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INTRODUCTION

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funding for this grant must be expended on eligible activities by 2030. This special round of funding is called the “HOME-ARP” program.

HOME-ARP funds can only be expended on eligible activities:

- 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. These structures can remain in use as a non-congregate shelter or can be converted to 1) emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program; 2) permanent housing under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; or 3) affordable housing under the HOME Program.

HOME-ARP funds must be used primarily to benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations and defined as individuals or families who may be:

- Homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a));
- At-risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1));
- 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;

Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria.

As part of the ARP, HUD awarded Harris County \$16,747,366 in HOME-ARP funds pending the completion of grant requirements, which include planning, community and stakeholder consultation, and a needs analysis. Furthermore, the Harris County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan describes how Harris County intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds and address the needs of the qualifying populations. This Plan will be submitted to HUD as a substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan for review and acceptance.

CONSULTATION

Summarize the consultation process:

The community outreach and engagement process for the HOME-ARP grant provided multiple opportunities for subject matter experts within the community, stakeholders, and organizations to assess the needs, gaps, and barriers relating to homeless preventative services. Consultation methods included a HOME-ARP summary webpage, stakeholder meetings, two online surveys in English and Spanish, a public comment period of the Harris County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (AP), and a public hearing. CSD consulted with organizations and service providers to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing and service delivery systems, along with recommendations for funding. Below is a list of the stakeholders/organizations consulted through the Stakeholder and individual focus group meetings.

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

Table 1 summarizes the stakeholders and organizations consulted in the creation of this Plan, the services they provide, the method of consultation, and a summary of feedback.

Table 1 – Stakeholders/Organizations Consulted and Summary of Feedback

ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF ORG/AGENCY	METHOD OF CONSULTATION	FEEDBACK
Coalition for the Homeless Houston/ Harris County	Housing Advocate/ Developer/ Provider, Services Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Stakeholder Meeting; Focus Group Meeting; Survey; Email Blast; Public Hearing	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The Coalition is the lead agency to the Way Home CoC, and the CoC was consulted about potential HOME-ARP activities, fund distribution, and collaborations. The Coalition supported the need for the funds to address supportive services, provide housing options, and expunging misdemeanors.
Harris County Veterans Office	Veterans Organization	Stakeholder Meeting; Survey; Focus Group Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The HC Veterans Office supported the need for the funds to address case management, networking among partners, providing supportive services, emphasizing mental health awareness, prioritizing peer support to enhance understanding, fostering a sense of community for accountability, and increasing vocational training and workforce solutions.
The Women’s Home	Serves women who have experienced homelessness because of mental illness, abuse, or addiction	Stakeholder Meeting; Survey; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The Women’s Home supported the need for the funds to address transitional and recovery housing, behavioral health, and wrap-around services.
VAST - Veteran Advocates Services and Training	Works with homeless and previously incarcerated veterans; provides housing, sobriety, and mental health assistance.	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. VAST supported the need for funds to address behavioral health, transitional housing, vouchers, and expunging misdemeanors.
The Beacon	Serves the Houston homeless community through daily services, civil aid, counseling, mentoring, and access to housing	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Serves the Houston homeless community through daily services, civil aid, counseling, mentoring, and access to housing
Santa Maria	Provides Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services and other behavioral health services for women and families, recovery housing, housing for special populations	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. Santa Maria supported the need for the funds to address recovery housing with supportive services, as well as serving those who were previously incarcerated.

