

# HOME-ARP Substantial Amendment to FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

#### CITY OF HAMILTON, OHIO HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

#### **Background**

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) to address the continued impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, citizens, agencies, and businesses. On April 28, 2021 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated the City of Hamilton \$1,400,858 in HOME-ARP funds for the City to meet the housing and service needs of the community's most vulnerable populations.

#### Consultation

In accordance with Section V.A of the Notice (page 13), <u>before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan</u>, at a minimum, the City consulted with:

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

#### The consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

On March 2, 2022 the City of Hamilton released a HOME-ARP survey. The survey was emailed to persons, including but not limited to, Continuum of Care members, homeless service providers, domestic violence service providers, veterans groups, the Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority, public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations, public/private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and also public agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities.

On March 24th and 25, the City of Hamilton held two virtual consultation meetings. Members of the community representing multiple local agencies, citizens, and stakeholders were encouraged to attend one or both meetings. During each meeting the chat option was made available as well as a live survey conducted at the end of the meeting. Approximately twelve (12) participants attended and provided feedback during the March 24th meeting. While approximately five (5) participants contributed to the March 25th meeting. The meetings were advertised in the local Journal News (see Appendix), the City's social media platforms, and a

meeting announcement flyer was posted in high traffic areas of the City's buildings. The representatives from the below agencies attended the public consultation meetings offered via Zoom. Supporting information concerning the meetings may be found below and as attachments in the appendix.

Additionally, the City engaged in direct consultation with the following agencies: Butler County Department of Jobs & Family Services - Adult Protective Services, Butler County Children Services, Butler County Veterans Services, Butler County Department of Developmental Disabilities, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing (COHHIO), Family Promise, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider (i.e. Serve City), Local Public Housing Authority, Neighborhood Housing Services, Public or Private Fair Housing Provider Housing Opportunities Made Equal, and Partnership for Housing.

#### City of Hamilton HOME-ARP Flyer (Distributed in public locations):

City of Hamilton – HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)





The City of Hamilton received HOME Investment
Partnership Program funds under the American
Rescue Plan (ARP). This grant enables the City to
assist individuals or households who are homeless
at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable
populations, by providing housing, rental
assistance, supportive services, and noncongregate housing.

lease join us to discuss ideas for the use of HOME-ARP grant funds at one of the following Zoom Meetings:

Thursday, March 24, 2022
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Friday, March 25, 2022
11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
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## City of Hamilton Powerpoint Presentation Slides for Group Consultation (also included in Appendix C):























#### List of organizations & agencies consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Adult Protective Services	Public Agency to Address the Needs of the Qualifying Populations (Veterans & Seniors)	Direct consultation & survey provided.	<ul> <li>City representatives had direct consultation with the Butler County Adult Protective Services who also provide services for local veterans and senior citizens. A summary of the consultation is provided below.</li> </ul>
Boys & Girls Club	Local Agency to Address the Needs of the Qualifying Populations	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
Butler Co Homeless & Housing Coalition	Local Homeless Services Provider	Invited to the Public Meetings & survey provided	<ul> <li>Members of the BCHHC attended and provided feedback concerning homeless persons and their housing needs;</li> <li>Supportive services are difficult for homeless persons to access;</li> <li>Transitional housing is useful, but follow-up aid is needed when ready to access permanent housing;</li> <li>There is a gap in funding for additional affordable housing in a variety of sizes.</li> </ul>
Butler Co. Educational Services	Public Agency to Address the Needs of Persons with Disabilities	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	<ul> <li>Attended a meeting and provided feedback concerning the need for additional supportive affordable housing for larger families.</li> </ul>
Butler County Childrens' Services	Public Agency to Address the Needs of Children	Direct Consultation	Direct consultation, summary provided below.
Butler County Developmental Disabilities	Public Agency to Address the Needs of Persons with Disabilities	Direct Consultation; Survey provided.	Direct consultation summary provided below.
Butler County Veterans Services	Public Agency serving veterans.	Direct consultation	<ul> <li>Landlords are selling and new owners are evicting at an increased rate unseen before.</li> <li>Lack of affordable housing due to limited income.</li> <li>An additional 100 or 200 affordable units for Difficult to find housing for repeat offenders and transgender vets</li> <li>(YWCA houses trans, but are full)</li> <li>Pedophiles are sent to Dayton for services</li> </ul>

Butler Metropolitan Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority, Public Agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations.	Direct consultation & survey provided	Direct consultation summary provided below.
Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)	State Co-Applicant for the Balance of State that serves the City of Hamilton in collaboration with the local Continuum of Care	Direct Consultation; Survey provided.	<ul> <li>There is a gap in funding for long-term affordable housing.</li> <li>Detailed correspondence may be found below.</li> </ul>
Community Development Professionals	Local Agency to address the needs of the qualifying populations.	Attended the Public Meetings survey provided	<ul> <li>Provided comments concerning the need for additional affordable housing.</li> <li>Suggested a more streamlined approach for homeless services and housing providers.</li> <li>Collaboration among local organizations and service providers would aid in the planning of additional housing options.</li> </ul>
Community Health Alliance	Local Agency to Address the Needs of Persons with Disabilities	Attended the Public Meeting - Zoom; Survey provided;	<ul> <li>Attended the meeting and provided feedback concerning persons at risk for homelessness and the need for low-income housing.</li> <li>Persons currently in housing but suddenly lose income or face eviction have trouble finding available low-income housing.</li> <li>The current housing stock in the City is not sufficient to sustain the number of persons seeking to rent housing.</li> </ul>
Continuum of Care Members	Local Continuum of Care and homeless services provider.	Attended the Public Meetings & provided survey responses.	<ul> <li>The City of Hamilton is within the Balance of State Continuum of Care. As such the City consulted with members of the local homeless coalition and also COHHIO.</li> <li>Members of the local CoC attended and provided feedback concerning housing for homeless persons.</li> </ul>
Dream Center	Local Homeless Service Provider	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
Family Promise	Local Homeless Service Provider	Direct Consultation & Public Meeting - Zoom; Survey provided;	<ul> <li>It was suggested that the City consider additional affordable housing options and also review current zoning laws that cause new construction and housing hurdles.</li> <li>Additionally, concerns regarding accessible and affordable transportation and fair housing were mentioned.</li> </ul>
Great Miami Valley YMCA	Local Agency to Address the Needs of the Qualifying Populations	Attended the Public Meetings	<ul> <li>Attended a meeting and provided feedback concerning the need for additional affordable housing.</li> </ul>

