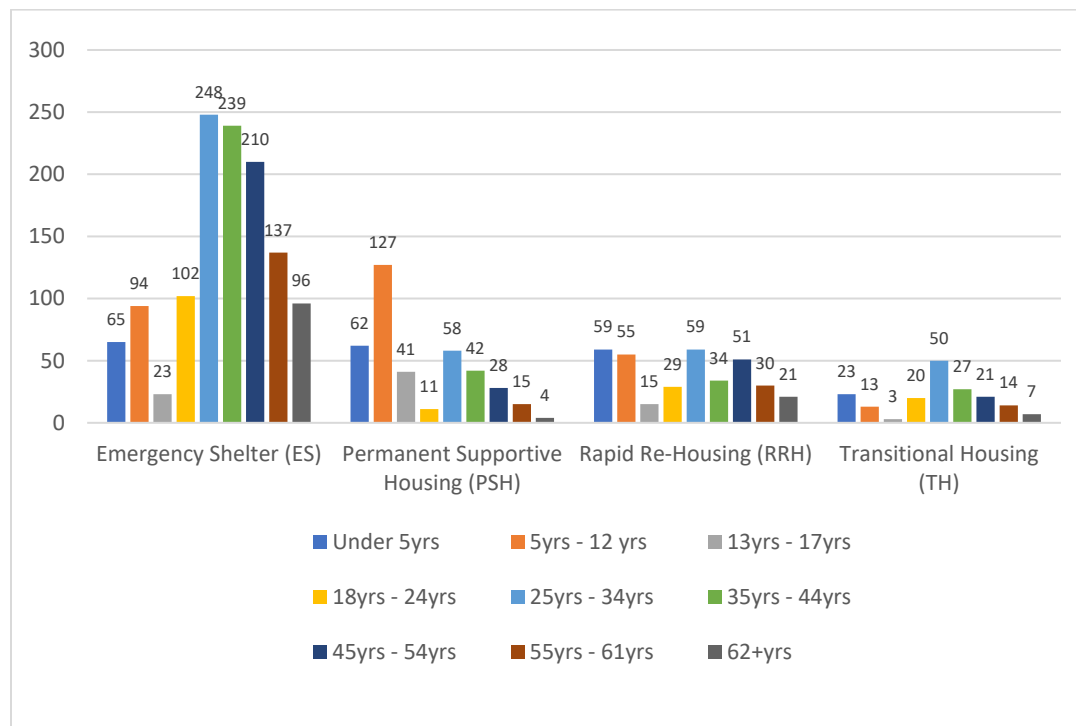


Source: CoC APR 2021

Among those served by emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid-re-housing, and transitional housing programs, exactly half of those served are between the ages of 25 and 54 years old (50.0%). 27.2% of those served were under the age of 18. As reported during stakeholder consultations, youth aging out of the foster care system have been identified as an at-risk subpopulation. They have a need for services that include job training and placement services and mental health services. The Erie Housing Authority has vouchers in partnership with OCY for youth aging out of the foster care system, but these are underutilized. In addition, youth aging out of the foster care system are also eligible to

receive a stipend for housing, but if they accept the Housing Authority voucher, the stipend goes away. This is a difficult population to engage with and identify.

**Figure 5: Age of Persons Served**



Source: CoC APR 2021

### ***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

The number of Erie residents that meet the definition of homeless under 24 CFR 91.5 derived from the 2022 PIT count, conducted on February 24, 2022 was a total of 298 persons, up from 260 persons in 2021. Of the counted homeless individuals, 275 (92.3%) were sheltered and 23 (7.7%) unsheltered. The majority of homeless persons in 2022 identified as female (58.6%). Of those who reported their racial and ethnic demographics, the majority of those identified were Non-Hispanic (92.9%), and primarily identified as Black (58.6%) as opposed to White (25.7%). 14.3% identified as having multiple races.

In 2022, the Erie City and County PIT identified 23 unsheltered homeless, which was the highest count since before the pandemic. Of the 23 unsheltered individuals identified, seven were considered chronically homeless. The PIT provides only a snapshot in time; stakeholder consultation indicated there are more chronically homeless individuals in the City than identified during the PIT. Chronically homeless individuals are often difficult to identify and engage, but are often most in need of housing and services. Stakeholders reported an increase in homelessness among families with children.

According to 2021 System Performance Measures, 798 people experienced homelessness for the first time during the period October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. These measures took into account persons entering emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe haven, and permanent housing programs.

A survey of people with lived experience yielded 29 responses. Of the 29 participants, three are unsheltered and 24 are living in an emergency shelter. Sixteen of the respondents have been homeless less than six months. Some survey participants may also be counted as part of the annual PIT or HMIS data (if staying in an emergency shelter).

***At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

According to the 2014-2018 CHAS data, there are 5,750 households in the City of Erie with an annual income below 30% of median family income. Renter households with income below 30% AMI and having one or more severe housing problems (including cost burden) total 4,420. In the City of Erie, there are fewer affordable units available than there are households at or below 30% area median income. Moreover, larger units (3 bedroom and 4 bedroom) are in need and are difficult to identify. See Figure 2 above.

Based on 2021 HMIS data, only 29.1% of leavers (402 individuals) exited to permanent destinations. In comparison, 38.4% of leavers (531 individuals) exited to temporary destinations. Exiting to a temporary destination may indicate greater risk of returning to homeless system. Of those households exiting emergency shelter, less than 20% exited to a positive (permanent) housing destination. Over 40% exited to temporary destinations, and nearly 35% exited to unknown destinations.

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

As summarized in Figure 6 below, 421 adults served by emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing programs in 2021 were survivors of domestic violence. In addition, 187 adults reported that they were fleeing domestic violence. As reported during stakeholder sessions, there is an increase in single parents with multiple children fleeing domestic violence in the City of Erie. Stakeholder consultations indicated an increase in the incidence of domestic violence in the City.

**Figure 6: Survivors of Domestic Violence**

	Number of Survivors of DV	% Of Program that is Survivor of DV
Emergency Shelter (ES)	200	19.9%
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	96	60.4%
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	78	35.1%
Transitional Housing (TH)*	47	33.3%

Source: CoC APR 2021

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

Those at greatest risk of housing instability include 3,580 renter households with an annual income less than or equal to 30% AMI and experiencing severe cost burden. This represents 62% of all extremely low income renter households in the City. In addition, 3,215 renter households earn between 30% and

50% AMI and experience one or more severe housing problems, including severe cost burden and or severe overcrowding.

Prior to entering an emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, or transitional housing program, the majority of adults served reported being homeless prior to entering the program (55.2%). However, 13.4% reported living in an institutional setting prior to entering the project, 12.5% reported staying or living in a friend's room/apartment/or house prior to entering the program, and 8.0% reported staying or living in a family member's room/apartment/or house prior to entering the project. Households without stable housing prior to entering the homeless system may be more likely to return to the homeless system once housed. More details on these at-risk populations are summarized in Figure 7 below.

**Figure 7: Living Situation of Adults/Heads of Households Immediately Prior to Entering the Project**

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	Transitional Housing (TH)
<b>Homeless situations</b>	498	118	210	33
<b>Institutional settings</b>	119	2	0	88
<b>Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons</b>	1	17	0	0
<b>Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy</b>	57	4	2	7
<b>Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher</b>	48	0	1	1
<b>Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house</b>	180	3	4	8
<b>Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house</b>	109	5	6	4
<b>Other locations</b>	21	10	1	0

Source: CoC APR 2021

**Figure 8: Number of Veterans Served**

	Emergency Shelter (ES)	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	Transitional Housing (TH)
<b>Chronically Homeless Veteran</b>	10	5	5	0
<b>Non-Chronically Homeless Veteran</b>	72	3	8	6
<b>Not a Veteran</b>	945	150	211	130

Source: CoC APR 2021

According to HMIS data, 178 people were living in transitional housing during the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; of these 48 or nearly 27% were Black, African American, or African. During the same time period, 353 people were receiving rapid rehousing assistance; of these, 41% were Black, African American, or African. Of households that exited Rapid Rehousing programs during this period, 24% of adult leavers had no cash income, putting these households at greater risk of returning to homelessness if unable to support ongoing housing payments.

During the period January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 HMIS data indicated 38.4% of households exited to temporary destinations and 29.6% exited to “other destinations” which could mean they exited to a residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria, they are deceased, data was not collected, or they exited to some other destination not listed in the system. Of all individuals exiting the homeless system, only 29.1% exited to permanent destinations. Households receiving temporary assistance and those exiting to temporary destinations are more likely to return to homeless or face greater risk of housing instability than those exiting to permanent destinations.

***Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):***

The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) owns and manages more than 2,000 housing units in the City, as well as administers more than 1,000 Housing Choice Vouchers

According to the 2022 HIC, the Erie City and County CoC has 429 permanent supportive housing beds, of which most are estimated to be occupied. The City/County CoC also has 352 emergency shelter beds and transitional housing beds.

Production of new units remains high priority and high need. While rents are not high in the City, as reported by the HACE, many landlords are asking for rent increases and there is insufficient inventory to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Service providers and shelters alike experience ongoing staffing shortages that contribute to these capacity challenges, but also the housing market and inventory is rapidly changing.

The City does not utilize HOME or CDBG resources for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance regularly; however, ESG funds are utilized for rapid rehousing rental assistance.

Due to expiration of eviction moratoria, which offered protection for many low-income renter households, coupled with escalating rents, lack of affordable housing inventory, and continued economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the homeless system in the City of Erie experienced significant strains. It lacks capacity across all systems to address the unmet needs of all qualifying populations. This includes staff capacity, inventory capacity and resource capacity to appropriately address growing needs among all of the QPs. Service providers and shelters alike experience ongoing staffing shortages that contribute to these capacity challenges, but also the housing market and inventory is rapidly changing.

***Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:***

***Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

HMIS data indicated that 1,032 adults and 182 children (1,214 total) were served by the homeless system in 2021. According to the 2022 HIC, the Erie City and County CoC has 429 permanent supportive housing beds, of which most are estimated to be occupied. The City/County CoC also has 352 emergency shelter beds and transitional housing beds.

Stakeholder consultation with CoC executive leadership indicated that the largest gap in the City of Erie continues to be affordable housing units. Many provider survey respondents noted that not only is it difficult to find affordable housing at any level, but more funds need to be directed towards creating more housing options and encourage low-income housing developments. Stakeholders reported a general lack of capacity to provide robust services and coordination of services for households in shelter, and that there is a need for services to continue once households leave shelter and are placed in housing (either with or without voucher/other assistance).

The City collaborates with developers to invest its HOME funds in LIHTC rental housing to expand the inventory of affordable rental units. However, many of those participating in consultations reported that even these units are not affordable to the extremely low-income populations. Further, there is increased competition for fewer affordable units. Already subsidized projects fill quickly and experience very little turnover and long waiting lists for affordable housing and permanent supportive housing. Many permanent supportive providers rely on scattered site privately owned units, and many providers are falling victim to the landlords who are no longer willing to accept assistance or have tenant selection policies that act as barriers for special needs populations. Many landlords are not willing to lease to populations due to criminal, credit, or poor rental histories. Further, while the market is currently saturated with rental assistance, landlords are less willing to accept assistance.

Services, especially case management and coordination services, are a priority need—maintaining capacity among providers is an ongoing challenge due to rates of pay, high levels of turnover and burnout. Staff capacity continues to be a challenge; Hazard Pay for shelter workers has sustained shelter employment, but there is growing concern that as hazard pay expires, shelters will also struggle to maintain sufficient staff capacity to operate effectively.

Street Outreach services were identified by stakeholders as an unmet need to identify unsheltered populations and to begin to build relationships to connect them to housing and services. This is especially important for the chronically homeless, who are often the most difficult to identify, locate and engage.

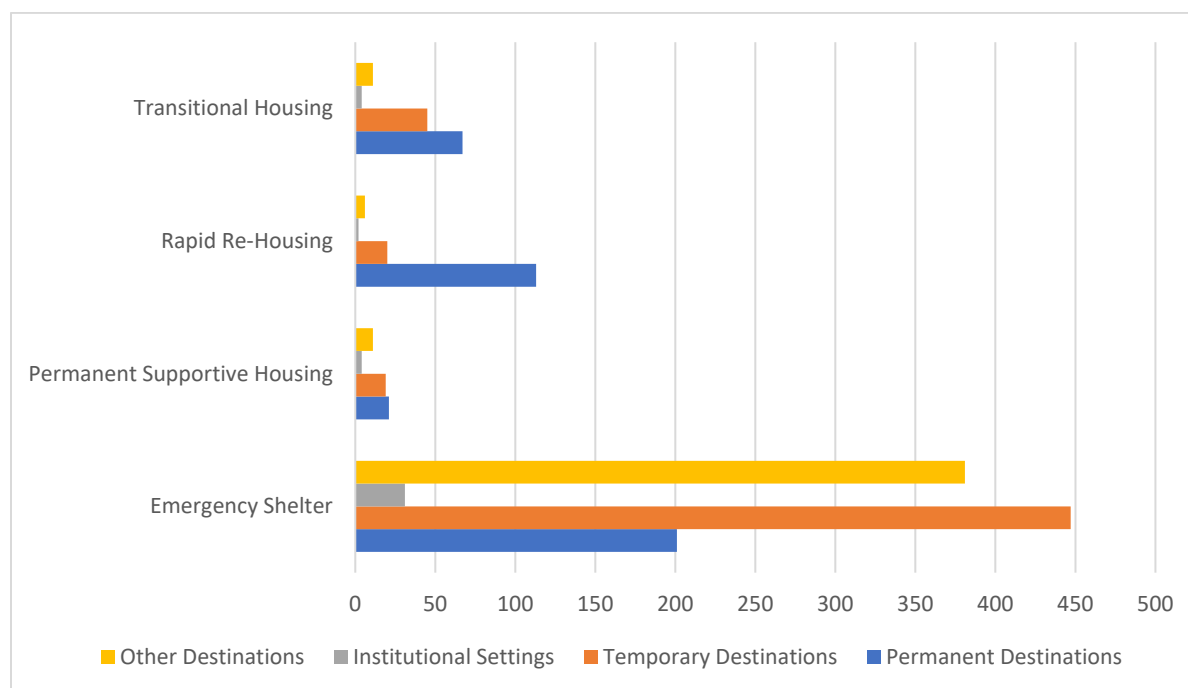
According to the survey of persons with lived experience, the most frequently cited barriers to finding housing included affordability, steady income, and lack of inventory of quality, affordable units. Poor rental history and landlords unwilling to work with the individuals was also cited as barriers.

***At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5***

Analyzing the exit destinations of those leaving emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing programs is a strong indicator of populations at risk of homelessness. Those who exited to temporary, or even institutional settings, are at-risk of homelessness. According to 2021 APR data, 38.4% of leavers exited to temporary destinations and 3% of

leavers exited to institutional settings. 29.6% exited to “other destinations” which could mean they exited to a residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria, they are deceased, data was not collected, or they exited to some other destination not listed in the system. Of all leavers, only 29.1% exited to permanent destinations. See Figure 9 below.