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	such as survivors of trafficking, veterans, women with children		
Houston Housing Collaborative	Promotes equitable community development policy and works to expand affordable housing opportunities for all of Houston	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The Collaborative supported the need for funds to address recovery housing and services, transitional housing, and housing quality.
HOPE Haven	Mentorship for those experiencing homelessness to get off the streets and overcome recurring issues	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. HOPE Haven supported the need for funds to address transitional housing and work programs.
Family Promise of Montgomery County	Facilitates a 90-Day Program in partnership with local congregations to provide shelter, meals, transportation, and compassionate assistance for homeless families with children.	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. Family Promise did not express individualized opinions on the need for funds.
Cy-Fair Helping Hands	Provides emergency shelters, scholarships, and street outreach; the Day Center; offers free health checks, assistance acquiring personal documents, fellowship, recovery meetings, and meals.	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. Helping Hands did not express individualized opinions on the need for funds.
ACAM - Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries, Inc	Assists a network of partner organizations through high-impact collaboration, training, and management support services to provide opportunities for families and individuals to meet and rise above their basic needs.	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. ACAM did not express individualized opinions on the need for funds.
Hope Impacts	Provides meals, showers, clothing, and toiletries to individuals and families four days a week in Katy, TX; coordinates access assessments; assists with transportation to doctor, connects them with doctor	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast;	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. Home Impacts supported the need for funds to address shelters, transitional housing, and supportive services.

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	appointments, and connects them with benefits such as EBT.		
Interfaith of The Woodlands Shelter	Interfaith of The Woodlands Shelter via short-term hotel stays. Supportive services, food, clothing, counseling, and transportation via gas cards.	Stakeholder Meeting; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. Interfaith supported the need for funds to address the shelter, transportation, expunging misdemeanors, and getting identification.
The Montrose Center	Homeless Service Provider, Violence Service Provider: Services for At-Risk Homelessness, High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Civil Rights, Housing Advocate/ Developer/ Provider, Veterans Group, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic, LGBTQ2+	Stakeholder Meeting; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The Montrose Center supported the need for funds to address serving those who were previously incarcerated; Survey Responses: Rapid Rehousing, Diversion/Homeless Prevention, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments)., Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments, Emergency shelters
Magnificat Houses, Inc.	Homeless Service Provider; Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Stakeholder Meeting; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. Magnificat supported the need for funds to address temporary and transitional housing Stakeholder & Organization Survey responses regarding PSH; Transitional housing, Emergency shelters.
Temenos Community Development Corporation	Affordable Housing Provider, CHDO; Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston	Special population (homeless) FQHC	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Wesley Community Center	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.

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RaiseUp Families	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Angel Reach	Transitional Living for aged-out foster youth	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Harris County Housing Authority	PHA; Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Senior housing	Stakeholder Meeting; Survey; Public Hearing Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The Housing Authority supported the need for funds to address supportive services. Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Jewish Family Service	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Houston Housing Authority	PHA; Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Senior housing	Stakeholder Meeting; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The Housing Authority supported the need for funds to address supportive services. Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
SIRE, Inc	People with Disabilities	Survey;	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.