		& provided survey responses.	<ul> <li>Housing specifically for families and seniors is needed. More specifically, there is an obvious gap in the variety of units in varying number of bedroom sizes.</li> </ul>
Hamilton Living Water Ministry	Local Agency to Address the Needs of the Qualifying Populations	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
HOPE House	Local Homeless Service Provider	Attended the Public Meetings & provided survey responses.	<ul> <li>Attended a meeting and provided feedback concerning the need for additional supportive and affordable housing.</li> <li>Additionally, a need for housing for larger families was expressed (3 bedrooms or more).</li> <li>Lastly, the need for broadened communication with landlords/property owners was expressed.</li> </ul>
Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.)	Local Fair Housing Advocates	Direct Consultation	Direct consultation summary provided below.
НҮРЕ	Public Agency to Address the Needs of the Qualifying Populations	Invited to the Public Meetings & survey provided	No comments received.
Lifespan - Elderly Services	Local Agency to Address the Needs of Persons with Disabilities	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
Neighborhood Housing Services	Public/Private Organization that Addresses the housing needs of the qualifying populations.	Direct consultation & attended the public meeting.	<ul> <li>There is a gap in additional housing for low-income residents.</li> <li>There is a gap in the availability of quality affordable housing that has been an ongoing problem.</li> <li>Property owners often do not make necessary repairs to the unit(s)/homes.</li> </ul>
Parachute	Local Agency to Address the Needs of the Qualifying Populations	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
Partnerships for Housing	Public Agency to Address the Needs of Persons with Disabilities	Direct consultation. Invited to the Public Meetings & survey provided	Direct consultation summary provided below.
Salvation Army	Local Supportive Services	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
SELF	Local emergency services provider to address the needs of qualifying populations.	Attended the Public Meeting - Zoom & Provided Survey Responses	<ul> <li>It was suggested that the City consider additional affordable housing options for local residents.</li> </ul>

			<ul> <li>Also, the need for rental assistance (due to COVID or poor rental history) was also mentioned.</li> </ul>
Serve City	Local Homeless Service Provider	Direct Consultation & Public Meeting - Zoom; Survey provided;	<ul> <li>It was suggested that the City consider additional permanent supportive transitional housing, and also non-congregate housing.</li> </ul>
Sojourner Recovery	Local Agency to Address the Needs of Persons with Disabilities	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
St. Julie's Catholic Church	Local Homeless Service Provider	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
Talbert House	Local halfway house & substance abuse treatment provider.	Invited to the Public Meetings & survey provided	<ul> <li>Attended the meeting and provided feedback concerning persons at risk for homelessness identified the gap in available low-income housing.</li> <li>More specifically, it was suggested that the development of additional housing with accompanying supportive services be encouraged for development in the City.</li> <li>It was stated that it is more difficult to find affordable housing in the community over the past year.</li> </ul>
United Way	Local Services for Veterans	Invited to the Public Meetings survey provided	No comments received.
Women Helping Women	City's Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate Service provider	Direct consultation.	<ul> <li>Additional affordable housing is needed in a variety of sizes.</li> <li>Supportive services will be beneficial to help victims sustain housing.</li> <li>Detailed correspondence may be found below.</li> </ul>
YWCA Hamilton	Local Domestic Violence Service Provider	Attended the Public Meeting - Zoom; Survey provided;	<ul> <li>It was suggested that the City consider additional supportive and low-income housing.</li> <li>Direct consultation summary provided below.</li> </ul>

## Feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities (Targeted Consultation):

The City of Hamilton received a wide range of suggestions and feedback concerning the state of housing and identified housing needs during the group and individual consultations. Direct consultation was held with representatives from the below agencies over a period of approximately fifteen months.

#### **Butler County Department of Jobs & Family Services - Adult Protective Services:**

Representatives for the City had an individual consultation with a representative for Butler County Adult Protective Services (APS). The majority of the persons served by APS are age 60 and older. They are often neglected and basic needs are not being met (e.g. loss of income, loss of spouse, etc). Many suffer from exploitation and are unable to meet needs due to the poor money management. Many experience eviction and foreclosure due to financial hardship, clutter and sanitation issues; are fleeing abuse from a spouse or an adult child; and/or have ADL needs and cannot stay in a shelter due to the lack of accommodations. The representative stated that there is a need for additional subsidized housing. Additionally, it was suggested that there is a need for transitional housing to assist some persons with basic levels of care. The first step in acquiring transitional housing would be to secure Medicaid, and get supportive services arranged (e.g. a home health aid). It was the representative's suggestion that housing services be geared towards persons who are currently homeless (QP1). As facility care is expensive, there is a need for transitional housing (approximately 30-90 days as it was stated that this timeframe should be sufficient to apply for and obtain Medicaid). Jobs & Family Services is willing to serve as the case management provider.

Butler County Children Services: A representative with Jobs & Family services participated in a one on one conversation with NDD staff. As such, it was determined that it is difficult to safely house children that have turned 18 and are in need of housing. Parents attempting to unify with their children are also experiencing a difficult time finding safe and sustainable housing. This is a significant barrier as it relates to drug court. Older youth in care and soon to exit care are also unable to find supportive housing (there is a need for case management services). An Independent Living Case Manager is provided beginning at age fourteen (14) and transitioning into independent living after high school graduation. BRIDGES Program - contracts with independent living providers who work with youth that have transitioned to independent living. Funds are provided to said youth. An example of safe and appropriate housing includes a congregate care setting where the youth (QP4) may reside. In regards to families in need of homes, there is a need for 2-3 (sometimes even larger) bedroom units. In regards to "safe" housing it is difficult to find affordable housing outside of areas in the community that are already affected by crime and violence. Lastly, it was suggested that the City could benefit from an additional twenty (20) or more additional units of housing for youth and families.

**Butler County Veterans Services:** Representatives for the City had an individual consultation with a representative of Butler County Veterans Services. During the discussion the representative stated that a growing problem among veterans (QP4) is the difficulty in finding and keeping affordable housing. More specifically, a growing trend of property owners selling residential properties to other persons/companies who in turn evict current tenant(s) (i.e veterans) with minimal to no notice for the sake of increasing the monthly rent on new tenants has significantly increased. As such, there is a lack of available affordable units. It has also become increasingly difficult for persons in the LGBTQIA community and persons with criminal

records to find landlords willing to rent to them. According to the VA representative, many of the veterans seeking housing or at risk of losing their housing (QP2) have difficulties keeping their housing due to their limited income. Lastly, it was suggested that the City would benefit from attending an additional 100 to 200 housing units for veterans and their families.