**Figure 9: Exit Destination of Leavers**



Source: CoC APR 2021

Poor rental history is often identified as a barrier for households accessing affordable households. Rental assistance and legal services for eviction prevention were identified as needed services to help salvage tenancies and prevent poor rental history from becoming a barrier for future tenancies. Subpopulations identified by stakeholders include LGBTQ+ populations, homeless youth and young adults (18-24), including those aging out of foster care. According to stakeholders, individuals discharging from the hospital but requiring medical services are in need of respite care so that they are not at risk from entering homelessness due to unavailability.

Stakeholders reported service gaps in connecting people discharging from treatment facilities to housing, identifying transitional housing/step-down housing as an unmet need and an effective model for populations discharging from institutional care. Services such as case management and other services during non-traditional hours (outside normal business hours) are not available but are needed.

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

According to HMIS data, across all programs (emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing), 187 adult residents reported that they were fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence. 421 adult residents that participating in one of these housing programs

reported being survivors of domestic violence. In sum, an estimated 30.7% of adult participants reported being survivors of or fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence. See Figure 10 below.

To accommodate these residents, it is necessary to ensure that there are proper resources available and advertised for those who are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. Stakeholder consultation stressed the importance of establishing a coordinated structure among all homelessness and housing providers in the City and County to ensure that all residents in need are reached and receiving proper and adequate care and resources. Stakeholders also reported that services that align with rapid rehousing and other rental assistance for Domestic Violence survivors is sufficient and will meet their needs. Services for individuals fleeing human trafficking were identified by stakeholders as an unmet need.

**Figure 10: Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence**

	Fleeing Domestic Violence	
	#	%
Emergency Shelter	86	43.0%
Permanent Supportive Housing	31	32.3%
Rapid Re-Housing	43	55.1%
Transitional Housing	27	57.4%

Source: CoC APR 2021

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

Among those served by emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing programs, 17.4% of households included at least one or more chronically homeless person. A chronically homeless individual, as defined by the Continuum of Care, is a person who:

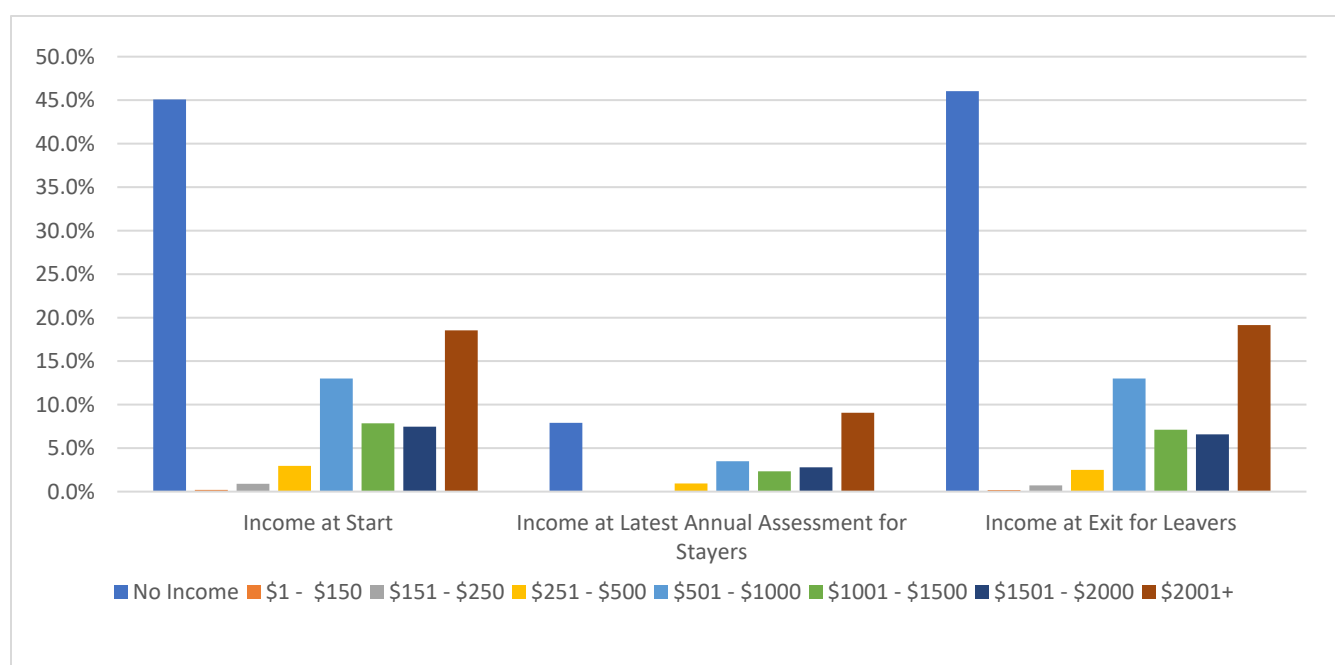
1. Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
2. Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined length of time homeless in those occasions is at least 12 months; and
3. Has a qualifying disability.

According to the 2022 PIT count, 3 persons (within 1 household) was reported as chronically homeless. As indicated in Figure 9 below, of those participating in the emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing programs, 20 of 115 veterans were identified as chronically homeless. During stakeholder consultation, respondents indicated that those at greatest risk of harm and those who are costing health, safety and housing services the most money are the chronically homeless. Those with severe mental illness, oftentimes substance-use disorder, are experiencing years of homelessness. Concentrated resources on the chronically homeless, including

medical respite and permanent supportive housing that is tied to housing authority vouchers is needed. Stakeholders also reported the need for services for households after rental assistance expires in order to maintain stability and prevent returns to homelessness.

It is useful to look at the cash income of persons served by emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and transitional housing programs at the start of entering the project and upon exit to better identify the needs of the community. As Figure 11 indicates, the vast majority of residents reported having no income at the start and upon exit. Having no income to help sustain housing places these households at risk of returning to the homeless system. According to CoC APR data, the majority of this income comes from sources such as earned income, supplemental security income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Of those exiting rapid rehousing and transitional housing programs, 24% and 61%, respectively, reported having zero income at exit. Those with zero income have a greater likelihood of returning to homelessness and would benefit from additional assistance prior to exiting the homeless system.

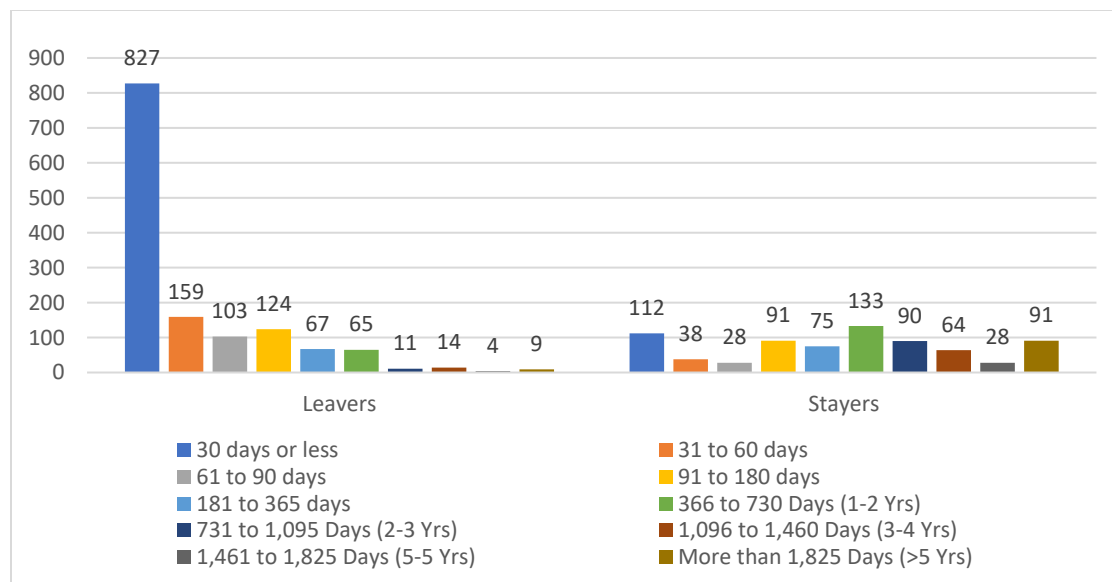
**Figure 11: Cash Income Ranges (ES, PSH, RRH, and TH\*)**



Source: CoC APR 2021

44.0% of those in emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, or transitional housing programs remain as such for thirty days or less. About 16.2% have a length of stay between 61 to 180 days. See Figure 12 below. Longer lengths of stay may increase the need for beds, as there is less movement for new clients to be able to use those resources. This was confirmed during the consultation process, where stakeholders reported that shelter length of stay is high in Erie because there is nowhere to place people exiting shelter. This indicates a need for additional housing inventory, as fewer available options lead to less turnover in shelter and transitional beds.

**Figure12: Length of Participation**



Source: CoC APR 2021

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

In addition, the gaps identified for particular qualifying populations above, many provider survey respondents addressed the need for not only financial support towards social service agencies and supportive services, but more organizational support towards these non-profit social service agencies. Most social service agencies are understaffed, or the staff underpaid, which presents a challenge to having staff dedicated primarily to housing efforts. The lack of a shared plan and a coordinated entry system that is trauma informed were cited as organizational needs that are not being met within the community.

Shelter resources (both bed capacity and staff capacity) are insufficient to meet the needs. Stakeholders reported that street outreach services that have been funded with supplemental CARES Act funding have been critical to identifying unsheltered individuals and placing them in shelter or other temporary housing solutions; however, as these resources dwindle, there will be a gap in the ability to continue to provide this service.

***Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of “other populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:***

Other characteristics that further refine the definition of “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability” that were included elsewhere in this Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis are those longer lengths of stay, the chronically homeless, and those with little or no income upon exiting the homeless system. These

factors are indicators that an individual or household may require further assistance than was initially provided or available, that they may re-enter the system of care, or that high volumes of these types of residents participating in the program prevents turnover or stifles the ability to provide care and resources to more residents.

***Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:***

For all qualifying populations, housing and shelter were identified as high priorities, as evidenced by stakeholder feedback as well as the results of both surveys. Rental housing that is affordable and accessible to individuals and households at 0-30% AMI is the priority need. An adequate inventory of deeply subsidized housing for Qualifying Populations is a priority due to low vacancy rates and lack of inventory. Many landlords aren't willing to lease to populations due to criminal, credit, poor rental histories. Coupled with this is a priority for rental assistance and supportive services (including case management, legal services and homeless prevention services) to assist the homeless identify and access housing and become stably housed, as well as to prevent homelessness among households who are at greatest risk. Services, especially case management and coordination services, are a priority need—maintaining capacity among providers is an ongoing challenge due to rates of pay, high levels of turnover and burnout. There is an ongoing need for medical respite for folks exiting hospitals but aren't ready to be at home without care, nor are the needs severe enough to need a nursing/rehab facility. An ongoing, increasing need is for utility arrears—they often act as a barrier for people renting units. Landlords may be willing to rent, but the tenant won't be able to get utilities in their name without a large arrearage payment.

People with lived experience that participated in the survey were asked to rank the four HOME-ARP eligible activities (Rental Housing, TBRA, Supportive Services, and Non-Congregate Shelter) in order of priority. Seventeen of the 29 respondents (58%) indicated Affordable Housing was the top priority; 10 (34%) indicated TBRA was a top priority. Fourteen of the 29 respondents (48%) indicated non-congregate shelter was the lowest priority among the four.

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

In addition to feedback from stakeholders and consultation sessions, an online survey targeted to service providers, and a survey of people with lived experience, the following plans and data sources were consulted to determine needs and system gaps for HOME-ARP qualifying populations:

- American Community Survey (ACS), 2016-2020
- HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2014-2018
- Erie City/County 2022 Point-In-Time Count
- Erie City/County 2022 Housing Inventory County (HIC)
- Erie City/County CoC Annual Performance Report (APR)
- 2021 System Performance Measures
- Survey of Service Providers
- Survey of Persons with Lived Experience

## HOME-ARP Activities

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

The City of Erie Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) will invite any Developer/Owner that is looking to apply for funding and/or other resources from DECD for the new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and/or preservation of affordable housing to submit a proposal for funding. The proposed activity, including the proposed qualifying population(s) to be served, will be evaluated in accordance with the City's HOME-ARP allocation priorities, preferences and prioritization (if any), and projects that address qualifying populations will be considered. The City is not currently establishing preference or priority as part of its scoring criteria for HOME ARP proposals for funding. Should the City establish preference or priorities, a substantial amendment may be duly publicized and submitted to HUD for review. Developers, service providers or subrecipients applying for HOME-ARP must meet the minimum program eligibility and threshold requirements. Depending on the nature of the proposed activity, site inspections may be conducted by DECD staff. An evaluation of the site's feasibility, financial underwriting and developer capacity assessment will be completed and considered as part of the review process.

The City of Erie has reviewed other state and federal funding resources available to the agency that potentially can be used as leverage for maximizing its HOME-ARP investment. The City's goal of producing 10 affordable rental units serving Qualifying Populations is meant to foster the production of additional affordable units as HOME-ARP funds are combined with other resources (state funds, LIHTC, Housing Trust Funds, etc.)

***Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:***

The City of Erie will not administer and oversee its eligible activities directly. Rather, it will enter into HOME Agreements with developers of affordable rental housing projects, and execute subrecipient agreements with service providers who may receive capacity building dollars.

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

The City of Erie will not be distributing any portion of its HOME – ARP administrative funds to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

### Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 200,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,292,779.00	80%	0
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 439,902.00	15 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 2,932,681.00</b>		

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

The HOME-ARP budget was driven by the priority needs identified as a result of stakeholder consultation and data analysis. The City of Erie will distribute approximately 80% of its HOME-ARP allocation for the development of affordable rental housing. An overall lack of affordable rental units was one of the most frequently identified unmet needs among stakeholders. Tight rental markets and high rents make it extremely difficult for housing and service providers to find units that are affordable and in decent condition for their clients. The Department of Economic and Community Development is prioritizing the creation of affordable housing units for qualified populations. In addition, the City is allocating approximately 7% of its HOME-ARP funds for supportive services, recognizing that long term supportive services are critical to ensuring stability and success in permanent housing for vulnerable households. HOME – ARP funds will be used for individuals or families from all of the following qualifying populations: homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other populations where providing assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

***Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:***

The affordable rental housing inventory in the City of Erie is severely limited, a challenge that existed long before and has been exacerbated by the pandemic. There is increased competition for fewer affordable units throughout the City. Privately owned units are no longer available for affordable housing in many places as landlords are no longer willing to accept rental assistance or have tenant selection policies that act as barriers for special needs populations. Shelters lack bed capacity for households experiencing homelessness, primarily because it is increasingly challenging to move folks out of shelter into permanent housing due to lack of affordable inventory. Therefore, the City's emphasis with HOME ARP funds will be to create new units to add to the affordable housing inventory in the City.

In addition, while the City believes there is a robust network of services available, mobilization of those services and meeting people where they are is a priority for the City. Reserving funds for services ensures the City is able to provide services to those households that will occupy units created with HOME-ARP, but also provides an opportunity for the City to connect unsheltered homeless individuals with housing and services provide by HOME-ARP.

## 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:***

It is the City's intent to leverage HOME-ARP with other funding sources to increase the total number of units created. It is anticipated that the City's HOME ARP funds will directly support the creation of a minimum of eight new units affordable to households at or below 30% AMI.