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		Email Blast	
Uplift Development, Uplift House	Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Affordable housing in an underserved neighborhood	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Young Audiences, Inc. of Houston	We are a youth nonprofit that partners with several agencies serving homeless youth and young adults.	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Northwest Assistance Ministries	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Veterans Group, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Food insecurity, Seniors, Vocational training	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations.
Catholic Charities	Homeless Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
New Hope Housing, Inc.	Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Fair Housing, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Tushiba's Angels	Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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The Women's Home	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Bay Area Turning Point	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Catholic Charities	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
SSVF	Veterans Group	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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The Landing	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Stakeholder Meeting; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. The Landing supported the need for funds to address TBRA, housing waitlists, and apartment management accountability.
Ivy’s Transitional Housing for Gods People	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Student HCC	Fair Housing, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Formerly Homeless and Sought Services for Domestic Violence	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Covenant House Texas	Provides housing and supportive services to youth facing homelessness; Services Supporting Youth Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider	Focus Group Meeting Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. Covenant House supported the need for funds to add case workers and non-congregate living facilities.
Asset Building Network, Inc.	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, People with Disabilities, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Precinct Two Health Services	Community Partner Program	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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HOPE Haven	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Civil Rights, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Bay Area Turning Point Inc.	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Northwest Assistance Ministries	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
A.I.R. Project	To empower youth and adults of color to defeat abuse and violence through education, social and emotional, expressive arts, and providing positive quality of life experiences. Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, mental health needs, and improving quality of life	Focus Group Meeting; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the “Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis” section of this Plan. AIR supported the need for funds to address resources for smaller non-profit organizations, developing a community center, housing availability, collaborating with other organizations and partnerships, and establishing resources and services to help BIPOC.
HCCSD-HRC	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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AAMA (Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans)	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, We are a licensed SUD treatment facility providing Prevention and Counseling & HIV services including HOPWA	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
NestQuest Houston Inc	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Fair Housing, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Veteran VA Hospital	Mental health veterans hospital	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Martha's Kitchen	Providing hot meals to homeless	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Settegast Heights Redevelopment Corporation	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Fair Housing, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Collaborating Voices Foundation	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Public Housing Authority, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider, youth	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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Tony's Place	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
BakerRipley	Homeless Service Provider; Provides Diversion Services for individuals and families at risk of being homeless.	Focus Group Meetings; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the "Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis" section of this Plan. BakerRipley supported the need for funds to address housing availability, supportive services, diversion services, expunging misdemeanors, and providing IDs and translation services.
Non-Profit Housing Corporation of Greater Houston	Housing discrimination complaints, investigations, fair housing advocacy, education & outreach, housing discrimination counseling, and referrals for legal and social services. Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider	Focus Group Meeting; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding the "Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis" section of this Plan. GHFH supported the need for funds to address better coordination and outreach.
Harris County Precinct 2	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Public Housing Authority, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Harris County- Senior Justice Assessment Center	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Provide services and interventions to elder (65+) victims of crime/abuse.	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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HCRCA SJAC	Elder Abuse	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Harris County Senior Justice Assessment Center	Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, People with Disabilities	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
HARRIS COUNTY SENIOR ASSESSMENT CENTER RESOURCES AND PROTECTION	ELDER POPULATION 65 AND OLDER	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Center for Civic & Public Policy Improvement	Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
SER Jobs for Progress	Workforce Development Agency	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Unique Private care center Inc.	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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DEC of Women	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, Individual support services ie clothing, food, etc.	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
G.R.O.W. Ministry	Homeless Service Provider, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Hope Center Houston	Homeless Service Provider	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Lone Star Legal Aid	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider, Legal aid program	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Talent Yield Coalition	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, People with Disabilities, Homeless Service Provider	Focus Group Meeting; Survey; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Needs Assessment. Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Bread of Life Inc	Homeless Service Provider, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
Student Assistance Department HISD	Students experiencing homelessness throughout the district	Survey;	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations

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		Email Blast	
United Way of Greater Houston	Housing Services	Survey; Email Blast	Completed Stakeholder Survey regarding recommendations for funding and services for the qualified populations
SEARCH Homeless Services	Homeless Services Provider	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
Northeast Action Collective & W. Street Recovery	Grassroots Organization	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
Gustavia Pearls Women's Outreach	Advocacy support and service to victims and survivors of abuse, and removing the stigma associated with Domestic Violence.	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
5 th Ward Super Neighborhood	Grassroots Organization	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
A representative for State Rep. Harold V. Dutton, District 142	Texas House of Representatives	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
A representative for HC Pct. 1, Commissioner Rodney Ellis	Harris County Commissioner	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.

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Greater E. Houston Comm. Redevelopment Corp.	Grassroots Organization	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
Glenwood Forest Comm. Civic Club	Grassroots Organization	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
Texas Houses	Advocacy Organization	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
Sharpen Recover	Advocacy Organization	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.
Various Residents	Residents	Public Hearing; Email Blast	Consulted regarding Allocation Plan and Budget. See Comments/Responses in Appendix.

See Appendix A & B Survey and Responses

SURVEYS

During the consultation process, Harris County reached out to over 900 community organizations – including organizations serving the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, public housing organizations, and civil rights agencies – through the HOME-ARP Needs Assessment Survey. The survey was conducted from January 25, 2022, through February 25, 2022. A total of 135 stakeholders and residents responded to the survey. See *Appendix B: Needs Assessment Survey Responses*.