**Butler County Department of Developmental Disabilities:** Serves about 1700 people over the age of 18. Local funds they receive do not cover housing costs. Affordable housing is definitely a need. As a county organization they do not receive funds for housing. At the present, they have 27 homes with a housing address that houses 60+ persons. Since March 8, they have worked with 17 people trying to find housing. Services must be attached to the person that has the disability, the organization cannot find assistance for entire families. The representatives estimated that approximately 500 new housing units would be needed to make an impact on the housing needs. They work directly with Partnerships for Housing and it also provides case management services for each client (as needed). Representatives stated that they are not successful at receiving assistance from BMHA. An additional barrier discussed included the difficulty in finding housing for some of their clients that have criminal records. Many landlords are not willing to rent to persons with a criminal record (QP4). Quite often they end up finding units for their clients outside of the City of Hamilton and into surrounding counties or group home facilities.

Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO): A representative from COHHIO spoke directly with representatives with the City of Hamilton. During the consultation it was stated that long-term affordable housing has been difficult to access. In regards to specific populations experiencing housing insufficiency and persons with disabilities that are in need of supportive services. More specifically, single adults (over 25) that have a disability. It was not thought by this representative that veterans need assistance attaining targeted resources as there are available resources. There are VASH vouchers going unused at this time. SSVF is also available and can provide time limited rental assistance, financial assistance, and emergency hotel/motel vouchers. The VA funded programs are so robust they can serve every veteran that needs assistance in the City of Hamilton. The veterans programs may be accessed via a Homeless Response System at any shelter provider. More households without children seem to be in need of housing units than others, at this time. Nonetheless, there are still families that need multiple units.

**Domestic Violence Service Provider:** Representatives for the City had an individual consultation with a representative of the City's Domestic Violence service provider. During the consultation the representative stated that there is not enough available funding and housing options for domestic violence victims (QP3). More specifically, the speed of available housing options is a bigger issue than the number of units with 3 or more bedrooms.

Homeless Service Provider: Representatives for the largest local shelter in the City participated in the Zoom meeting. At that time it was suggested that the City consider additional affordable housing options for local residents. Also, the need for rental assistance (due to COVID or poor rental history) was also mentioned. More specifically, it is often difficult to find available housing for persons currently homeless. It was also stated that In the shelter representatives opinion, homeless persons (QP1) have the greatest need for housing assistance in the City.

**Local Public Housing Authority:** Representatives for the City had an individual consultation with a representative of the county's Public Housing Authority. During the consultation it was stated that the PHA is having difficulty getting the pre-application persons to respond. Persons currently housed are at risk of homelessness (QP2); other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness; and persons at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations are those without service providers/case workers or those with insufficient case management.

Representatives stated that "there is a real gap between the end of shelter stay and when you can get into permanent housing." It was suggested that the City collaborate to create a shelter system where the gap is plugged.

Public or Private Fair Housing Provider Housing Opportunities Made Equal: Representatives for the City had an individual consultation with representatives of Housing Opportunities Made Equal. During the consultation very specific and helpful feedback was received at that time. More specifically, it was stated that tenant-based assistance is a continuing need, facilitation with moving expenses is needed (e.g. assistance with moving costs), and the availability of units has become an issue. There is a lack of affordable housing and willing landlords to accept Section 8. In regards to any specific population needing more assistance, persons who are homeless and persons fleeing domestic violence have been identified as unable and having a greater housing need. Additionally, persons identified as "low-income under 30%" are also finding it difficult to find housing. It was suggested that the City needs at least an additional 100,000 new affordable housing units. A representative stated that the City of Hamilton's Building Dept and Health Dept does not inspect for pest infestation and "non-dire" safety hazards. It was also stated the City does not have a health code similar to the State of Ohio that enforces landlord upkeep. Representatives for H.O.M.E. were told that the City of Hamilton does not have enough staff to conduct inspections. As a result, they must contact the Ohio Department of Health. In regards to housing size needs, it was identified that there is a need for four bedroom rental units.

**Partnership for Housing:** A representative for the organization stated that their focus is to provide housing to persons with developmental disabilities. They provide housing and help find housing. It was stated that over the past two years finding housing for persons with

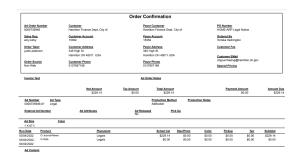
developmental disabilities has been "virtually impossible." Landlords are not accepting section 8 vouchers, and there is minimal accessible and affordable housing in the City of Hamilton. Gap financing would be a huge help (LIHTC, federal funding assistance). At the present, their services are minimal. It is anticipated and discussions are being had to partner with the City to create a 50+ unit housing facility for persons with developmental disabilities with direct support staff on location. Workforce housing for their "direct support person" would be beneficial as well. It is hoped that the facility may be developed in the City's center (close to service providers) to aid in transportation concerns.

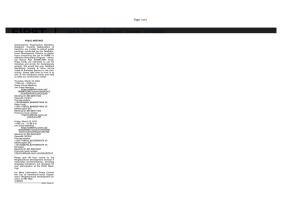
#### **Public Participation**

Public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- Date(s) of public notice: Monday, November 21, 2022 & Monday, January 9, 2023
- Public comment period: November 21, 2022 December 19, 2022
- Date(s) of public hearing: January 25, 2023 & February 8, 2023

Verification of Notifications (Appendix A):





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## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 2021-2022 Substantial Amendment to Annual Action Plan

to Annual Action Plan

The City of Hamilton is seeking input from the public concerning the inclusion of a substantial amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan; to Propose the Concerning the include the use of HoME Interstment (HOME-ARP) funds in the amount of \$1,400,858.00. The City proposes to utilize the awarded HOME-ARP funds for projects that may include the production or preservation of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), supportive services, homeless prevention services, housing counseling, and/or the purchase and development of non-congregate shelter.

The City of Hamilton will make the draft available for written comments from November 21, 2022 to December 19, 2022. Citizens can examine the Draft Annual Action Plan Update at the following locations:

City of Hamilton's Finance Department
 www.hamilton-city.org

Written comments concerning this draft should be addressed to: Neighborhood Development Division, Finance Department, 345 High Street 7th floor, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations and meaningful access to the plan by contacting the city's Neighborhood of the city's Neighborhood o

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# LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2021-2022 Substantial Amendment to Annual Action Plan

Hamilton City Council will meet at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM during which it will hold a public hearing regarding a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to utilize funds from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the City of Hamilton's HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds for eligible activities. The HOME-ARP funds proposed for amendment, transfer, and appropriation may include, but may not be limited to: FY 21-22 in the amount of \$1,400,858 to provide homelessness assistance, housing, supportive services, and program administration costs.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the public hearing and provide comments on this item during the public hearing. Please email Dave Jones, Finance Director, at dave.jones@hamilton-oh.gov for any questions.