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

It is anticipated that the City's HOME ARP funds will be used to create eight new units affordable to households at or below 30% AMI. The City's priority goal established by this Allocation Plan is to increase the number of affordable housing units in the City. Providing funds for rental housing production directly supports the advancement of that goal.

## 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:***

While all four qualifying populations will be eligible to apply for rental housing developed with HOME-ARP, the City of Erie intends to establish preference for the chronically homeless as defined by 24 CFR 91.5 and homeless families with children. Applicants that qualify for one or more preferences will be given priority admission based on length of time homeless. All other qualifying populations will be selected in chronological order of application.

***If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:***

In 2022, the Erie City and County PIT identified 23 unsheltered homeless, which was the highest count since before the pandemic. Of the 23 unsheltered individuals identified, seven were considered chronically homeless. The PIT provides only a snapshot in time; stakeholder consultation indicated there are more chronically homeless individuals in the City than identified during the PIT. Chronically homeless individuals are often difficult to identify and engage, but are often most in need of housing and services. These populations often require intensive supportive services to achieve and maintain housing stability. These qualifying populations require assistance transitioning to housing, including permanent supportive housing, along with robust supportive services like case management, healthcare, legal services, and other supportive services. With better housing options and wrap-around services, these families will have a higher likelihood of becoming self-sustaining over time.

In 2022, the Erie City and County PIT identified 23 homeless families with children, all of which were sheltered. The PIT provides only a snapshot in time; stakeholders reported an increase in homelessness among families with children.

Establishing these preferences will allow the City to serve the most vulnerable among the HOME-ARP qualified populations.

## Referral Methods

*Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):*

The City of Erie will use the Coordinated Entry system as an indirect referral source. That is, the CE will be used for intake in order to add the eligible applicant to a HOME-ARP project waiting list, which will be selected from in accordance with the preference and prioritization described above. Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project.

*If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):*

As indicated above Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project as it does not include all of the qualifying populations. Referrals will be accepted from other sources including emergency shelters, 2-1-1, Street Outreach programs and service providers. All referrals will be placed on the project(s) waiting list and admitted in accordance with the preference and prioritization established earlier in this Plan.

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

As indicated above Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project, and the CoC CE prioritization will not be utilized to admit qualifying populations to projects.

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

As indicated above Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project as it does not include all of the qualifying populations. Referrals will be accepted from other sources including emergency shelters, 2-1-1, Street Outreach programs and service providers. All referrals will be placed on the project(s) waiting list and admitted in accordance with the preference and prioritization established earlier in this Plan. Chronically homeless applicants will be given priority admission based on length of time homeless. All other qualifying populations will be selected in chronological order of application, regardless of referral source.

## Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

The City of Erie is not establishing limitations on eligibility.

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

The City of Erie is not establishing limitations on eligibility.

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

Not applicable.

## HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The City of Erie does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing in order to rehabilitate the units with HOME-ARP funds. If the City determines that it will use HOME ARP for refinancing, the guidelines for doing so will be in conformance with the HOME-ARP program notice and will be submitted to HUD for review.

## Appendix A: Consultation Appendix

## Consultation Sessions



# HOME-ARP Consultation Meetings

Please join the City of Erie to learn about the \$2,932,681 of HOME-ARP funds received by the City, the Qualifying Populations that may receive assistance, and eligible uses of program funding. Participants will be asked to identify community housing needs and gaps in services related to the Qualifying Populations. For additional details about HOME-ARP, [view this video](#).

Emergency Shelter Providers  
Tuesday June 28, 2022 3:00 PM

Homeless Service Providers  
Wednesday June 29, 1:00 PM

Disability/Civil Rights Advocates  
Wednesday June 29, 3:00 PM

**Meeting Link:** <https://meet.goto.com/614918349>

**Join by Phone:** [+1 \(872\) 240-3412](tel:+18722403412)

**Access Code:** 614-918-349



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Type of Organization	Contact Name	Title	Name of Organization	Consultation Group
Continuum of Care Serving PJ June 28 1 p.m.	Peter Burke	Housing Program Director	Erie County Dept. Human Services- MH/ID	CoC/Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Lisa Karle	Homeless Management Info System Administrator	Erie County Dept. Human Services- MH/ID	CoC/Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Colleen Hammon	President	HomeTeam	CoC/Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Sean O'Neill	Supervisor Mental Health	Erie County Care Management	CoC/Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Dave Woledge	Lived Experience	N/A	
	George Fickenworth	HCoC Planning Grant Lead	Mercyhurst University	
Shelter Providers June 28 3 p.m.	Kurt Crays	Executive Director	The Refuge	Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence
	Jennifer Woodard	Director	Community of Caring	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	Dianne Lazette	Director	Community Shelter Services	Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence
	Betsy Wiest	Executive Director	St. Patrick Haven	
	Lori Palisin	Executive Director	Safe Journey	
	Steve Westbrook	Chief Executive Officer	Erie City Mission	
	Jennie Hagerty	Executive Director	Mercy Center for Women	Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence
	Robyn Young	Executive Director	SafeNet	Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence
	Darrell Smith	Housing Program Specialist	Erie County Dept. Human Services- MH/ID	Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
		COO; Dir. Men's Ministries	Erie City Mission	
Public Housing Authorities (Schedule separately)	Beverly Weaver	Executive Director	Erie County Housing Authority	
	Mike Fraley	Executive Director	Housing Authority of the City of Erie	PHA
	Dusti Dennis	Deputy Executive Director	Housing Authority of the City of Erie	PHA
Service Providers June 29 1 p.m.	Barbara Lewis	Registered Nurse	Faith Community Nurse	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	Georgia Del Freo	Vice President/Operations	GECAC	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness; FH/Civil Rights/Disability Advocates
	John Gennaro	CEO/Director	Department of Veteran's Affairs	Veterans groups
	Joseph DiFuccia	CEO	Disabled Veterans Solutions	
	Joshua Jaeger	Director of Veterans Services	Erie United Methodist Alliance	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness; Veterans Group
	Jeff Natalie	Regional Director	Community Care Behavioral Health	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	Tish Bartlett	Executive Director	Autism Society of Northwestern PA	
	Paul Lukach	Executive Director	Crime Victim Center	Providers serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence/human trafficking
	Natalie Braddock	Owner	State Farm Insurance	
	Timothy Finegan	Executive Director	Erie Independence House	
	Craig Ulmer	Chief Executive Officer	Community Health Net	
	Joanna Cherpak	Executive Director	Multicultural Community Resource Center	
	Heather Caspar	Executive Director	Sisters of St. Joseph (Westside)	
	Danny Jones	Chief Executive Officer	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	
	Dylanna Grasinger	Senior Field Office Director/ Director- Erie Office	U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants	
	James Sherrod	Executive Director	Martin Luther King Center	
	Cris Taylor	Director	Upper Room	
	Tim Althof	Planning & Development	HANDS	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	Matthew Good	Executive Director	HANDS	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness

Type of Organization	Contact Name	Title	Name of Organization	Consultation Group
	Chris Tombaugh	Director of Development	Erie Dawn	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness; FH/Civil Rights/ Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	David Gonzalez	Executive Officer	St. Martin's Center	
	Donald Crenshaw	Developer	Zac Associates	
Elected & Public Officials Invite to all	Joseph Schember	Mayor	City of Erie	Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Renee Lamis	Chief of Staff- Mayor	City of Erie	Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Liz Allen	City Council President	City of Erie Council	Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Jasmine Flores	City Councilwoman	City of Erie Council	Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Chuck Nelson	City Councilman	City of Erie Council	
	Edward Brzezinski	City Councilman	City of Erie Council	
	Michael Keys	City Councilman	City of Erie Council	
	Melvin Witherspoon	City Councilman	City of Erie Council	
	Mo Troop	City Councilman	City of Erie Council	
	Daniel Spizarny	Chief of Police	City of Erie	
Disability/Civil Rights Advocates June 29 3 p.m.	Mary Lou Younke	Administrator for Independent Living Program	Office of Children & Youth	Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Emily Fetcko	Assistant Director	Erie Downtown Partnership	
	Constance Ratcliff	Board Member	Erie Downtown Partnership	
	Diana Ames	Consumer	Erie City Resident	
	Freda Tepfer	Consumer/ Advocate	City of Erie Resident	
	Katie Kretz	Executive Director	Multicultural Community Resource Center of Erie	
	Massimo Sala	Citizen Relations	Citizen Relations	
	Michael Fiorelli	CIL Program Manager & Supervisor	Community Resource Coalition for Independence	
	Mindy Gunns	PCA	Voices for Independence	
	Nancy Brown	Paralegal & Test Coordinator	Southwestern PA Legal Services- Fair Housing Law	
	Passle Helminski	Vice President	National Federation of the Blind	
	Pat Stucke	Chief Executive Officer	Mental Health Association	
	Renee Lamis	Chief of Staff- Mayor	City of Erie	
	Rhonda Schember	Advocacy/Home Modification Specialist	The ARC of Erie County	
	Rick Hoffman	Advocacy/Home Modification Specialist	Voices for Independence	
	Shona Eakin	Chief Executive Officer	Voices for Independence	
	Terri Lash	Training Specialist	Voices for Independence	
	Wayne Harbison	ECHRC Staff	Erie County Human Relations Commision	
Public Housing Authorities Thursday June 30 11 a.m.	Beverly Weaver	Executive Director	Erie County Housing Authority	
	Mike Fraley	Executive Director	Housing Authority of the City of Erie	
	Dusti Dennis	Deputy Executive Director	Housing Authority of the City of Erie	
	Jennifer Sheldon	Associate Director	Housing Authority of the City of Erie	
	Charlie Barber	Chief Executive Officer	Erie County Care Management	Public Agency serving the needs of all four QPs
	Karen Bilowith	President/ Chief Executive Officer	Erie Community Foundation	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	John DiMattio	Director of Human Services	Erie County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities	

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Homeless/ Housing Systems	Boo Hagerty	Chief Development Officer	UPMC Hamot Health Foundation Team	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	Shelby Karns	Team Leader Mental Health Administrative	Erie County Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities	
	Kevin Progar	Project Director	UPMC Health Plan	
	Douglas Smith	Director of Administration for Erie County Council	Erie County	Providers serving the homeless, at risk of homelessness
	Lori Pickens	Erie SD		Public Agency serving homeless and at-risk of homelessness
Represents attendees				



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# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Department of Economic and Community Development

# Agenda

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What is HOME-ARP?

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Defining the Qualifying Populations

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Eligible Activities

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Unmet Needs of the Qualifying Populations

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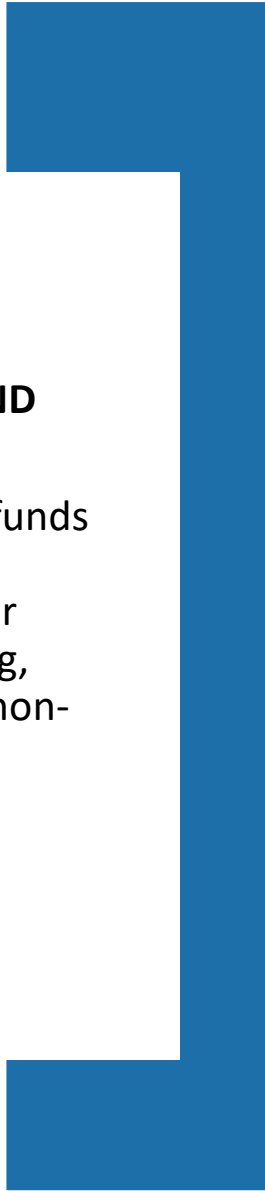
Wrap-up and Next Steps



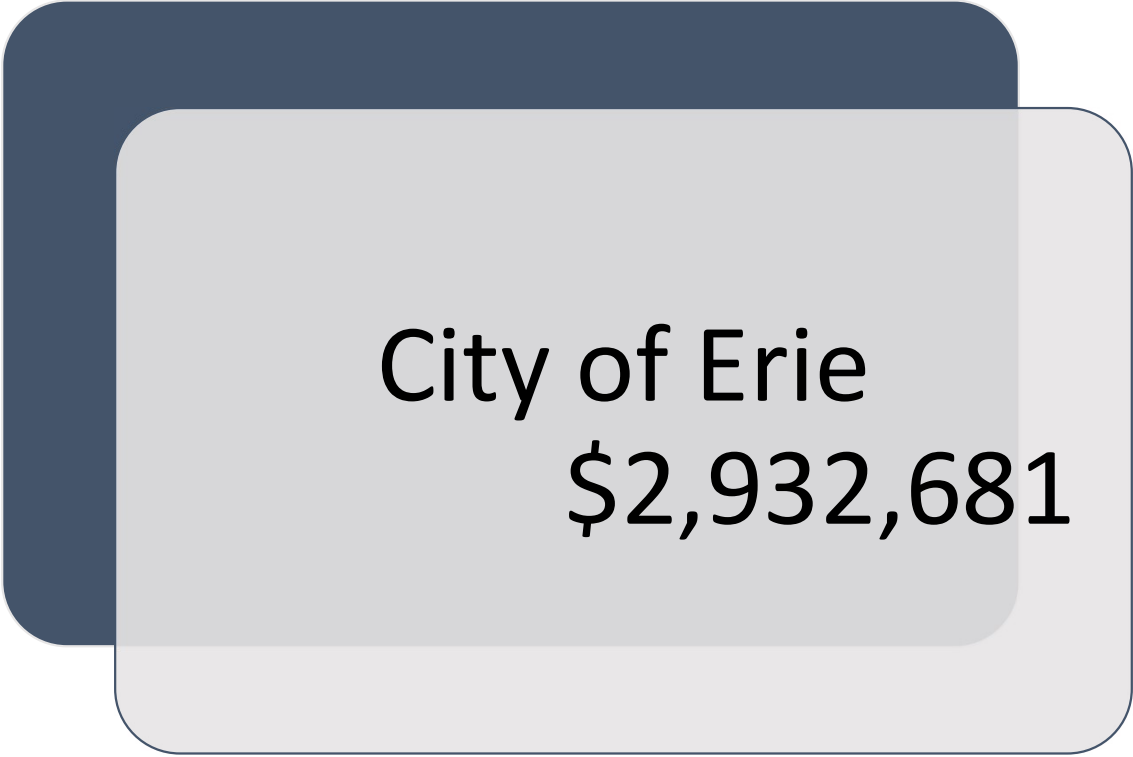
# The HOME- American Rescue Plan (ARP)

## **SEC. 3205. HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM.**

Provides \$5 billion of supplemental HOME funds to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness and other vulnerable populations by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter



# HOME-ARP Allocations



City of Erie  
\$2,932,681

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# Qualifying Populations

Homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

At-risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by the Secretary

In other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

# HUD HOME- ARP Definition Homeless



an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence



an individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground



an individual or family living in shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements



an individual who resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation and who is exiting an institution where he or she temporarily resided



an individual or family who will imminently lose their housing, including housing they own, rent, or live in without paying rent, are sharing with others, and rooms in hotels or motels

# HUD HOME- ARP Definition At Risk of Homelessness

Income at or below 30% AMI;  
Lacks sufficient resources to attain  
housing stability; AND



**Multiple Moves:** Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance



**Doubled Up:** Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship



**Hotel/Motel:** Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals



**Overcrowded Housing:** Lives in a single room occupancy (SRO) or efficiency apartment unit where two or more persons reside or where there are more than one-and-a-half persons per room



**Exiting Institution:** Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care (e.g., jail, prison, psychiatric hospital, etc.);

# Five Eligible Activities



PRODUCTION  
OR  
PRESERVATION  
OF AFFORDABLE  
RENTAL  
HOUSING



TENANT-BASED  
RENTAL  
ASSISTANCE  
(TBRA)



SUPPORTIVE  
SERVICES,  
HOMELESS  
PREVENTION  
SERVICES, AND  
HOUSING  
COUNSELING



PURCHASE AND  
DEVELOPMENT  
OF NON-  
CONGREGATE  
SHELTER



NONPROFIT  
OPERATING AND  
CAPACITY  
BUILDING

# Qualifying populations in the City of Erie

**5,745 or 29%**

- Renter households that are extremely low-income

**60%**

- Extremely low-income renter households with severe cost burden

**-6,740**

- Shortage of rental homes affordable for and available to extremely low-income renters

**\$27,750**

Maximum income for 4-person extremely low-income household

(Erie, PA MSA)

**\$33,920**

- Annual household income needed to afford a 2-bedroom rental home at HUD's FMR

# Discussion Topics

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What do you see as the most critical gaps and needs in effective service delivery system?