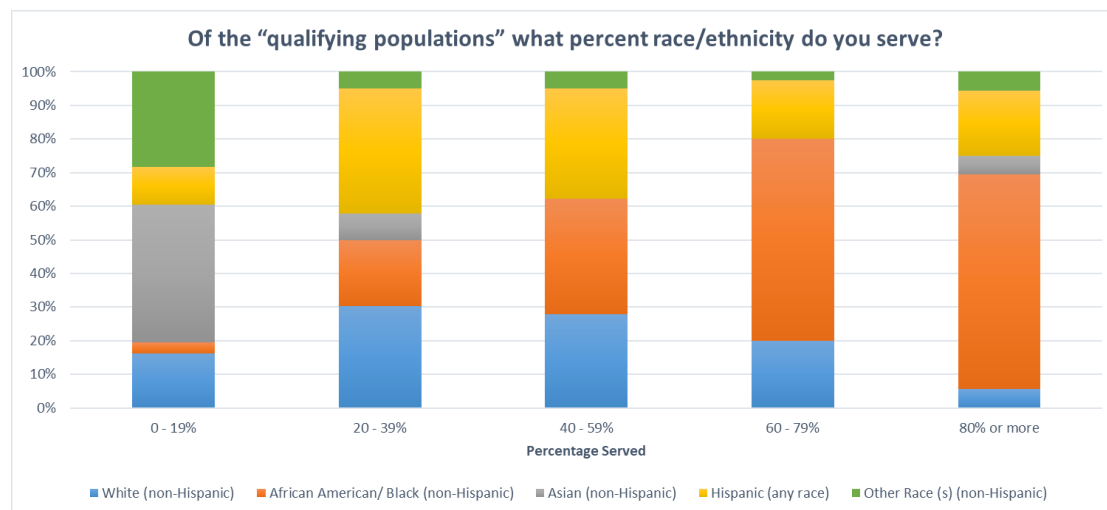


Figure 1 – Race/Ethnicity of the “Qualified Populations” Served

The survey asked respondents to report the level of service provided to varying racial and ethnic groups. Survey responses showed that, on average, African Americans accounted for the largest racial/ethnic group of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations receiving assistance (Figure 1). Half of the survey respondents identified African Americans as the majority (over 60%) of those served within the qualified population groups. Individuals of Hispanic descent followed this as the second most-served group. Asians made up the smallest racial/ethnic group making up less than 20% of those served.



Figure 2 – Housing Assistance or Supportive Services Provided

Figure 2 reflects the current services provided by the Stakeholders and Organizations who completed the survey. The top services provided are Supportive Services at 67%, Rapid Rehousing at 45%, and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) & Permanent Supportive Housing at 42%. Of the survey respondents, only 8% provided shelters and 12% provided temporary shelters for homeless populations. Fair Housing and Civil Rights services were only provided by 13% of the organizations surveyed; however, the topic of housing discrimination and overall lack of options for individuals with criminal backgrounds was raised multiple times in the survey's discussion section. *See Appendix B: Needs Assessment Survey Responses.*