Daniel Tidyman City Clerk City of Hamilton 1-9/2023

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#### Public participation process description:

On November 21, 2022, the City placed an ad in the local newspaper announcing the public comment period (November 21, 2022 thru December 19, 2022). Additionally, the HOME-ARP online survey that was specific to the HOME-ARP plan remained accessible for survey responses. Emails were sent to persons who work in, with, or benefit from additional housing options in the City; with the anticipation of encouraging them to attend the public hearings or provide survey responses. Additionally, the City made the survey accessible on the City's website. In the winter of 2022-2023, the City held two public hearings regarding the Substantial Amendment necessary to accept and appropriate the HOME-ARP funds. The City made announcements via the Journal News and the City's social media outlets. During both public hearings no comments were received.

On January 25 and February 8, 2023, the City held two public hearings during the City Council meetings.

#### Efforts to broaden public participation:

The City released an online survey on March 2, 2022 in an attempt to acquire as many responses as possible; the City kept the survey available until two (2) weeks before the submission to HUD. The survey was also emailed to persons who work in, with, or benefit from additional housing options in the City. Additionally, the City held a 30-day comment period. During this time residents and stakeholders were encouraged to provide written comments or call and provide verbal comments to the City's Neighborhood Development Division. In

preparation for the public hearings the City announced the dates, times, location, etc. via the local newspaper and the City's website. See Appendix

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

During the public meetings many participants stated that there is a need for additional low-income, transitional housing, housing for families, and also affordable market rate housing within the jurisdiction. It was also stated that it would be appreciated if the City was able to serve as a liaison between local organizations and nonprofits to promote partnerships to develop housing and/or provide supportive services.

#### Comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

There were no comments that were "not accepted". The City encouraged comments and took into consideration the comments provided.

#### **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

#### 2023 Butler County Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

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		Curr	ent Inve	ntory		Hoi	neless Po	pulation	on	Gap Analysis			
	Fam	nily	Adult	s Only	Vets	Family A	Adult	Vet s	Victim s of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Uni ts	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	HH (at least 1 child)	HH (w/o child)			# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	47	17	175										
Transitional Housing													
Rapid Rehousing	53	17	27										
Permanent Supportive Housing	30	13	200										
Total Emergency & Transitional Housing	47	17	175										
Total Long-term housing w/ supportive services	83	30	227										
Total Numbers	260	94	804										
Number in emergency shelter						12	164	6	45				
Number in transitional housing						0	48	4	4				
Number unsheltered						1	65	1	4				

Current Gap		13	277	11	53		

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation Note: The City of Hamilton consulted with a representative at COHHIO to acquire the most recent data.

#### **Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table**

	Non-Homeless		
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	11,250		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness (QP2))	3,835		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	2,140		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness (QP2))	3260	440	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)	1450	#	
Current Gaps		440	

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

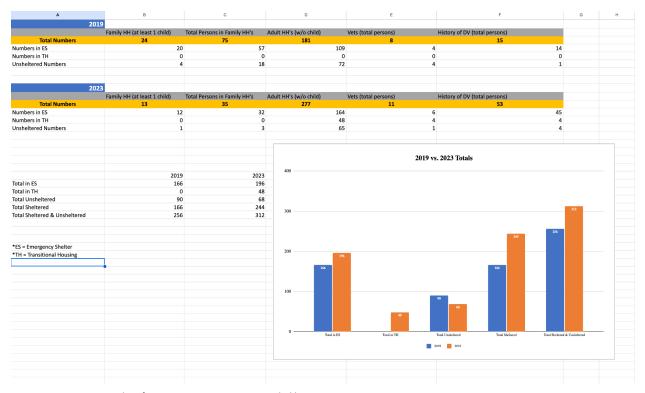
Note: The data provided for the Level of Need was provided by COHHIO in the FY 2023 HUD Annual Performance Report. Four hundred-forty (440) represents the total number of persons residing in Transitional housing, staying or living with family/temporary tenure, staying or living with friends/temporary tenure, residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a Safe Haven, or a hotel/motel.

The size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the City's boundaries - Note - Qualifying populations will include Homeless Persons (QP1), Persons At Risk of Homelessness (QP2), Domestic Violence Victims (QP3), Other Populations (e.g. veterans, persons with disabilities, youth, seniors, etc.) (QP4):

#### Homeless (QP1) as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The City of Hamilton consulted with COHHIO to acquire the most recent HUD Annual Performance Report data for Butler County. In doing so, it was determined that the number of chronically homeless persons that qualify totaled 281 persons. The data revealed that there are approximately 196 persons residing in emergency shelters, 48 in transitional housing, 68 unsheltered persons, and a total of 244 sheltered persons. There is an increase

in the number of persons in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and persons sheltered between 2019 and 2023 PIT data.



Data Sources: HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023 provided by COHHIO.

The majority of the chronically homeless persons counted were male (186); while 94 were female. In regards to race, the majority of the persons counted were white (769). While the remaining persons were of varying races including Black, African American, or African (249), Asian or Asian American (2), American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (3), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (7), Multiple Races (35), or Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused (2). When compared to 2019 PIT data, there is an increase in the number of Black, African American, or African persons counted (76 in 2019 vs 249 in 2023))

Chronically Homeless Persons Demographics						
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type	
Male	186	179	7	0	0	
Female	94	89	5	0	0	
No Single Gender	1	1	0	0	0	
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0	
Transgender	0	0	0	0	0	
Client Doesn't know/Client Refused	0	0	0	0	0	
Data Not collected	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	281	269	12	0	0	

Data Sources: HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023 provided by COHHIO.

Race, All Projects Participating in the PIT Count						
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type	
White	769	644	120	0	5	
Black, African American, or African	249	179	70	0	0	
Asian or Asian American	2	2	0	0	0	
American Indian. Alaska Native, or Indigenous	3	3				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7	7	0	0	0	
Multiple Races	35	20	15	0	0	
Client Doesn't know/Client Refused	2	2	0	0	0	
Data Not collected	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	1,067	857	205	0	5	

Data Sources: HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023 provided by COHHIO

#### At Risk of Homelessness (QP2) as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Per recent census data approximately 16.4% of Hamilton's population are considered to have income below the federal poverty number. Information on the chart below was provided by COHHIO and provides data concerning the exit destinations provided by local COC members. Per the data, approximately 281 persons were exiting a shelter and/or temporary housing situation and entering transitional housing, staying or living with family/friends, a place not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or client doesn't know. The lack of future stability/temporary tenure of each exit destination suggest an increased risk of homelessness for each person.