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What kinds of housing resources are most in demand?

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What kinds of housing units are most in demand?

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What supportive services are currently available? What should be available/what is needed?

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What are the biggest risk factors for housing instability and maintaining permanent housing once attained?

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How are providers currently serving rural or low-capacity areas? What could be done to better support those providers?

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Are there any populations or subgroups that are underserved by the current system? What additional services would be beneficial?

# Next Steps and Timeline

Draft Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis through August

Draft Allocation Plan through September/October

Public Display in late October

Submit to HUD in November

**Meeting Date**  
June 28, 2022 12:59 PM EDT  
Continuum of Care

## Details

Bill Wasielewski  
Charles R Barber  
Chuck Nelson  
Debra Smith, Dave Deter, Veronica Fields  
Kate Molinaro  
Lisa Karle  
Peter Burke  
Renee Lamis  
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City of Erie HOME ARP Stakeholder Consultation  
CoC Executive Leadership  
June 28, 2022 1:00 p.m.

Erie County considering use of HealthChoices Reinvestment and ARPA funds for housing, including service provider space in existing NCS

Largest gap continues to be affordable housing units. Many landlords aren't willing to lease to populations due to criminal, credit, poor rental histories. County ARP currently earmarked for housing, new County Executive, so priorities may shift

Services, especially case management and coordination services, are a priority need—maintaining capacity among providers is an ongoing challenge due to rates of pay, high levels of turnover and burnout. Staff capacity continues to be a challenge; Hazard Pay for shelter workers has sustained shelter employment, but there is growing concern that as hazard pay expires, shelters will also struggle to maintain sufficient staff capacity to operate effectively.

Shelter length of stay high because there is nowhere to place people exiting shelter.

Hamot Health Foundation exploring models that focus on high utilizers of emergency departments—housing insecure with co-occurring

UCCM and Coordinated Entry currently focused on chronically homeless individuals, but there is an emerging need for assistance for households of any composition (i.e. same sex parents, grandparents with grandchildren, etc).

Larger units (3 and 4 BR) are a need and are difficult to identify.

Capacity of Coordinated Entry and access to operate during non-traditional hours is limited, but is a need. The same is true for service providers having insufficient capacity to cover fixed costs during non-traditional hours.

Individuals fleeing domestic violence must “pass” a DV screening in order to be referred immediately; otherwise must return during “regular” CE operating hours to be assessed.

The market is saturated with rental assistance, landlords less willing to accept assistance. Landlord survey identified landlord incentives as a need/something that would be effective in generating landlord participation.

Street Outreach has been identified as a need.

There is an ongoing need for medical respite for folks exiting hospitals but aren't ready to be at home without care, nor are the needs severe enough to need a nursing/rehab facility.

An ongoing, increasing need is for utility arrears—they often act as a barrier for people renting units. Landlords may be willing to rent, but the tenant won't be able to get utilities in their name without a large arrearage payment.

Transition age youth, youth exiting residential treatment facilities are being evaluated through Coordinated Entry. Some end up in the mainstream shelter system; others are in hotel/motel with supports. Journey Home has beds for youth (18-24).

VISPDAT is not being used as a prioritization tool.

# City of Erie HOME ARP Attendees

## Summary

### Meeting Date

June 28, 2022 2:57 PM EDT

Shelter Providers

### Meeting Duration

67 minutes

## Details

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City of Erie  
HOME ARP Consultation Session-Emergency Shelter Providers  
June 28, 2022 3:00 p.m.

Community Shelter services turns away an increasing number of single men with children, mothers with children fleeing domestic violence and transgender individuals.

Bed utilization and length of stay at Community Shelter services are high due to lack of units in which to place people. In addition, transportation services are unavailable to assist shelter guests obtain necessary forms of ID and other documents needed for housing placement. Services and funding that can be used to obtain these documents are also needed.

Barriers to being placed in housing include lack of ID, SSN/card, Birth Certificate, funds for security deposit/application fees. In addition, there is a shortage of housing inventory and lack of landlords willing to place people with criminal, poor credit and rental histories.

There is an increase in mental/behavioral health needs for services while folks are in shelter, as well as an increase in substance use/abuse while in shelter. Increasing the number of beds, reducing the amount of space for guests contributes to increased behavioral/mental health challenges.

Shelters are playing an increasing role in trying to deter guests from calling 911 while in shelter.

Growing need for more family units, both in and out of shelter.

Hotel/Motel vouchers for shelter overflow are being funded with ESG-CV, but are only used if shelter capacity is not available or for quarantining COVID+ shelter guests.

There is a general lack of capacity to provide robust services and coordination of services. There is a need for services to continue once households leave shelter and are placed in housing (either with or without voucher/other assistance). Services provided on site at the shelter ensure guests participate, but compliance with and participation in services that are not on-site and aren't taken directly to the household typically are not successful.

Remote/virtual mental health services have not proven as effective as in person services, and many populations are unable to participate in virtual services. Cancellations due to COVID and/or staff capacity result in higher instances of relapse and challenges in recovery.

Stairway and Safe Haven have insufficient capacity to provide ongoing services.

There is an increasing number of exits from shelter to unknown destinations. These are becoming increasingly more difficult to track and often lead to returns to homelessness or returns to shelter.

City Council authorized funding for additional officers and reinstatement of the crisis car for more robust follow-up on domestic violence calls.

# City of Erie HOME ARP Attendees

## Summary

### Meeting Date

June 29, 2022 12:57 PM EDT

Service Providers

### Meeting Duration

65 minutes

## Details

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# City of Erie HOME ARP Attendees

## Summary

### Meeting Date

August 4, 2022 12:58 PM EDT

Service Providers

### Meeting Duration

59 minutes

## Details

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HOME ARP Consultation  
Service Providers  
June 29, 2022 1:00 p.m.

Consider the working poor—who are those *really* at greatest risk of housing instability.

There is a significant number of unsheltered homeless who are difficult to identify and locate that have co-occurring physical, mental and behavioral health needs, as well as substance misusers.

Street Outreach services are a need to identify these populations and to begin to build relationships with unsheltered to connect them to housing and services. This is especially important for the chronically homeless, who are often the most difficult to identify and locate.

There are limited options for transition age LGBTQ youth where mainstream, congregate shelter may not be the best fit.

High ED utilizers are 14% more likely to also have co-occurring D&A service needs and are also more likely to be justice involved. 60% of ED users also have significant mental health costs; 39% are high users of D&A services; 1% use crisis services (this is the same as non-high utilizers)

Housing and service options for Megan's Law offenders are extremely limited.

Medical respite is a need, particularly for those who are able to be discharged from the hospital but require additional medical services that don't rise to the need of nursing or rehab facility. Transition to permanent housing from respite should be considered.

Medical/clinical care services are needed in shelters for those that are discharged from hospital to shelter with ongoing medical needs.

Additional landlords participating/willing to lease to QPs is a need

Preservation of existing regulated units is a need

Repair/mitigation fund for landlords would provide incentive

Service plans should integrate mental health, D&A and physical health services with harm reduction and trauma informed care models—this is a best practice.

Typically, services that align with RRH for Domestic Violence survivors is sufficient and will meet their needs.

EUMA often provides services to folks exiting from RRH programs in order to maintain housing stability.

Autism was added to ID Waiver eligibility in 2018. Adults with autism are a potential at-risk population, particularly those with aging parents or caregivers.

August 4, 2022

There is a shortage in available, affordable units.

Stabilization services to help maintain existing housing is an unmet need. Housing counseling, including financial literacy, landlord/tenant education, how to be a good tenant are necessary services that are not widely available. Prevention services are not widely available but are effective-keeping people housed is critical. Housing court/diversion court models could be successful.

Housing locator services are an unmet need-often, referrals are received for services, but no housing has been identified.

Many referrals received by St. Martin Center are for households that have received a year of ERA payments, but still require additional assistance in the form of rent, utilities and services in order to avoid eviction.

Street Outreach relationship building services are an unmet need.

The School District has seen an increase in family homelessness, including alternative families and youth leaving home for alternative family situation (grandparent, aunt/uncle, etc.). Services within the school are often sought more frequently than in a shelter, particularly for female students.

Mental Health service needs have increased among all populations, but in particular among the youth populations. The SD is evaluating how this impacts academic success.

There are barriers to accessing services, particularly financial literacy services. Many households have grown accustomed to virtual services-is there a place for them moving forward, if they are effective.

# City of Erie HOME ARP Attendees

## Summary

**Meeting Date**

June 29, 2022 2:57 PM EDT  
Disability/Civil Rights Advocates

**Meeting Duration**

52 minutes

**Number of Attendees**

4

## Details

**Name**

Constance Ratcliff  
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Emily Reilly  
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**Join Time**

3:02 PM  
2:58 PM  
2:59 PM  
2:57 PM

## Erie HOME ARP Meeting

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Stakeholder Notes

#### 1. Constance Ratcliff- Erie Downtown Partnership

- a. There is a need to develop the concept of compassionate care for people in challenging circumstances
- b. The Downtown Partnerships focuses on providing a clean and safe environment in the 24-block area they serve. They work with the city to focus on providing opportunity for the homeless to regain dignity and provide solutions to their own problems. They want to attract local businesses and entrepreneurs as well as make the environment safe, clean, friendly, and full of diverse individuals.
- c. Importance in working with school districts where students are couch surfing, have incarcerated parents, need weekend food supplements, etc.
- d. Connie is on a board of trustees for a charter school and has many contacts to provide more information
- e. Bridge to Work Day Labor Program- partnership with local churches that will transport homeless individuals and pay them minimum wage to clean up areas of the city. These individuals were unsheltered and sheltered homeless that were coached and provided access to additional organizations and support. She feels this pilot program would work well in Erie, it could benefit multiple populations and there are enough familiar faces in local organizations that the benefited individuals would be receptive to help.
- f. Another vulnerable population of the area are recently widowed husbands and wives, especially in the African American Community. Often times, people worked in shops and alike for many years and weren't given 401ks or other benefits and families are left with little support and resources.

Erie HOME ARP Consultations Sessions  
Civil Rights/Disability Advocates  
June 29, 2022 3:00 p.m.

Connie Ratliffe, Erie Downtown Partnership

Marginalized populations make far less than the 30% AMI limits, generally.

Many students in public schools are couch surfing, have one or more parent incarcerated, need food supplements for weekend.

Little Rock, Arkansas program designed to bridge to work-sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals receive transportation to employment—downtown cleanup efforts. Also are provided referrals to other housing and service resources. Given access to shower/hygiene facilities as part of participation.

Business attraction is hindered by presence of unsheltered homeless population downtown.

Emerging at-risk population includes recent widow/widower (particularly African American) where the deceased was primary wage/retirement earner.

# City of Erie HOME ARP Attendees

## Summary

### Meeting Date

June 30, 2022 10:59 AM EDT

Public Housing Authority/Aff Housing Developers

## Details

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### Meeting Duration

64 minutes

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## Erie HOME ARP Consultation

### PHAs

June 30, 2022 11:00 a.m.

There is an increase in unsheltered homeless congregating in downtown that is impacting businesses. Street outreach services could be effective in relationship building

There is an increase in demand for permanent supportive housing. There's also an increase in single parents with multiple children fleeing domestic violence.

Youth aging out of the foster care system are identified as an at-risk subpopulation. They have a need for services including job training and placement services, mental health services. Erie Housing Authority has vouchers in partnership with OCY for youth aging out, but they are underutilized. This is a difficult population to engage and track down. Youth aging out also receive a stipend for housing; if they accept voucher the stipend goes away.

Production of new units remains high priority and high need.

Barriers to applying for housing and services include complicated application processes without assistance to complete the application; lack of birth certificate, ID, SSN needed to apply for housing.

Erie HA voucher utilization is about 95%. They've not experienced a lot of challenges in recruiting landlords to participate, but have seen higher number of requests for rent increases. Rents are not that high in the City, reported by the Erie HA. The City does not establish preference for people experiencing homelessness as it has been difficult to document. The HA is willing to consider PBV, but requires RFP process.

\*How can rents not be high but there be a shortage of affordable units?\*

Unit turnover has been low in affordable developments, exacerbating shortage of affordable units.

During pandemic, mental health services were less accessible due to distancing, telework, etc.

Changes in ownership in downtown units has lead to some concerns about code compliance and unfinished rehab work in units.

Accessibility has not been a large challenge for the Erie Housing Authority.

EHA has identified a need for larger units (5-6 bedroom units) to accommodate larger, non-traditional, multigenerational families.

# City of Erie HOME ARP Attendees

## Summary

### Meeting Date

August 2, 2022 1:56 PM EDT  
Victim Service Providers

### Meeting Duration

70 minutes

## Details

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City of Erie  
HOME ARP Consultation Session-Victim Service Providers  
August 2, 2022

Shelter resources for street/unsheltered homeless are a need. Policy receive about 18 calls per day related to domestic violence incidents.

The Crime Victim Center provides services, Mercy Center provides housing for those fleeing domestic and other violence. There has been an increase in the number of youth (15-18) coming to the Center fleeing assault, other crime, sexual/emotional abuse. Erie Dawn and Mercy Center are available for housing, but CVC has seen an increase in the number of people fleeing domestic violence that cannot be serviced by SafeNet/Safe Journey due to lack of capacity.

LGBTQ+ youth that have been kicked out of their childhood home are in need of rental assistance programs, churches provide this resource now.

Criminal history acts as a barrier for some property owners in the City, include HACE and HANDS.

Resources to connect human trafficking victims to services and other resources are an unmet need. Other service needs include mental health counseling, financial literacy, parenting/childcare skills, childcare services, telehealth.