#### **Exit Destination**

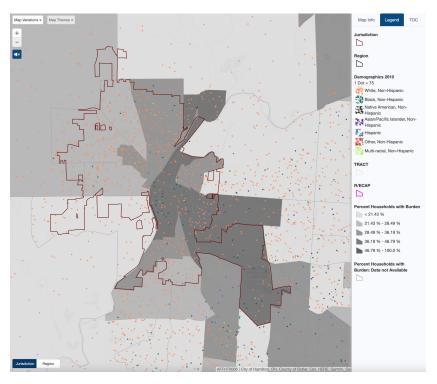
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type
Transitional housing for homeless persons (including youth)	186	179	7	0	0
Staying or living with family temporary tenure	94	89	5	0	0
Staying or living with friends temporary tenure	1	1	0	0	0
Place not meant for habitation	0	0	0	0	0
Safe Haven	0	0	0	0	0
Client Doesn't know/Client Refused	0	0	0	0	0
Data Not collected	0	0	0	0	0
Total	281	269	12	0	0

**Data Sources:** HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023 provided by COHHIO.

The City of Hamilton used the below Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing map and chart; they provide an estimate of the number of families with Severe Housing Cost Burden. Per the data and within the City of Hamilton, approximately 3,749 (15.41%) households experience Severe Housing Cost Burden. Unfortunately, the majority of the households under the said circumstances are Hispanic or of Other, Non-Hispanic race.

Table 10 - Demographics of Households with Severe Housing Cost Burd	en					
Households with Severe Housing Cost Burden	(н:	amilton City, OH CDBG) Jurisdiction			(Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN) Region	
Race/Ethnicity	# with severe cost burden	# households	% with severe cost burden	# with severe cost burden	# households	% with severe cost burden
White, Non-Hispanic	2,750	20,630	13.33%	71,985	688,933	10.45
Black, Non-Hispanic	580	2,375	24.42%	24,396	106,237	22.96
Hispanic	220	710	30.99%	3,075	16,666	18.459
Asian or Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	25	160	15.63%	2,345	15,550	15.08
Native American, Non-Hispanic	4	24	16.67%	259	1,092	23.72
Other, Non-Hispanic	170	419	40.57%	1,819	10,742	16.93
Total	3,749	24,325	15.41%	103,879	839,225	12.389
Household Type and Size						
Family households, <5 people	1,690	12,985	13.02%	42,504	475,497	8.94
Family households, 5+ people	170	1,939	8.77%	6,065	73,717	8.239
Non-family households	1,885	9,390	20.07%	55,318	290,006	19.07
Note 1: Severe housing cost burden is defined as greater than 50% of inc	ome.					
Note 2: All % represent a share of the total population within the jurisdiction or region, except household type and size, which is out of total households.						
Note 3: The # households is the denominator for the % with problems, and may differ from the # households for the table on severe housing problems.						
Note 4: Data Sources: CHAS						
Note 5: Refer to the Data Documentation for details (www.hudexchange.info/	resource/4848/affh-data-documentation),					

Data Sources: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing https://egis.hud.gov/affht/



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## Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (QP3), as defined by HUD in the Notice

The City has approximately seventeen (17) emergency shelter beds for domestic violence victims. One local domestic violence shelter reports substantial requests for housing placement and has a waitlist, at the present, of over one hundred domestic violence victims. 2023 data revealed that approximately 45 persons that have a history of domestic violence were residing in an emergency shelter, 4 in transitional housing, and 4 were unsheltered.

Domestic Violence	ce History				
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type
Yes	206	180	26	0	0
No	726	674	49	0	3
Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused	2	2	0	0	0
Data Not Collected	2	1	1	0	0
Total	936	857	76	0	3
Persons Fleeing [	Domestic Violence				
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type
Yes	38	33	5	0	0
No	166	145	21	0	0
Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused	2	2	0	0	0
Data Not Collected	0	0	0	0	0
Total	206	180	26	0	0

**Data Sources:** HUD Annual Performance Report FY2023 provided by COHHIO.

Other populations (QP4) requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Per HUD, other populations who do not qualify under any of the other populations are defined as other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness or persons at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability. Some of the populations that may fit under either category include, but may not be limited to veterans, persons with physical and mental health conditions,

The Butler County Board of Commissioners offers approximately twelve (12) beds/units, six (6) units, and twelve (12) HMIS beds for homeless individuals and families with a disability. Additionally, the City recognizes and has received feedback stating that persons being recently released from incarceration are in need of housing assistance to prevent homelessness. Numbers of persons in this category fluctuate with release dates and as the rate of arrests increases or decreases.

Q15. Living Situation					
Program Applicability: All Project	ts				
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type
Institutional Settings					
Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	10	10	0	0	0
Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	35	33	2	0	0
Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility	22	21	1	0	0
Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility	81	81	0	0	0
Foster care home or foster care group home	0	0	0	0	0
Long-term care facility or nursing home	6	6	0	0	0
Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria	6	6	0	0	0
Subtotal	160	157	3	0	0

Data Sources: HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023 provided by COHHIO.

PIT data counted approximately four (4) veterans in emergency shelter(s), one (1) staying or living with family, temporary tenure, five (5) staying or living with friends, temporary tenure, three (3) in a place not meant for human habitation, two (2) in a Safe Haven, and one (1) in a hotel. The data suggests that (and based upon the available data) the number of veterans was approximately 4.12% of the total population served during the HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023.

Exit Destination: Veterans						
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type	
Temporary Destination	ons					
Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter	4	4	0		0	

voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home Shelter				
Moved from one HOPWA funded project to HOPWA TH	0	0	0	0
Transitional housing for homeless persons (including youth)	0	0	0	0
Staying or living with family, temporary tenure	1	1	0	0
Staying or living with friends, temporary tenure	5	5	0	0
Place not meant for habitation	3	3	0	0
Safe Haven	2	2	0	0
Hotel or motel paid without emergency shelter voucher	1	1	0	0
Host Home (non crisis)	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	16	16	0	

**Data Sources:** HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023 provided by COHHIO.

Living Situation - Institutional Settings						
	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown Household Type	
Temporary Destinations						
Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility	10	10	0	0	0	
Substance	35	33	2	0	0	

abuse treatment facility or detox center					
Hospital ot other residential non-psychiatric medical facility	22	21	1	0	0
Jail, prison, or juvenile detention facility	81	81	0	0	0
Foster care home or foster care group home	0	0	0	0	0
Long-term care facility or nursing home	6	6	0	0	0
Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria	6	6	0	0	0
Subtotal	160	157	3	0	0

Data Sources: HUD Annual Performance Report FY 2023 provided by COHHIO.