Survey Results



# THE CITY OF ERIE

JOSEPH V. SCHEMBER, MAYOR

## **SURVEY OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING NEEDS**

The City of Erie is in the process of developing its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which will outline how the City plans to spend its HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds. This survey was created to gather input from organizations serving individuals and households experiencing and/or at-risk of homelessness on service and housing needs of these households. The City of Erie is interested in hearing your thoughts on the unmet needs and challenges facing the individuals your organization serves.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the survey. It will take about 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions while completing the survey, please contact:

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### **Background on HOME-ARP**

In 2021, Congress allocated \$5 billion through the American Rescue Plan to help address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on communities across the country. This funding is administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). As a HOME participating jurisdiction, the City of Erie will receive \$2,932,681 in HOME-ARP funding.

HOME-ARP funds are targeted to four eligible groups of recipients who are referred to as "qualifying populations" and include individuals and households experiencing homelessness; those at risk of homelessness; persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and other groups as identified by HUD where supportive services would prevent homelessness or serve those at greatest risk of housing instability.

Eligible HOME-ARP activities include tenant-based rental assistance, development and support of affordable housing, provision of supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. HOME-ARP funds can also support nonprofit operating and capacity-building expenses for entities carrying out HOME-ARP assisted activities.

For an overview of the HOME-ARP program, [view this video](#)

- 1) What is the service area for your organization?
  - City of Erie only
  - City of Erie and Erie County
  - Other (please specify)
- 2) What type of organization do you work for? (check all that apply)
  - Continuum of Care
  - Local government
  - Public housing authority
  - Nonprofit social service provider
  - Affordable housing developer or manager
  - Civil rights or fair housing advocacy organization
  - Disability advocacy organization
  - Homeless Shelter Provider
  - Community Action Agency
  - Other (please specify)
- 3) What HOME-ARP qualifying populations does your organization primarily serve? (check all that apply)
  - People experiencing homelessness
  - People at risk of homelessness
  - Victims of, or persons attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
  - Other (define)
- 4) For each HOME-ARP qualifying population, how would you describe their overall level of need for housing, shelter, and services using a scale of High, Medium, and Low?
  - People experiencing homelessness – H, M, L
  - People at risk of homelessness – H, M, L
  - Victims of domestic violence/ sexual assault / etc. – H, M, L
  - Other (define) – H, M, L

5) For each HOME-ARP qualifying population, please describe their unmet needs for the following activities using a scale of High, Medium, and Low.

- People experiencing homelessness
  - Affordable rental housing – H, M, L
  - Permanent supportive housing – H, M, L
  - Transitional Housing – H, M, L
  - Noncongregate shelter – H, M, L
  - Supportive Services – H, M, L
  - Tenant Based Rental Assistance – H, M, L
- People at risk of homelessness
  - Affordable rental housing – H, M, L
  - Permanent supportive housing – H, M, L
  - Transitional Housing – H, M, L
  - Noncongregate shelter – H, M, L
  - Supportive Services – H, M, L
  - Tenant Based Rental Assistance – H, M, L
- Victims of Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault / Human Trafficking
  - Affordable rental housing – H, M, L
  - Permanent supportive housing – H, M, L
  - Transitional Housing – H, M, L
  - Noncongregate shelter – H, M, L
  - Supportive Services – H, M, L
  - Tenant Based Rental Assistance – H, M, L
- Other
  - Affordable rental housing – H, M, L
  - Permanent supportive housing – H, M, L
  - Transitional Housing – H, M, L
  - Noncongregate shelter – H, M, L
  - Supportive Services – H, M, L
  - Tenant Based Rental Assistance – H, M, L

6) A) How would you describe the capacity challenges and needs of organizations in your service area working to provide shelter, services, and housing for HOME-ARP qualifying populations? (open-ended question)

B) What capacity-building supports would enable these organizations to expand shelter, services, and housing for qualifying populations? (open-ended question)

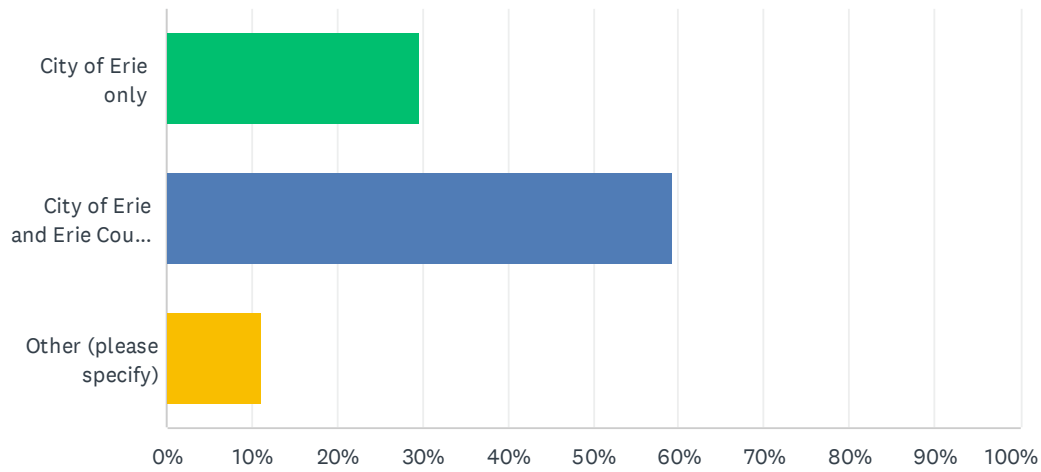
7) How would you prioritize the use of HOME-ARP funds among the eligible activities within your organization's service area? Please rank the following with 1 as the highest priority and 7 as the lowest.

- Supportive services
- Tenant based rental assistance
- Noncongregate shelter

- Affordable rental housing
  - Permanent supportive housing
  - Transitional Housing
  - Capacity-building supports for shelter, service, and housing providers
- 8) Are there successful programs or projects that could serve as models for meeting the needs of the qualifying populations in your service area? (open-ended question)
- 9) Do you have other comments or suggestions for how HOME-ARP resources can be used to effectively support shelter, services, and housing programs and projects within your service area? (open-ended question)

## Q1 What is the service area for your organization?

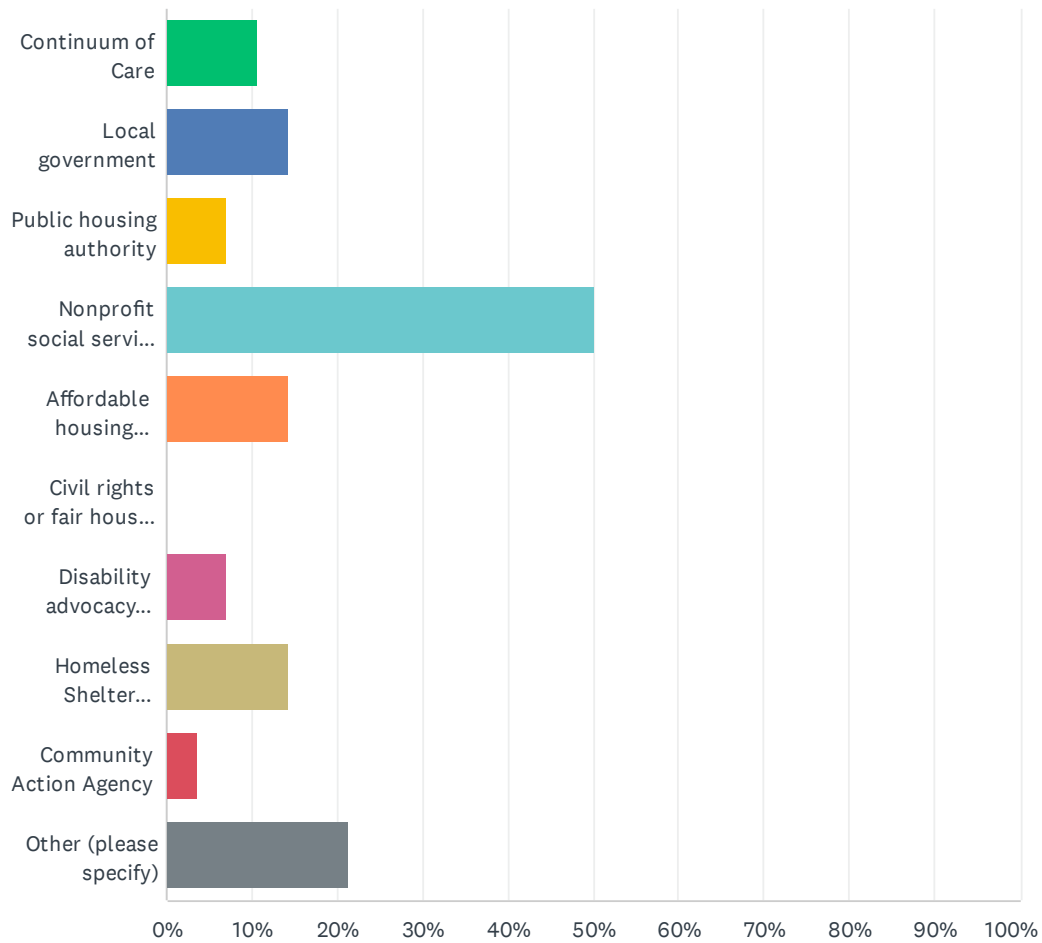
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Erie only	29.63%	8
City of Erie and Erie County	59.26%	16
Other (please specify)	11.11%	3
TOTAL		27

## Q2 What type of organization do you work for? (check all that apply)

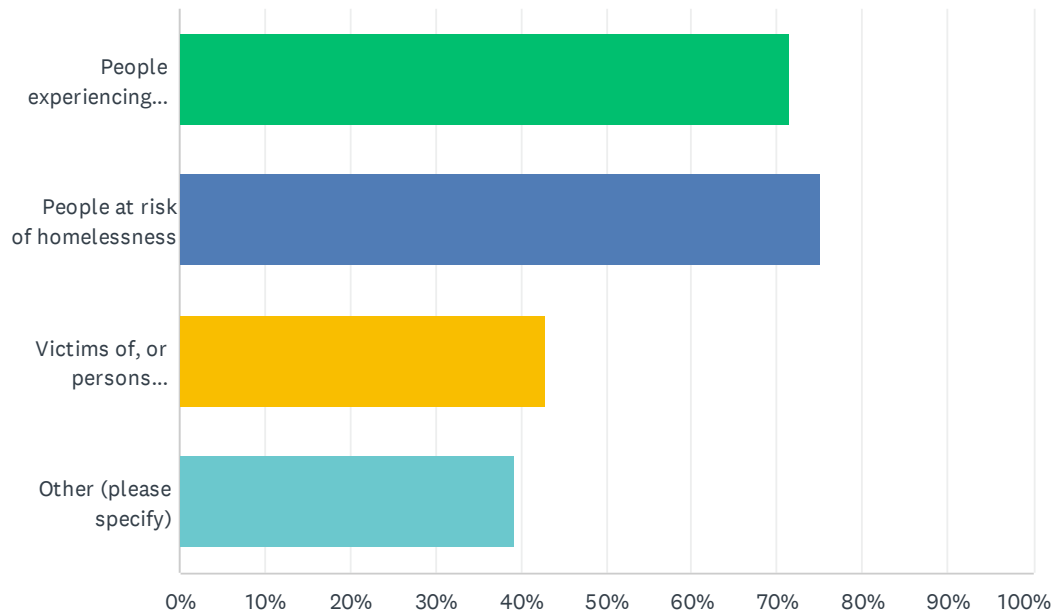
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Continuum of Care	10.71%	3
Local government	14.29%	4
Public housing authority	7.14%	2
Nonprofit social service provider	50.00%	14
Affordable housing developer or manager	14.29%	4
Civil rights or fair housing advocacy organization	0.00%	0
Disability advocacy organization	7.14%	2
Homeless Shelter Provider	14.29%	4
Community Action Agency	3.57%	1
Other (please specify)	21.43%	6
Total Respondents: 28		

### Q3 What HOME-ARP qualifying populations does your organization primarily serve? (check all that apply)

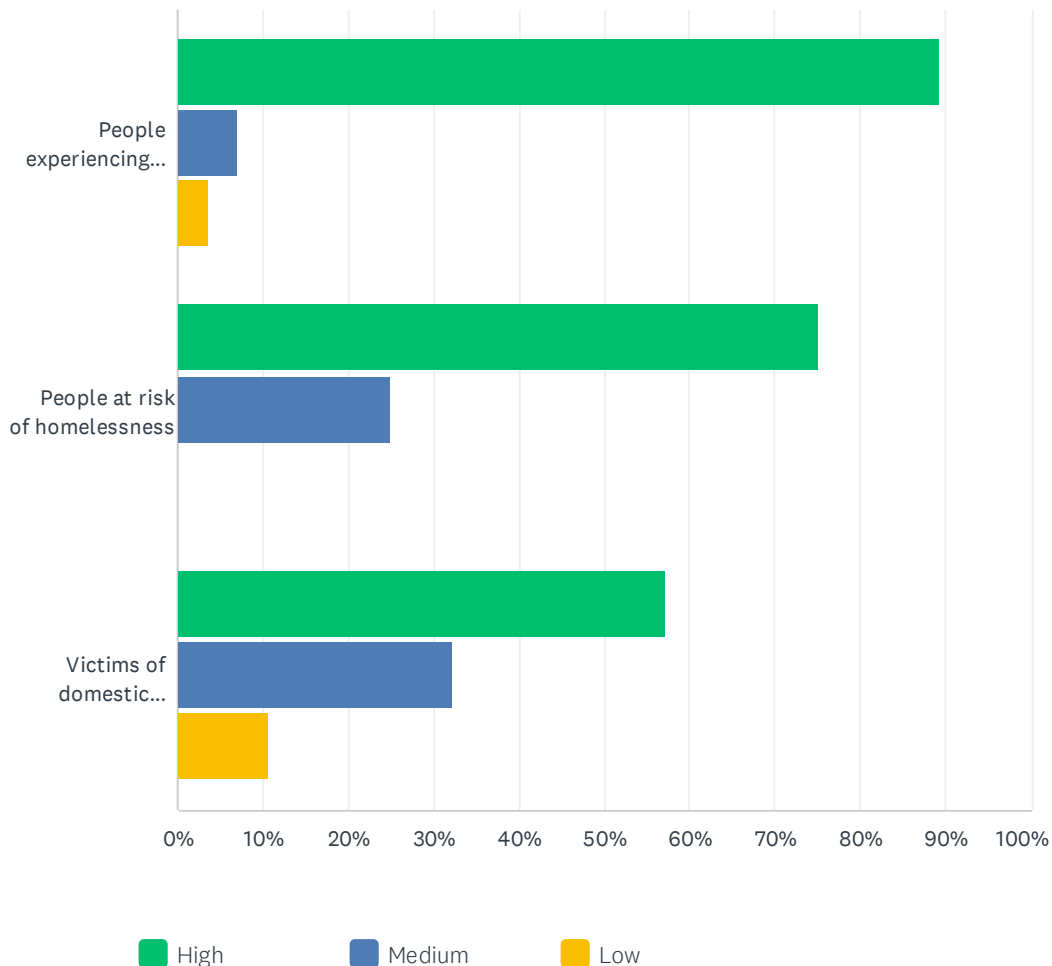
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
People experiencing homelessness	71.43%	20
People at risk of homelessness	75.00%	21
Victims of, or persons attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	42.86%	12
Other (please specify)	39.29%	11
Total Respondents: 28		

## Q4 For each HOME-ARP qualifying population, how would you describe their overall level of need for housing, shelter, and services using a scale of High, Medium, and Low?