Current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing:

At the present, the City has a number of agencies that aid in assisting qualifying populations. More specifically, the following organizations/agencies provide services to the homeless (QP1), children (QP4), victims of domestic violence (QP3), persons suffering from addiction (QP4), etc.: the YMCA, YWCA, Serve City, Neighborhood Housing Services, United Way, Salvation Army, Community Development Professionals, Family Promise, HOPE House, Partnerships for Housing, Sojourner Recovery, Talbert House, Women Helping Women, Butler County Educational Services, LifeSpan, Living Waters Ministries, Parachute, Supports to Encourage Low-income Families, and local faith-based organizations, etc. There has been a recent increase in the Permanent Supportive Housing units as there was the development

of two (2) large PSH developments that created sixty (60) units of housing for persons without children. Additionally, 2023 data included a total of thirty-five (35) VASH units (five (5) units/twelve (12) beds serving families with children, and thirty (30) units serving households without children. Additionally, 2023 PIT data revealed that there was a slight increase in Rapid Rehousing beds, as they were made available via CARES Act funds to support RRH activities.

#### The unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Through consultation, data, and feedback the City of Hamilton has identified a number of unmet housing needs that are congruent across all qualifying populations. More specifically, the following needs have been identified:

- 1. Increase the number of affordable housing units (tenant-based and owner) available in a variety of sizes (e.g. studio, one, two, three or more bedrooms) through the development and/or rehabilitation of housing units;
- 2. Increase collaboration between service and housing providers to provide supportive services to persons in the qualifying populations (as needed);
- 3. Increase the number of transitional housing units available for qualifying populations

The above needs identified align with the City's Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI). For example, the highest priority identified by the AI is "Lack of affordable housing units for rent and homeownership. Additionally, the City's most recent Annual Action Plan states that "the development and maintenance of the City's housing stock" is one of the four principal areas the City will continue to concentrate its community development efforts on.

#### Homeless (QP1) as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Discussions during the public meetings and feedback acquired by local residents, stakeholders, and service providers have identified the need for additional low-income tenant-based housing for single persons and larger families. A local agency reported that they have approximately 155 persons on a waiting list for their shelter and 15 additional persons on their permanent supportive housing waiting list.

Additionally, it was suggested that supportive services (e.g. case management, financial assistance, childcare services, etc.) be developed and provided to qualifying persons. More specifically, assistance should be provided through financial aid (rent/mortgage payments, utility payments, etc.), substance abuse and/or mental health treatment, disability assistance, etc.

At Risk of Homelessness (QP2) as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Per the data, approximately 281 persons were exiting a shelter and/or temporary housing situation and entering transitional housing, staying or living with family/friends, a place not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or client doesn't know. The lack of future stability/temporary tenure of each exit destination suggests an unmet need and a potential increased risk of homelessness for each person.

Persons at risk of homelessness (QP2) would also benefit from supportive services to aid in their placement into permanent housing and acquiring the resources to maintain said housing.

### Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (QP3), as defined by HUD in the Notice

In 2022, a local shelter experienced a 12.4% increase in the number of call requests for shelter from domestic violence victims (QP3) (please see below). As such, the shelter was unable to shelter 1,020 persons in 2022 (a 133% increase in the number of persons unable to be sheltered). Due to the significant increase, the shelter made approximately 2393 referrals for external services/shelter. The data undoubtedly suggests that there is a significant need for additional shelter and housing for victims of domestic violence (QP3). In spite of the development of a new shelter and addition of units for domestic violence victims (QP3); the data suggests that there is a shortage of over one thousand beds and/or housing units.

Persons identified as domestic violence victims (QP3) may also benefit from receiving supportive services to aid in securing and maintaining their housing. For example, legal assistance, employment, childcare, etc. may all be needed.

Local Domestic Violence Shelter Request for Housing Log					
	2021 Totals	2022 Total			
Call Requests	1215	1366			
Unable to Shelter	437	1020			
Referrals to External Services	686	2393			

Local shelter data, 2023

# Other populations (QP4) requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

Persons identified as "other populations" include, but may not limited to, persons recently released from incarceration, youth, veterans, persons with developmental disabilities. Consultation feedback revealed similar needs among other populations as persons at risk of homelessness (QP2), domestic violence victims (QP3), and homeless persons (QP1). For example, additional affordable housing is needed for seniors receiving assistance from the Butler County Adult Protective Services and also persons with developmental disabilities. The identification of needs was made during the direct consultation process with public agency representatives.

Additionally, consultation feedback suggests that persons over the age of 25 with a disability have difficulty sustaining their housing due to a lack of supportive services. The same was said to be true for domestic violence victims (QP3), and seniors & veterans (QP4).

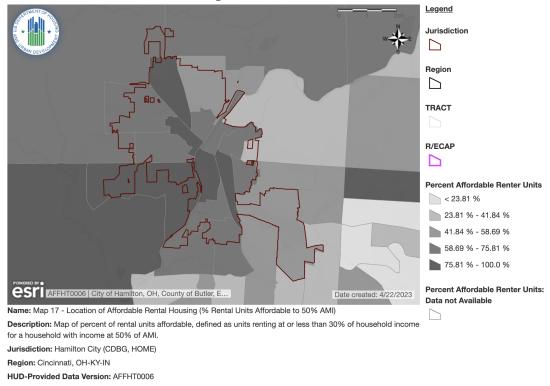
## Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

As identified by public comments, the City will benefit from additional affordable housing for individuals and families. Per additional comments received during the public input and consultation, it was learned that there is a shortage in the number of available transitional housing units and an increase in the number of families/individuals in need of the said housing. Additionally, there is a proven gap in the number of Permanent Supportive Housing units requested and the number actually available, as made apparent by the number of requests for additional permanent housing by housing/service providers, stakeholders, and public agency representatives. Additionally, data provided by COHHIO identified that there was a gap in the current housing inventory as there were 13 families, 277 adults without children, 11 veterans, and 53 victims of domestic violence each representing the current homeless population.

In assessing the location of areas that would benefit from additional affordable housing the City used data from the most recent AI. Per Map 17 - Location of Affordable Housing, there is a higher percentage of affordable housing units in lower income areas of the City with a greater number of non-White persons. As such and given the number of suggestions for additional affordable housing the City will use the below data to aid in the determination of the future locations of housing projects. It is anticipated that with the use of this data the City may broaden the location of affordable housing units and place units in areas where there is an obvious gap.

Service providers and representatives from public agencies stated that there are gaps within the service delivery system as it relates to providing supportive services once a person has been placed in housing (transitional and permanent). Specifically, there are gaps in the system in providing support to persons once they have been housed (transitional or permanent) among all four qualified populations. Unfortunately, there are not enough resources available for supportive services once persons have been housed. As such, persons, at times, become at risk of losing their housing due to lack of support in acquiring/maintaining income, receiving necessary health care, substance abuse support, elderly care, case management, housing rights, etc.

#### **Location of Affordable Rental Housing**



Data Sources: Severe Housing Cost Burden Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing <a href="https://egis.hud.gov/affht/">https://egis.hud.gov/affht/</a>

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a City 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:

No additional characteristics were identified or deemed necessary.

#### Priority needs for qualifying populations:

The City of Hamilton has identified the following priority needs:

- Increase the number of affordable rental housing units available in a variety of sizes (e.g. studio, one, two, three or more bedrooms) through the development and/or rehabilitation of housing units for all qualified populations;
- Supportive services are needed to aid persons who are identified under each qualifying population (i.e. homeless persons (QP1), persons at risk of homelessness (QP2), victims of domestic violence (QP3), other populations (e.g. veterans & their families) (QP4), in maintaining their housing. Services may include, but not be limited to, financial assistance at times (e.g. rent deposit, emergency aid, mental and/or substance abuse treatment, case management, housing rights, etc.).

Level of need and gaps in the City's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

The City used direct consultation, public feedback, survey results, as well as qualitative and quantitative data to determine the level of need and gaps in the shelter and housing community. Quantitative data was used from the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing (COHHIO) in Ohio, the United States Census Bureau, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development CHAS, as well as local data provided by local service/housing providers and agencies.

Analysis of the data enabled the City to make a proper analysis of the needs and gaps as they relate to each qualifying population. The data also aided in making clear that affordable housing is a need consistent across each population.

Feedback specific to service delivery revealed that gaps exist in the system in providing support to persons once they have been housed (transitional or permanent) among all four qualified populations. Unfortunately, there are not enough resources to provide needed supportive services once persons have been housed. As such, persons, at times, end up losing their housing due to lack of support in acquiring/maintaining income, receiving necessary health care (e.g. mental health/substance abuse support, elderly care, housing rights, etc.).

#### **HOME-ARP Activities**

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

The City provided notice of the public participation (feedback) meetings on March 4, 2022, fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting dates. Notice was posted in the local Journal News and also the City's social media posts. On March 18, 2022, HOME-ARP applications were made available on the City's website. In order to solicit applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors, the City of Hamilton contacted its local housing and service providers via email and invited them to participate in the feedback meetings on March 24 and 25, 2022. During the meetings, a link to the HOME-ARP application was provided. The HOME-ARP program was summarized and group consultations were held to gather feedback concerning the uses for the future funds. Potential applicants were asked to submit applications via email. Once received by City staff and NDD representatives, applications were reviewed for compliance and eligibility. Projects were considered based upon the ability of the applicant to be flexible and responsive.

#### Administration of eligible activities:

Projects will be administered by developers and subrecipients.

Portion of the City's HOME-ARP administrative funds provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan:

No HOME-ARP administrative funds will be provided to a developer/subrecipient prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

#### **Proposed City of Hamilton Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

	F	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$	35,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$	0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$	250,000.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$	835,686.40		
Non-Profit Operating	\$	70,042.90	5 %	5%
Non-Profit CapaCity Building	\$	0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$	210,128.70	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$	1,400,858.00		

Distribution of HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:

The City determined the best method of distribution of funds would be most successful by assessing the comments and needs identified in the public meetings, consultations, and

through the analysis of data sought and identified during the process. More specifically, it was reported that the City has a deficit in the number of affordable housing options, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and supportive services. As such, the City decided to commit its funds to projects that will address the needs identified.

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 City has a deficit in the number of affordable housing options, and supportive services as reported by the local shelters, housing providers, developers, and service providers. In response to this feedback, the City wishes to allocate funds to projects that will address these needs and gaps identified.

#### **HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals**

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

Under the proposed activities it is anticipated that the City's subrecipients and developers may produce or support approximately 40 units for qualified populations through a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). Additionally, three duplexes (6 units) will be developed to provide rental housing. As such, both projects (i.e. TBRA and new rental housing duplexes) may address the needs and aid in filling the gaps in affordable rental housing availability in the City. In addition to the development of tenant-based housing, supportive services are proposed to be provided to support the tenant-based Assistance project. Through supportive services, qualifying populations may receive the additional assistance needed to sustain their housing and receive care when needed.

Affordable rental housing production goal(s) that the City hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the City's priority needs:

Under NHSH's proposed rental housing projects, as many as six (6) rental units may be developed and are anticipated to produce safe, decent, and affordable units for qualified populations.

#### **Preferences**

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

The City of Hamilton will not establish a preference; all qualifying populations will be eligible to apply for assistance under the City's HOME-ARP assisted program(s). Any preferences established in the future will be described in an amendment to this Allocation Plan and will not violate any fair housing, civil rights, or nondiscrimination requirements at the federal, state, or local level, which includes but is not limited to requirements found in 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Preference or method of prioritization used by the City 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 City's needs assessment and gap analysis:

The City of Hamilton will not establish a preference; all qualifying populations will be eligible to apply for assistance under the City's HOME-ARP assisted program(s).

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

Not applicable.

#### **Referral Methods**

Referral methods that the City intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. The City may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program:

The activities proposed by the City for the use of HOME-ARP funds may receive applicants that are of any qualified population.

Use of the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC:

Not applicable - Coordinated entry will not be used.

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

Not applicable.

If the City 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):

Not applicable.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Limitations to 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:

Not applicable.

If the City 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 City's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Not applicable.

How the City 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:

Not applicable.

#### **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

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

#### Appendix

HOME-ARP Flyer
Public Notifications (Journal News)
Powerpoint Slides
HOME-ARP Survey

#### City of Hamilton – HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)





The City of Hamilton received HOME Investment
Partnership Program funds under the American
Rescue Plan (ARP). This grant enables the City to
assist individuals or households who are homeless,
at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable
populations, by providing housing, rental
assistance, supportive services, and noncongregate housing.

Please join us to discuss ideas for the use of HOME-ARP grant funds at one of the following Zoom Meetings:

Thursday, March 24, 2022 11:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Friday, March 25, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting

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#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Subrecipients, Organization Members, Residents, Housing Stakeholders of Hamilton are invited to attend public meetings conducted by the Neighborhood Development Division to gather input concerning the use of HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds. These funds are restricted to use for homeless and at-risk for homelessness persons. We would like your feedback identifying housing & other service needs of homeless persons in the community. Please take time to tune in to one of the scheduled events and help us meet our community's needs:

Thursday, March 24, 2022
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting
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Please give 48 hour notice to the Neighborhood Development Division if reasonable accommodations, including language translation, are necessary for your participation at the Public Meetings.