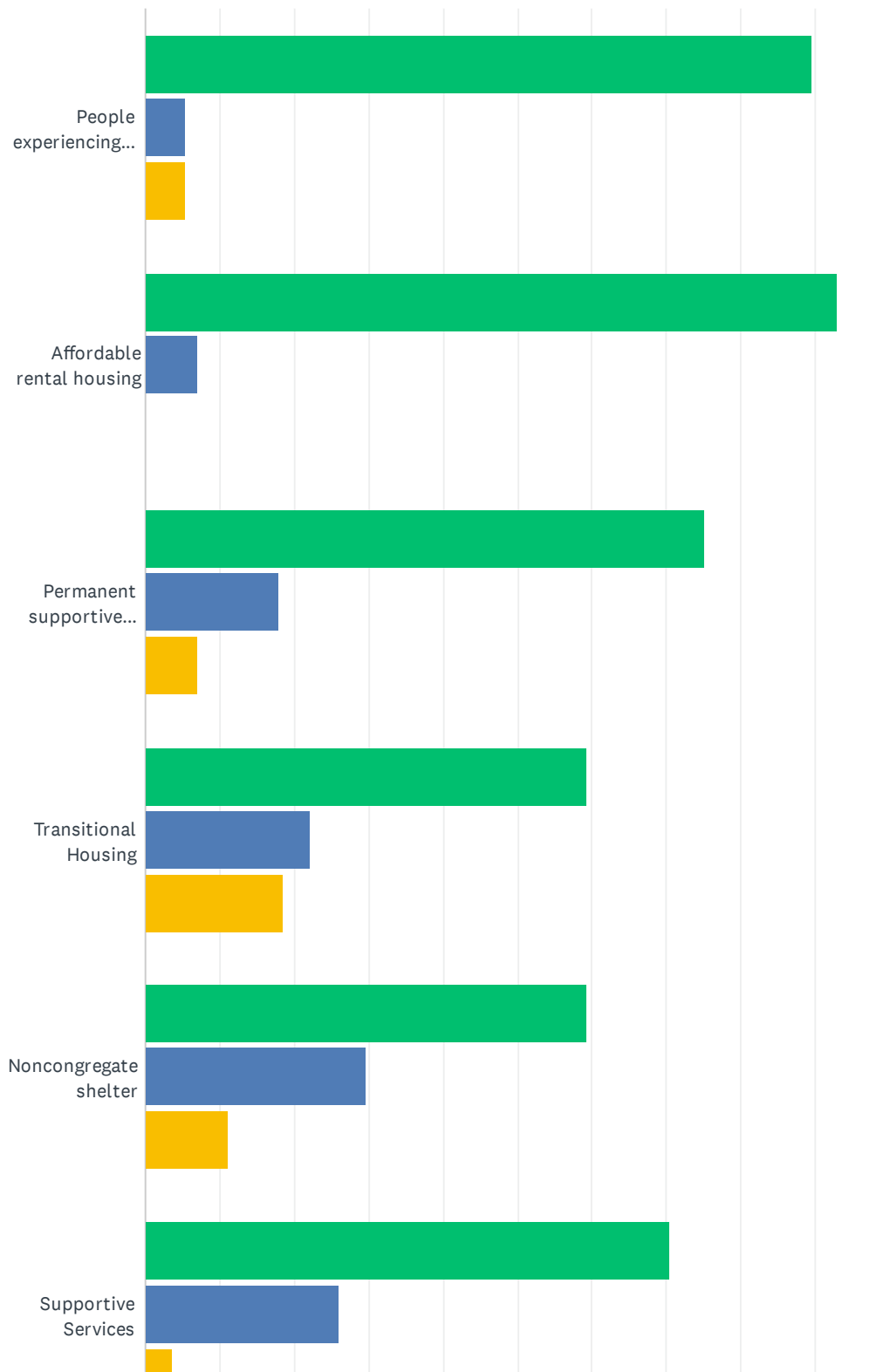
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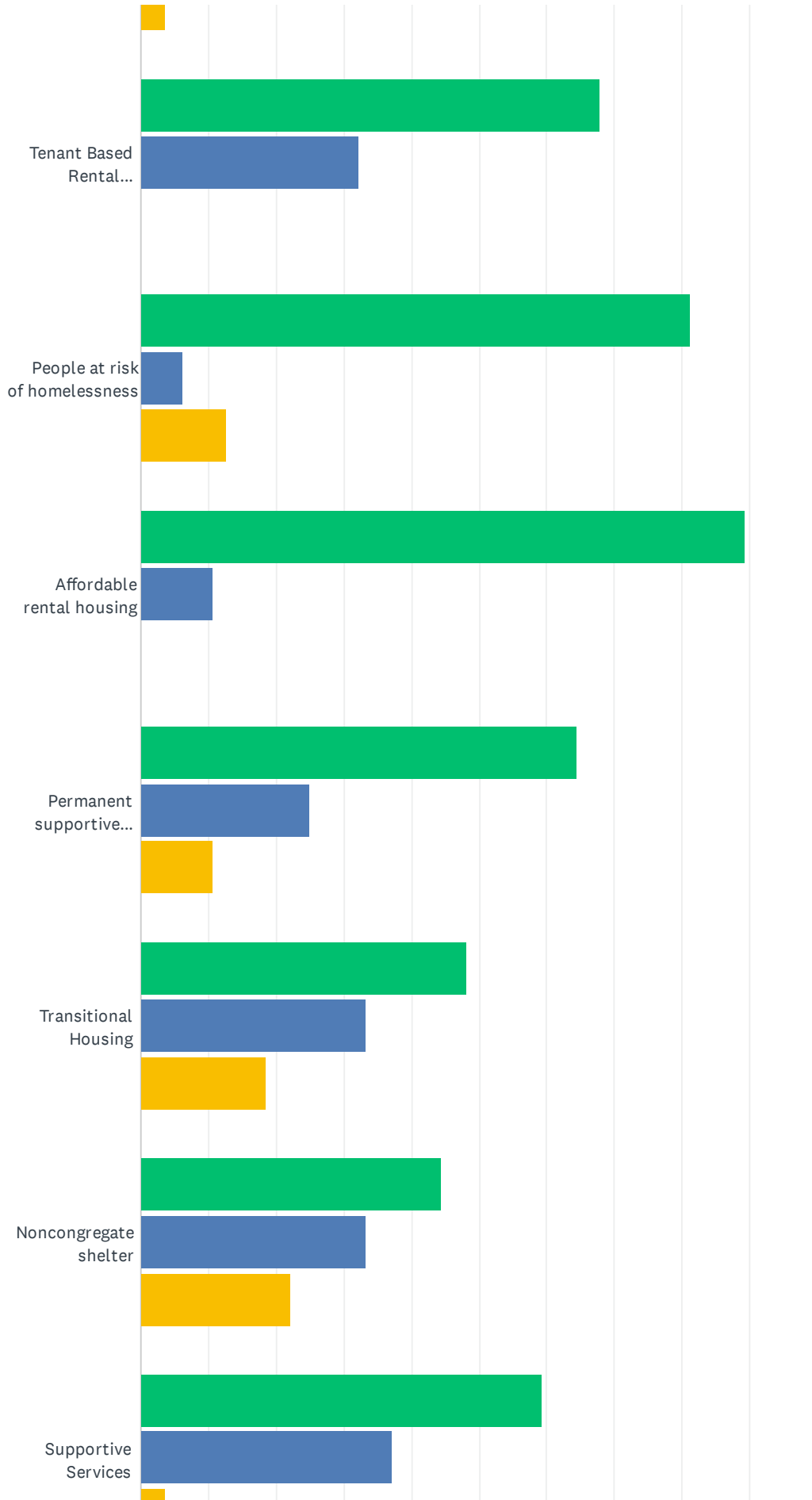


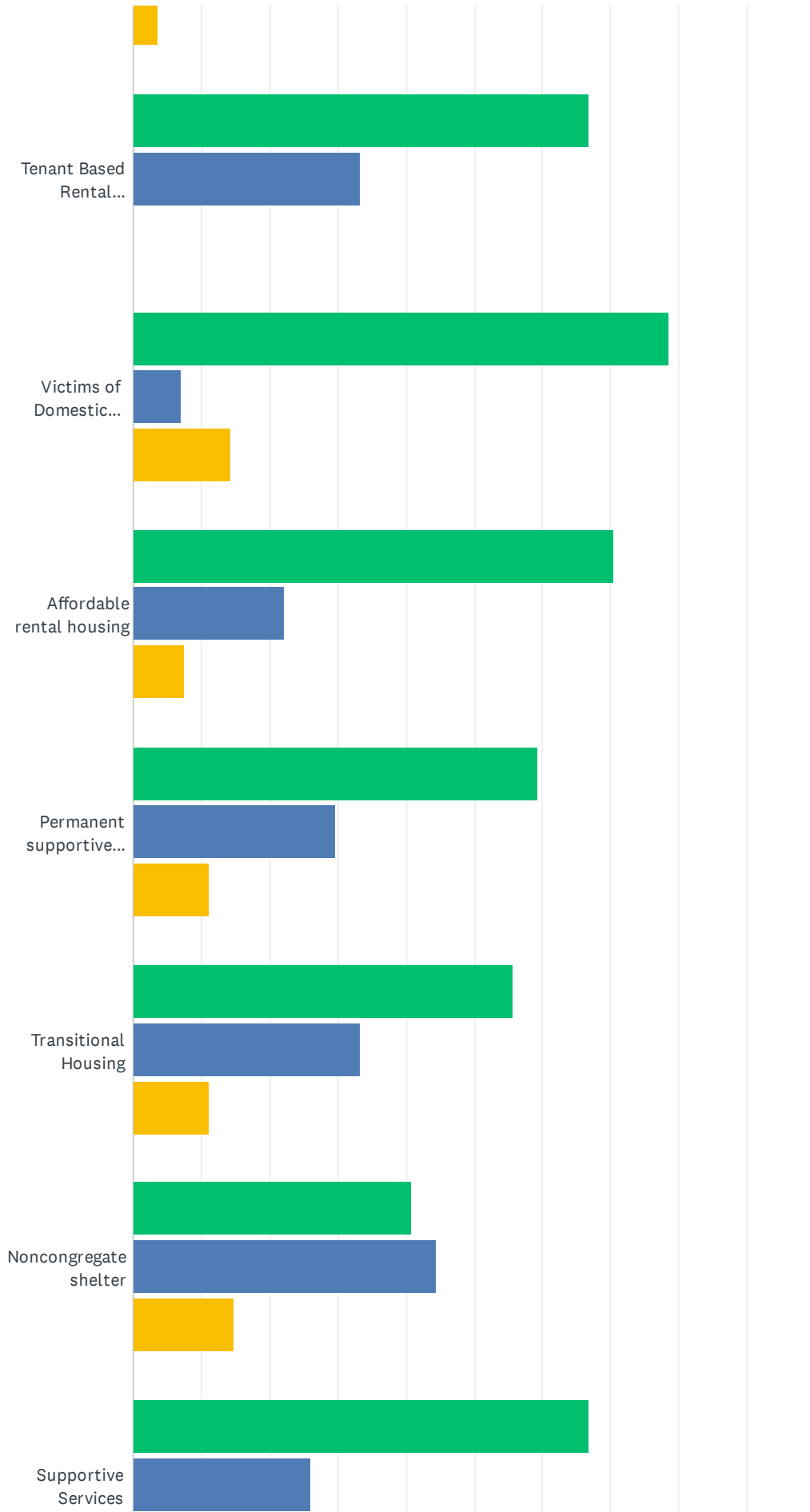
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTAL
People experiencing homelessness	89.29% 25	7.14% 2	3.57% 1	28
People at risk of homelessness	75.00% 21	25.00% 7	0.00% 0	28
Victims of domestic violence/ sexual assault / etc.	57.14% 16	32.14% 9	10.71% 3	28

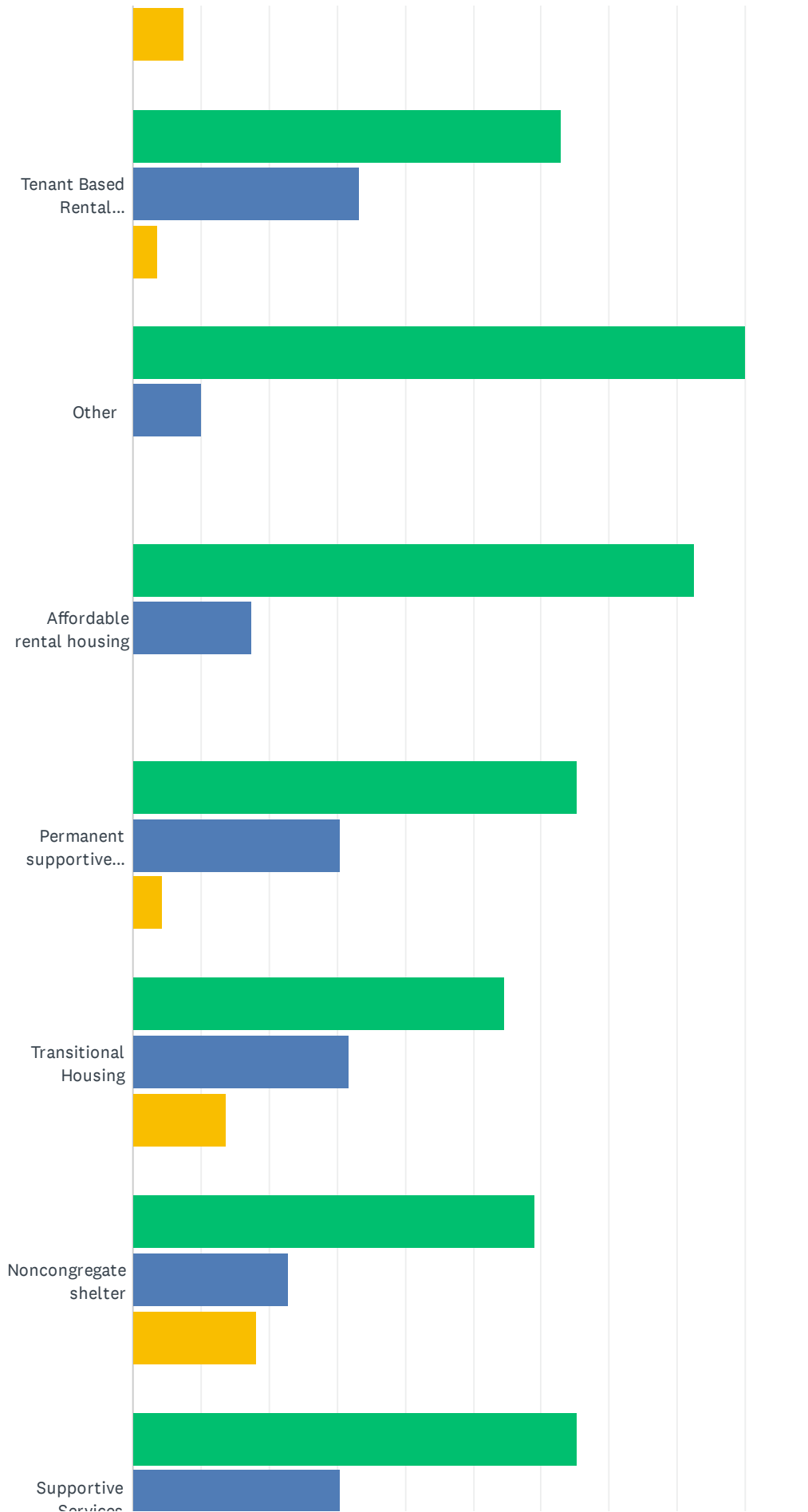
Q5 For each HOME-ARP qualifying population, please describe their unmet needs for the following activities using a scale of High, Medium, and Low.

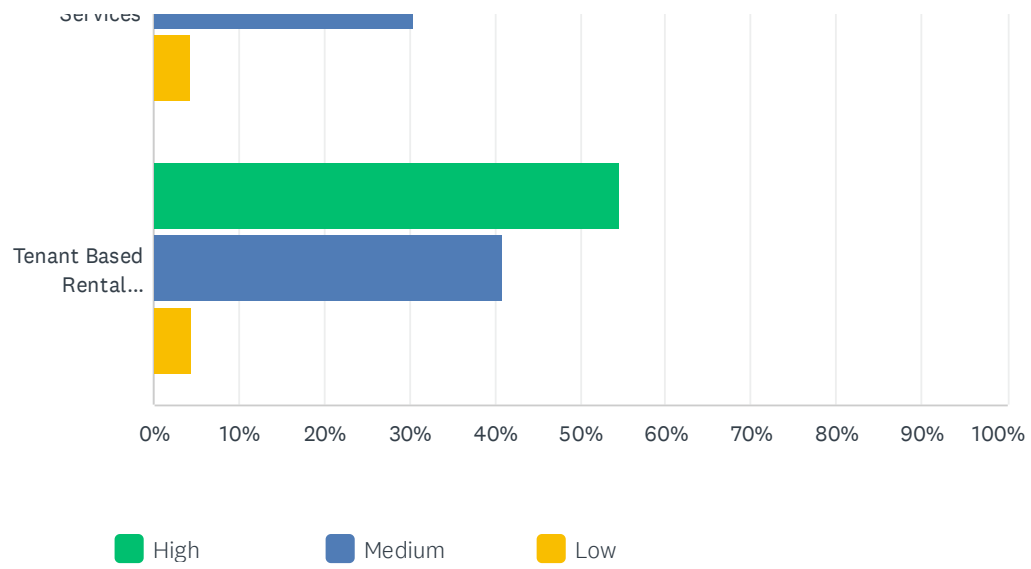
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# SURVEY OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING NEEDS

SurveyMonkey

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTAL
People experiencing homelessness	89.47% 17	5.26% 1	5.26% 1	19
Affordable rental housing	92.86% 26	7.14% 2	0.00% 0	28
Permanent supportive housing	75.00% 21	17.86% 5	7.14% 2	28
Transitional Housing	59.26% 16	22.22% 6	18.52% 5	27
Noncongregate shelter	59.26% 16	29.63% 8	11.11% 3	27
Supportive Services	70.37% 19	25.93% 7	3.70% 1	27
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	67.86% 19	32.14% 9	0.00% 0	28
People at risk of homelessness	81.25% 13	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	16
Affordable rental housing	89.29% 25	10.71% 3	0.00% 0	28
Permanent supportive housing	64.29% 18	25.00% 7	10.71% 3	28
Transitional Housing	48.15% 13	33.33% 9	18.52% 5	27
Noncongregate shelter	44.44% 12	33.33% 9	22.22% 6	27
Supportive Services	59.26% 16	37.04% 10	3.70% 1	27
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	66.67% 18	33.33% 9	0.00% 0	27
Victims of Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault / Human Trafficking	78.57% 11	7.14% 1	14.29% 2	14
Affordable rental housing	70.37% 19	22.22% 6	7.41% 2	27
Permanent supportive housing	59.26% 16	29.63% 8	11.11% 3	27
Transitional Housing	55.56% 15	33.33% 9	11.11% 3	27
Noncongregate shelter	40.74% 11	44.44% 12	14.81% 4	27
Supportive Services	66.67% 18	25.93% 7	7.41% 2	27
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	62.96% 17	33.33% 9	3.70% 1	27
Other	90.00% 9	10.00% 1	0.00% 0	10
Affordable rental housing	82.61% 19	17.39% 4	0.00% 0	23
Permanent supportive housing	65.22%	30.43%	4.35%	

# SURVEY OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING NEEDS

SurveyMonkey

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Transitional Housing	54.55% 12	31.82% 7	13.64% 3	22
Noncongregate shelter	59.09% 13	22.73% 5	18.18% 4	22
Supportive Services	65.22% 15	30.43% 7	4.35% 1	23
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	54.55% 12	40.91% 9	4.55% 1	22

Q6 A) How would you describe the capacity challenges and needs of organizations in your service area working to provide shelter, services, and housing for HOME-ARP qualifying populations?

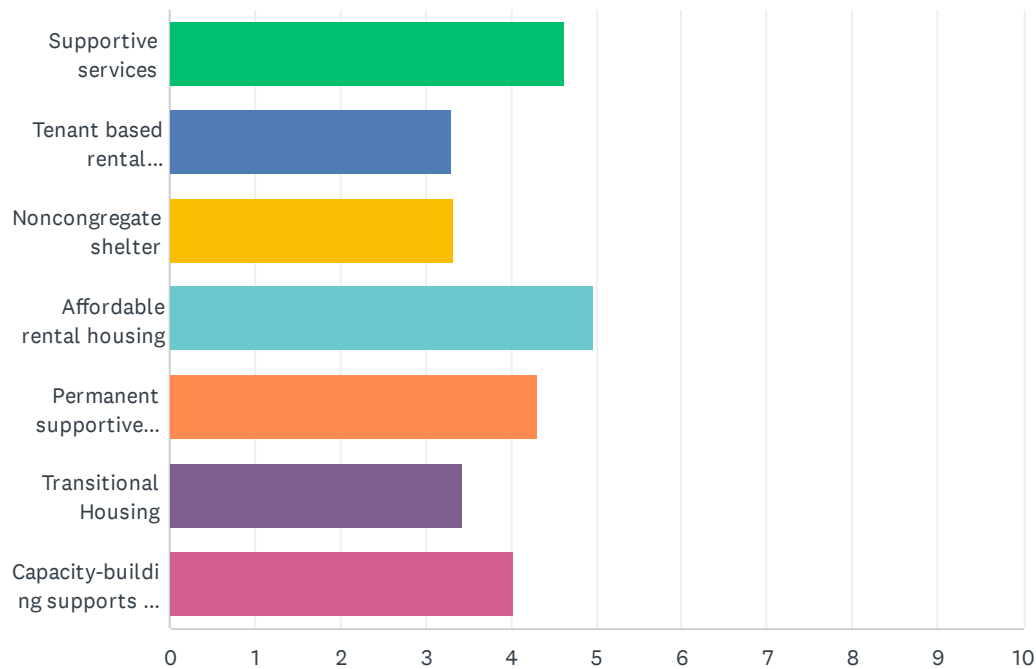
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Q7 What capacity-building supports would enable these organizations to expand shelter, services, and housing for qualifying populations?

Answered: 23   Skipped: 5

**Q8 How would you prioritize the use of HOME-ARP funds among the eligible activities within your organization's service area? Please rank the following with 1 as the highest priority and 7 as the lowest.**

Answered: 27 Skipped: 1



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Supportive services	11.11% 3	18.52% 5	29.63% 8	22.22% 6	7.41% 2	3.70% 1	7.41% 2	27	4.63
Tenant based rental assistance	3.70% 1	14.81% 4	14.81% 4	7.41% 2	14.81% 4	22.22% 6	22.22% 6	27	3.30
Noncongregate shelter	7.41% 2	7.41% 2	14.81% 4	11.11% 3	14.81% 4	29.63% 8	14.81% 4	27	3.33
Affordable rental housing	33.33% 9	14.81% 4	14.81% 4	11.11% 3	7.41% 2	14.81% 4	3.70% 1	27	4.96
Permanent supportive housing	11.11% 3	18.52% 5	11.11% 3	22.22% 6	29.63% 8	0.00% 0	7.41% 2	27	4.30
Transitional Housing	11.11% 3	7.41% 2	11.11% 3	14.81% 4	18.52% 5	14.81% 4	22.22% 6	27	3.44
Capacity-building supports for shelter, service, and housing providers	22.22% 6	18.52% 5	3.70% 1	11.11% 3	7.41% 2	14.81% 4	22.22% 6	27	4.04

Q9 Are there successful programs or projects that could serve as models for meeting the needs of the qualifying populations in your service area?

Answered: 18   Skipped: 10

Q10 Do you have other comments or suggestions for how HOME-ARP resources can be used to effectively support shelter, services, and housing programs and projects within your service area?

Answered: 16   Skipped: 12

## Persons with Lived Experience Survey

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
a. Less than 1 month															X	X					X									3
b. 1-3 months							X	X										X	X											4
c. 4-6 months	X	X		X		X			X			X	X	X									X							9
d. 7-9 months					X																									2
e. 10-12 months				X											X													X	X	1
f. More than 1 year			X																	X	X			X	X					4
g. In an emergency shelter	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X		X	X	1
h. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find																				X										24
i. In a motel or hotel																				X										3
j. With family or friends																														0
Other																														0
HOUSED				trans																										1
a. 1 – just me by myself		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X	X	X			5
b. 2 – me and one other person	X															X				X	X							X		5
c. 3 – me and two other persons															X			X	X											1
d. 4 – me and three other persons																	X	X	X											3
5																														0
Currently working?				X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	UNABLE		UNABLE	UNABLE		UNABLE	X		UNABLE	X		UNABLE			3 UNABLE	1
Earnings																														9
a. Less than \$100	X	X														X				X										5
b. Between \$101 - \$150						X		X							X									X						4
c. Between \$151 and \$200					X		X		X																					7
d. More than \$200				X	X					X				X							X		X			X				4
e. I don't want to answer											X		X				X	X	X											8
a. Case Management	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			1
b. Mental Health	X				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X		2
c. Substance Abuse					X	X	X		X														X	X	X		X			7
d. Housing search/placement				X	X	X	X		X						X	X	X			X						X				10
e. Childcare																														0
f. Basic educational skills	X										X			X																3
g. Employment assistance/job training programs				X		X			X		X															X		X		6
h. Legal services						X			X	X			X																	4
i. Financial assistance costs, including:					X	X																								3
i. Rental application fees																X	X					X								1
ii. Security deposits															X	X	X													2
iii. Utility deposits														X		X	X													1
iv. Payment of rental arrears																X														1
a. Case Management																														1
b. Mental Health																					X									0
c. Substance Abuse																														1
d. Housing search/placement		X	X											X						X		X						X		1
e. Childcare														X																6
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iii. Utility deposits																														1
iv. Payment of rental arrears																														1
TRANSPORTATION																														0
Case Manager	X																													16
Barriers	AVAILABLE/AFF	Income																												0
• Supportive services	3	2	4		1	4	1		1	1	1		1	2	3	3	2	1	2	2		2	1	1	1	4		1	2	11
• Tenant based rental assistance	2	3	1		4	4		1	2				1	3	2	1	3	1	3	3		3	5	2	1	1		2	3	7
• Noncongregate shelter	4	4	3	1	2	3		1	4				1	4	4	4	4	1	4	4		4	5	4	1	3		3	4	12
• Affordable rental housing	1	1	2	1	3	2		1	3			1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		1	1	3	1	2		1	1	17

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7. What services do you need but cannot access?

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8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

APARTMENTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE  
MONEY/ASSISTANCE

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- 3 • Supportive services
- 2 • Tenant based rental assistance
- 4 • Noncongregate shelter
- 1 • Affordable rental housing

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  - iii. Utility deposits
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- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

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- b. Mental Health
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- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

1. reliable income / roommates to help me.

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

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- 3 • Tenant based rental assistance
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e. I don't want to answer

6. What type of services do you currently receive? (too many options)

a. Case Management  
b. Mental Health  
c. Substance Abuse  
d. Housing search/placement

*none*

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
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7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
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- ☒ d. Housing search/placement
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- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- a. Yes
- ☒ b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

FINDING A PLACE YOU CAN AFFORD

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- Supportive services (4)
- Tenant based rental assistance (1)
- Noncongregate shelter (3)
- Affordable rental housing (2)

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  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - ☒ e. Other (please list: Transitional)
3. How many people are in your household?
  - ☒ a. 1 – just me by myself
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- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

~~low~~ Credit Score

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- Supportive services
- Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- ☒ • Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
- ☒ • Affordable rental housing

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1B

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2. Where are you currently living?
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  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
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  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
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  - d. Housing search/placement

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7. What services do you need but cannot access?

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8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

MONEY

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

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- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

*Addiction*

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- 5 • Supportive services
- 5 • Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- 3 • Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
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- j. Other: YLP

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d. 4 – me and three other persons

4. Are you currently working?

☒ a. Yes  
b. No  
c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition  
d. No but I am looking for a job

5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?

a. Less than \$100  
b. Between \$101 - \$150  
☒ c. Between \$151 and \$200  
d. More than \$200  
e. I don't want to answer

6. What type of services do you currently receive?

☒ a. Case Management  
☒ b. Mental Health  
☒ c. Substance Abuse  
☒ d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

*Probation dept.*

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- Supportive services
- Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
- Affordable rental housing

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3B

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1. How long have you been experiencing homelessness? If not currently experiencing homelessness, what was your longest length of time spent homeless?
  - a. Less than 1 month
  - ☒ b. 1-3 months
  - c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
2. Where are you currently living?
  - ☒ a. In an emergency shelter
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. How many people are in your household?
  - ☒ a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons
  - d. 4 – me and three other persons
4. Are you currently working?
  - ☒ a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - d. No but I am looking for a job
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100
  - ☒ b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - d. More than \$200
  - e. I don't want to answer
6. What type of services do you currently receive?
  - ☒ a. Case Management
  - b. Mental Health
  - c. Substance Abuse
  - d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- ☒ i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- a. Yes
- ☒ b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

money

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- Supportive services ~ 1
- Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8) — 1
- Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room) — 1
- Affordable rental housing — 1

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4A

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1. How long have you been experiencing homelessness? If not currently experiencing homelessness, what was your longest length of time spent homeless?
  - a. Less than 1 month
  - b. 1-3 months
  - ☒ c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
2. Where are you currently living?
  - ☒ a. In an emergency shelter
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. How many people are in your household?
  - a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons
  - d. 4 – me and three other persons
4. Are you currently working?
  - ☒ a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - d. No but I am looking for a job
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100
  - b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - ☒ c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - d. More than \$200
  - e. I don't want to answer
6. What type of services do you currently receive?
  - ☒ a. Case Management
  - ☒ b. Mental Health
  - ☒ c. Substance Abuse
  - ☒ d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- ☒ g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- ☒ h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

Cost of living

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- 1 • Supportive services
- 2 • Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- 4 • Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
- 3 • Affordable rental housing

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4 B

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1. How long have you been experiencing homelessness? If not currently experiencing homelessness, what was your longest length of time spent homeless?
  - a. Less than 1 month
  - b. 1-3 months
  - c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
  