For More Information Please Contact the City of Hamilton-Finance Department –Neighborhood Development Division at 785-7020. 3-4/2022

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HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

#### **Background**

- The City of Hamilton received an allocation of HOME Housing Investment Partnership funds under the American Rescue Plan in 2021
- Eligible Activities acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing in reconstruction.
- Eligible Costs vary but must be refined to HOME rules as defined in 24 CFR 92.



### City's Current Entitlement Grants

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds may be used for a wide range of activities such as housing rehabilitation, code enforcement, acquisition of real property, demolition, infrastructure & public facility improvements, economic development, and social services.
- Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act - (CDBG-CV) funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds may be used for a range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership.
- HOME Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds to be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in qualifying populations.



## **Planning Process**

- Required Amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan
- The Annual Action Plan describes the needs, resources, priorities, strategies, goals, and proposed activities for Entitlement Grant programs.
- Citizen Participation and Input Activities include surveys, public meetings, city council input, and/or social media posts.



#### Past Uses of HOME Funds

#### HOME Funds

- New Construction of Housing
- Down-payment & Closing Cost
   Assistance (not eligible under HOME-ARP)
- CHDO Operating Costs



#### Allowable Uses of HOME-ARP Funds

- Allowable uses for HOME-ARP funds:
  - Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
  - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
  - Supportive Services, including services defined at 24.CFR.578.53(e), homeless prevention services, and housing counseling
  - Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

- Qualifying Populations for HOME-ARP:
  - Homeless, as defined in 24.CFR91.5
  - At-Risk of Homelessness
  - Persons fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating, violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
  - Other Populations (e.g. Persons At-Risk of Housing Instability, Veterans and Families that Include a Veteran Family Member)

#### **Application Process**

- Applications are due Friday, April 15, 2022 before 4pm.
- Applications may be downloaded via the following link: <a href="https://www.hamilton-oh.gov/s/Substantial-Amendment-FY-2021-2022-HOME-Application-FILLABLE.docx">https://www.hamilton-oh.gov/s/Substantial-Amendment-FY-2021-2022-HOME-Application-FILLABLE.docx</a>
- All applicants must be a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) designation.
- More than one application may be submitted per organization. List by priority (top right corner of application).
- Each organization must having working capital and will receive reimbursement of funds (approval from HUD is typically not received until the fall of the fiscal year);
- ► Be prepared to identify matching funds for each Federal dollar.
- If your organization cannot spend its grant funds in a timely manner, please do not apply.
- Each line item must be itemized to highlight expense details.

#### Housing Needs Identified in the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan - Amendment

# Polling Questions ???

## Additional Feedback

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeL3QAkUjjSVYRjjhk3GXMwDcO
gDq2 JMUyW-0PgbwXAgNHA/viewform?usp=sf link

## Neighborhood Development Contact Information

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#### THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

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#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 2021-2022 Substantial Amendment to Annual Action Plan

The City of Hamilton is seeking input from the public concerning the inclusion of a substantial amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan; to include the use of HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds in the amount of \$1,400,858.00. The City proposes to utilize the awarded HOME-ARP funds for projects that may include the production or preservation of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), supportive services, homeless prevention services, housing counseling, and/or the purchase and development of non-congregate shelter.

The City of Hamilton will make the draft available for written comments from November 21, 2022 to December 19, 2022. Citizens can examine the Draft Annual Action Plan Update at the following locations:

- City of Hamilton's Finance Department
- www.hamilton-city.org

Written comments concerning this draft should be addressed to: Neighborhood Development Division, Finance Department, 345 High Street 7th floor, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations and meaningful access to the plan by contacting the city's Neighborhood Development Division at (513) 785-7020.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2021-2022 Substantial Amendment to Annual Action Plan

Hamilton City Council will meet at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM during which it will hold a public hearing regarding a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to utilize funds from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the City of Hamilton's HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds for eligible activities. The HOME-ARP funds proposed for amendment, transfer, and appropriation may include, but may not be limited to: FY 21-22 in the amount of \$1,400,858 to provide homelessness assistance, housing, supportive services, and program administration costs.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the public hearing and provide comments on this item during the public hearing. Please email Dave Jones, Finance Director, at dave.jones@hamilton-oh.gov for any questions.

Daniel Tidyman City Clerk City of Hamilton 1-9/2023

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## HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

Thank you for choosing to complete the following survey. Your confidential input concerning the needs of our community is extremely valuable and appreciated.

The City of Hamilton received HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP). This grant enables the City 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 housing. The answers you provide to this survey will be reported to HUD as part of the City's grant agreement.

This survey is intended to address only HOME-ARP eligible activities and eligible populations.

	This survey is interided to address only Howe-AKP engine activities and engine populations.
*	Required
1.	Email *
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Н	ousing Availability

2. Please Rate the Need for the following Types of Housing for individuals and households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations:

Mark only one oval per row.

	Significant Need	Moderate Need	Low Need
Rental Housing			
Single Family Housing			
Studio or One Bedroom Housing			
Two or More Bedroom Unit Housing			
Housing for Persons with Physical/Developmental Disability			
Housing for Persons Exiting Incarceration			
Housing for Persons with a Criminal Record			
Rental and/or Utility Assistance			
Housing for Battered & Abused Spouses/Children			
Housing for Unaccompanied Minors			
Housing for the Elderly/Seniors			
Transitional Housing			

3. How would you rate the need for housing rehabilitation in the City of Hamilton?

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	
Significant Need				Low Need

4. How would you rate the need for affordable rental housing in the City of I				of Hamilton?
	Mark only one oval.			
	1 2 3			
	Significant Need Lo	ow Need		
5.	How would you rate the need for hom physical needs?	e accommodatio	ns/modification	s due to
	Mark only one oval.			
	1 2 3			
	Significant Need Lo	ow Need		
H 6.	ousing Assistance & Services  Please rate the need for the following  Mark only one oval per row.	types of housing	services and ac	tivities:
		Significant Need	Moderate Need	Low Need
	Development of Non-congregate Shelters			
	Rent and/or Utility Assistance			
	Affordable & Subsidized Rental Housing			
	Homeless Supportive Services			
	Homeless Prevention			
	Housing Counseling			
	Access to Housing Vouchers			

7.	What do you think is a bigger Housing issue in the City of Hamilton?
	Mark only one oval.
	Cost Of Housing
	Quality of Housing
8.	Do you feel the City is able to accommodate its residents who have limited English
	proficiency?
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	◯ No
9.	Other Comments (places type in)
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