2. Where are you currently living?
  - a. In an emergency shelter
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: A)
  
3. How many people are in your household?
  - a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons
  - d. 4 – me and three other persons
  
4. Are you currently working?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - d. No but I am looking for a job
  
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100
  - b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - d. More than \$200
  - e. I don't want to answer
  
6. What type of services do you currently receive?
  - a. Case Management
  - b. Mental Health
  - c. Substance Abuse
  - d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- ~~f.~~ Basic educational skills
- ~~g.~~ Employment assistance/job training programs
- ~~h.~~ Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- ~~f.~~ Basic educational skills
- ~~g.~~ Employment assistance/job training programs
- ~~h.~~ Legal services
- ~~i.~~ Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

*Lack of Funds*

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- Supportive services 1
- Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
- Affordable rental housing

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4C

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  - a. Less than 1 month
  - b. 1-3 months
  - ☒ c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
2. Where are you currently living?
  - ☒ a. In an emergency shelter
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. How many people are in your household?
  - ☒ a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons
  - d. 4 – me and three other persons
4. Are you currently working?
  - ☒ a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - d. No but I am looking for a job
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100
  - b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - ☒ d. More than \$200
  - e. I don't want to answer
6. What type of services do you currently receive?
  - ☒ a. Case Management
  - b. Mental Health
  - c. Substance Abuse
  - d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- ☒ g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

N/A

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- Supportive services
- Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
- Affordable rental housing 1

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2-B

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  - a. Less than 1 month
  - b. 1-3 months
  - ☒ c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
2. Where are you currently living?
  - ☒ a. In an emergency shelter
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. How many people are in your household?
  - ☒ a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons
  - d. 4 – me and three other persons
4. Are you currently working?
  - ☒ a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - d. No but I am looking for a job
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100
  - b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - d. More than \$200
  - ☒ e. I don't want to answer
6. What type of services do you currently receive?
  - ☒ a. Case Management
  - ☒ b. Mental Health
  - ☒ c. Substance Abuse
  - ☒ d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- a. Yes
- b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

*NEVER FINDING WHAT YOU  
WANT AND ITS TOO MUCH \$*

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- 5 • Supportive services
- 5 • Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- 5 • Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
- 5 • Affordable rental housing

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Kurt  
11/2/22

Survey

from

— The Refuge

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  - a. Less than 1 month
  - b. 1-3 months
  - ☒ c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
  
2. Where are you currently living?
  - ☒ a. In an emergency shelter
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
  
3. How many people are in your household?
  - a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons
  - d. 4 – me and three other persons
  - ☒ e. 5
  
4. Are you currently working?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - ☒ c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - d. No but I am looking for a job
  
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100
  - b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - ☒ d. More than \$200
  - e. I don't want to answer
  
6. What type of services do you currently receive? (too many options)
  - ☒ a. Case Management
  - ☒ b. Mental Health
  - c. Substance Abuse
  - d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- ☒ f. Basic educational skills
- ☒ g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- ☒ h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - ☒ iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- ☒ d. Housing search/placement
- ☒ e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - ☒ iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. ~~Are you~~ currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No


9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

Evictions

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- 2 • Supportive services
- 3 • Tenant based rental assistance
- 4 • Noncongregate shelter
- 1 • Affordable rental housing

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  - a. Less than 1 month
  - b. 1-3 months
  - c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - ☒ e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
  
2. Where are you currently living?
  - ☒ a. In an emergency shelter
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
  
3. How many people are in your household?
  - a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons
  - ☒ d. 4 – me and three other persons
  
4. Are you currently working?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - ☒ d. No but I am looking for a job
  
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100
  - ☒ b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - d. More than \$200
  - e. I don't want to answer
  
6. What type of services do you currently receive? (too many options)
  - ☒ a. Case Management
  - b. Mental Health
  - c. Substance Abuse
  - ☒ d. Housing search/placement

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ☒ ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: long term assistance (section 8)

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- ☒ a. Yes
- b. No


9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

Financial problems

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- 3 • Supportive services
- 2 • Tenant based rental assistance
- 4 • Noncongregate shelter
- 1 • Affordable rental housing

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  - a. Less than 1 month ✓
  - b. 1-3 months
  - c. 4-6 months
  - d. 7-9 months
  - e. 10-12 months
  - f. More than 1 year
2. Where are you currently living? ✓
  - a. In an emergency shelter ✓
  - b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
  - c. In a motel or hotel
  - d. With family or friends
  - e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. How many people are in your household?
  - a. 1 – just me by myself
  - b. 2 – me and one other person
  - c. 3 – me and two other persons ✓
  - d. 4 – me and three other persons
4. Are you currently working?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No ✗
  - c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental condition
  - d. No but I am looking for a job
5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?
  - a. Less than \$100 ✗
  - b. Between \$101 - \$150
  - c. Between \$151 and \$200
  - d. More than \$200
  - e. I don't want to answer
6. What type of services do you currently receive? (too many options)
  - a. Case Management
  - b. Mental Health
  - c. Substance Abuse
  - d. Housing search/placement

? about to receive SSI

- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

- a. Case Management
- b. Mental Health
- c. Substance Abuse
- d. Housing search/placement
- e. Childcare
- f. Basic educational skills
- g. Employment assistance/job training programs
- h. Legal services
- i. Financial assistance costs, including:
  - i. Rental application fees
  - ii. Security deposits
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Payment of rental arrears
- j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

- a. Yes
- b. No


9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

rental apps  
prior LLord evictions

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- Supportive services 3
- Tenant based rental assistance 1
- Noncongregate shelter 4
- Affordable rental housing 2

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1. How long have you been experiencing homelessness? If not currently experiencing homelessness, what was your longest length of time spent homeless?

- ☒ a. Less than 1 month
- b. 1-3 months
- c. 4-6 months
- d. 7-9 months
- e. 10-12 months
- f. More than 1 year

2. Where are you currently living?

- ☒ a. In an emergency shelter
- b. On the street, in a car, at a campground or wherever I could find
- c. In a motel or hotel
- d. With family or friends
- e. Other (please list: \_\_\_\_\_)

3. How many people are in your household?

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- a. Yes
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9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

not enough money to support

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

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Can't find help finding a Landlord  
that will rent to me and my family

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- Supportive services 3
- Tenant based rental assistance 1
- Noncongregate shelter 1
- Affordable rental housing 1

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- a. Yes
- ☒ b. No

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

My family and i are having trouble with finding a Landlord willing to work with us on app Fee's and placing us in there apartments.

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- ☒ Supportive services **4**
- ☒ Tenant based rental assistance **4**
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- j. Other: Day

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paying rent applied for ssi will have to work from home

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  - ☒ e. Other (please list: I have my own home) now.
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☒ j. Other: They help me get back together for my daughter and i  
E U M A. and now i worth for them

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j. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. No

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worth finding job's that pay enough to pay rent  
 So their for we need more houseing that would be cheeper  
 for people to live and to be able to pay everything that needs paid

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

- ☒ Supportive services
- ☒ Tenant based rental assistance (like Section 8)
- ☒ Noncongregate shelter (you get your own room)
- ☒ Affordable rental housing

are need's { Rent  
 Lights  
 Gas

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we need like old closed down home and School a community  
 for our homeless for them to work and traind them self to be  
 able to live without fall apart

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- a. Yes
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9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

- Credit Score, financial situation
- Application fees
- Call backs, - Allow pets (put my dog up for adoption)

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

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*most my life off/on*

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*IN A APARTMENT*

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*1000 month*

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*Landlords not doing the BASICS - BACK DOOR  
LOCKS need KEYS, KITCHEN SINK LEAKS, WATER DROPS  
BATH TUB*

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Retired

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*upkeep from house in need of repair*

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8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

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9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

STAYING ON TRACK WITH BILLS (MONTHLY)

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waiting for paperwork from  
RAPID Rehousing

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1. How long have you been experiencing homelessness? If not currently experiencing homelessness, what was your longest length of time spent homeless?

**4 individuals:**

**f. More than 1 year**

**1 individual:**

**e. 10-12 months**

2. Where are you currently living?

**1 individual:**

**a. In an emergency shelter**

**3 individuals:**

**b. On the street**

**1 individual:**

**e: rooming house**

3. How many people are in your household?

**5 individuals:**

**a. 1 – just me by myself**

4. Are you currently working?

**2 individuals:**

**b. No  
condition**

**3 individuals:**

**c. I am unable to work due to my physical or mental**

5. Can you tell us how much you earn in one week?

**N/A**

**Income from non wages:**

**3 individuals on SSI**

**1 individual with SSI suspended**

**1 with no income**

6. What type of services do you currently receive? (too many options)

**1 individual:**

**a. Case Management**

**b. Mental Health**

**2 individuals:**

**b. Mental Health**

**2 individuals:**

**j. = None**

**Financial assistance costs, including:**

**i. Rental application fees**

**ii. Security deposits**

**iii. Utility deposits**

7. What services do you need but cannot access?

**1 individual:**

**individual:**

**3 individuals:**

**1**

**a. Case Management** **j.**

**Other: none** **j.: transportation**

**d. Housing search/placement**

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8. Are you currently working with a case manager to identify housing opportunities?

**2 individuals: housed currently ( no case mgr)**

**3 individuals:**

**b. No**

9. What are the biggest barriers you face in identifying and maintaining housing?

**individual # 1:** I need money, updated list of available apartments in Real time, and someone to check in on me when I find my new place. It's too quiet here.

**individual #2:** "Decent" case manager who will look for me on the street and help me find a place. My free phone broke."

**individual # 3:** "I need my SSI back. No one helps me, and I can't walk right. The places are all too much money, and I can't walk around to find a new place."

**individual # 4:** "I'm 'staying out' again. They all want to know too much". (This individual slept outside in a church doorway last winter. His MH symptoms and paranoia keep him from using shelters where personal identification is essential)

**individual # 5:** "The ones I can afford are holes". I need help to find one that has heat included. I can't afford one on my own."

**Kate, I leave it to your discretion to translate these individual statements.**

10. How would you prioritize the following? (1 as the highest priority and 5 as the lowest)

**5 Individuals: Highest Priority #1**

**• Tenant based rental assistance**

**4 individuals: Priority #2**

**+**

**1 individual: Priority #3**

**• Affordable rental housing**

**4 individuals: Priority #3      +      1 individual: Priority #2**  
• Supportive services

**5 Individuals: Lowest Priority**  
• Noncongregate shelter

## Appendix B: Citizen Participation

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
CITY OF ERIE  
HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN**

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The hearings are open to the public and the link for registration to participate for Zoom will be available on the City of Erie website at [cityof.erie.pa.us/meetings](https://cityof.erie.pa.us/meetings)

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Joseph Schember, Mayor  
City of Erie, Pennsylvania

SO-33204486

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By Brian King / 11/22/2022

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[https://erie-pa-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0uKJ0pqjRe-zZd\\_uM9\\_w1g](https://erie-pa-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0uKJ0pqjRe-zZd_uM9_w1g)

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## Debra Smith

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**From:** Veronica Fields  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:03 PM  
**To:** Debra Smith  
**Subject:** Comments from ARP Public Hearings

Hi Debra,

10am Public Hearing:

- Liz Allen – requested review of the role of CHDOs and the ability of not having to use the CHDOs for these funds.
- Art Leopold – indicated two initiatives that have worked and are working in other communities 1.) University Based Income Project: income grants (300-400 individuals) is provided to citizens of the community on a regular basis.; 2.) County Home Project: for previously housed people, considered a housing overflow; commented on 15% admin and indicated that it should be reconsidered for 10-12% because 15% was too high.

6pm Public Hearing:

- Tanya Teglo – asked if the City was going to build a place where the homeless can shower, change clothes, etc. and suggested it be placed at various locations throughout the City. In addition, she mentioned the idea of implementing the University Based Income Project.

Thanks,

*Veronica M. Fields* MPA

Grant Administrator  
City of Erie - Economic & Community Development  
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Erie, PA 16501-1128  
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814-870-1443 fax  
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Monday, December 5, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

## E-MAIL

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10:00 A.M

NAME

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL

ZOOM

Renee Lanis.

Art Leopold

## FIRST PUBLIC HEARING HOME-ARP ALLOCATIONS

**Monday, December 5, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

# Zoom

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL
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Tanya Telo

## Appendix C: SF424s/Certifications

By Michael Keys Seconded By: Chuck Nelson

## COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Erie, Pa. January 4, 2023

Resolved, by the Council of the City of Erie, **that the Resolution of the Council of The City of Erie approving the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan be formally ratified:**

WHEREAS, under the HOME-ARP Program created by the American Rescue Plan of 2021, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to participating jurisdictions to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive \$2,932,681.00 for the HOME-ARP Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has conducted required stakeholder consultation meetings, and prepared an Allocation Plan in accordance with the requirements of Notice CPD 21-10 and Notice CPD 2022-13 which addresses the unmet housing and service needs of the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the City's HOME ARP Allocation Plan was on display from November 23, 2022-December 9, 2022, and the City has held public hearings on said Allocation Plan and the comments of various agencies, groups and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ERIE:

1. That the Substantial Amendment to the FY2021 Annual Action Plan and the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan are hereby in all respects approved and the Secretary is hereby directed to file a copy of said Plans with minutes of this meeting.
2. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of affordable housing activities with federal financial assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants and, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.
3. That the Mayor of the City of Erie, on behalf of the City Council, is authorized to file an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$2,932,681.00 for HOME-ARP Program.
4. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, is hereby authorized to provide such assurances and/or certifications as required by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the American Rescue Plan, as amended, and also any supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in connection with the review of this Application.
5. That the Mayor is authorized to execute on behalf of the City the formal grant contracts, amendments, and other documents relating to the City's HOME-ARP Program.

Resolved and adopted the 4th day of January 2023.

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NO. 4

2023	Ayes	Nays
Allen Brzezinski	1	
Flores	1	
Keys	1	
Nelson		
Troop	1	
Witherspoon	1	
NELSON Allen	1	

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## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

14.239

\* 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

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

\* a. Applicant PA016

\* b. Program/Project PA016

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

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date: 09/20/2021

\* b. End Date: 09/30/2030

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	2,932,681.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	2,932,681.00

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ \*\* I AGREE

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

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name: Joseph

Middle Name:

\* Last Name: Schember

Suffix:

\* Title: Mayor

\* Telephone Number: 814-870-1274

Fax Number: 

\* Email: dsmith@erie.pa.us

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:



\* Date Signed: 01/05/2023

## ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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

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2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
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**\* 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
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**\* Other (Specify):**

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**4. Applicant Identifier:**

**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:**

**5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

**State Use Only:**

**6. Date Received by State:**

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**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**\* a. Legal Name:**

City of Erie

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

25-6000857

**\* c. UEI:**

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**d. Address:**

**\* Street1:**

626 State Street

**Street2:**

Room 404

**\* City:**

Erie

**County/Parish:**

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**\* Zip / Postal Code:**

16501-1128

**e. Organizational Unit:**

**Department Name:**

Economic and Community Develop

**Division Name:**

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

**Prefix:**

**\* First Name:**

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**Middle Name:**

**\* Last Name:**

Smith

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Director, City of Erie DECD

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Signature of Authorized Official

01/05/2023  
Date

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Mayor  
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