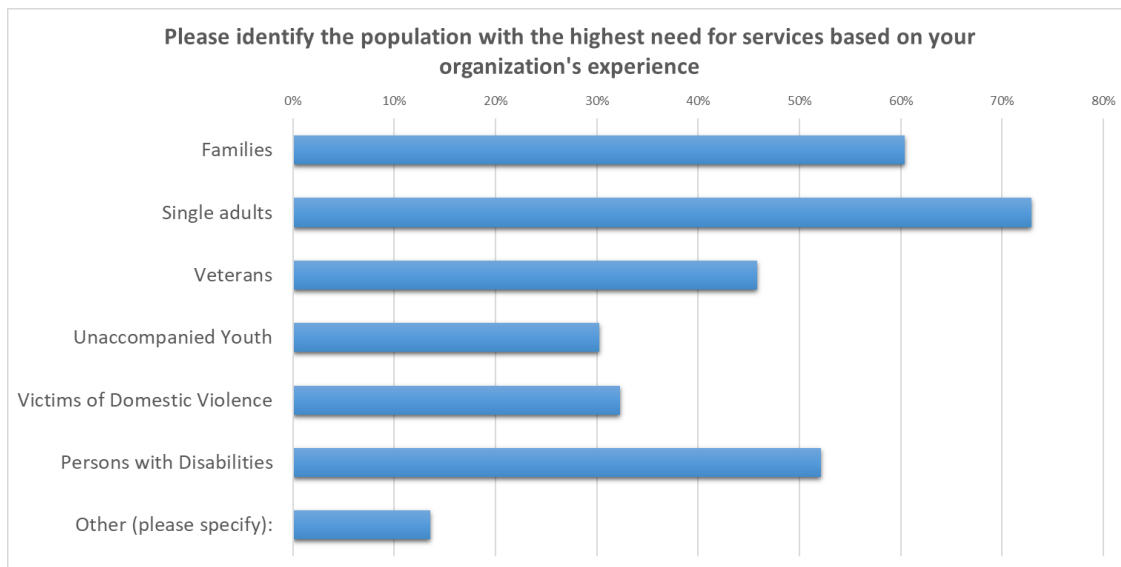


Figure 3 – Qualifying Populations Served

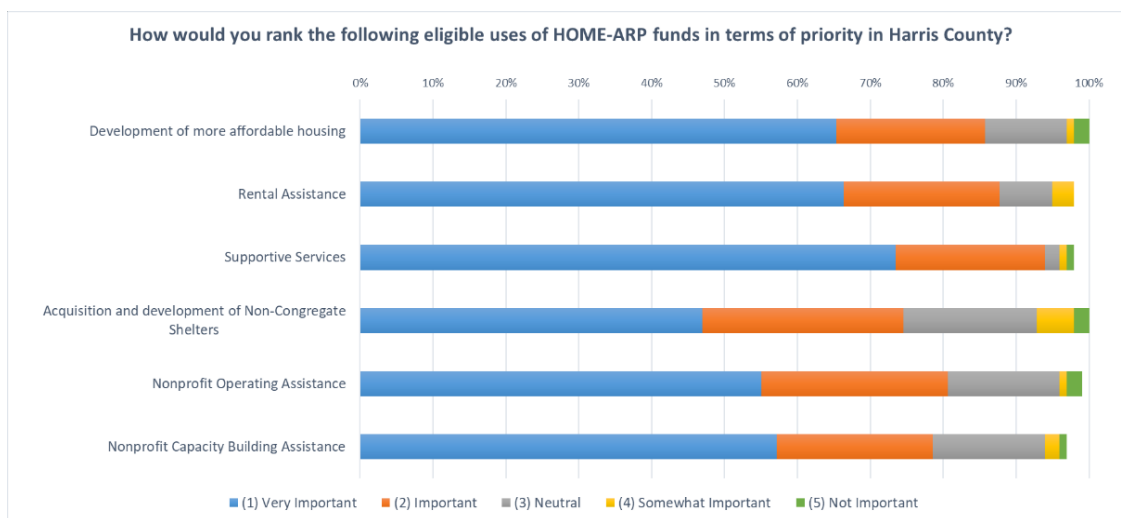


Figure 4 – HOME-ARP Funding Priorities

Single adults, Families, and the Disabled populations were the top three qualified population groups identified by stakeholders in need of additional services (Figure 3). Survey respondents (96% of stakeholders) expressed the need to prioritize Supportive Services, such as Mental and Substance-Use treatment, Workforce Development, General Services, Transportation, Case Management, and Childcare

(Figure 4). Rental Assistance and the development of additional affordable housing followed this closely behind. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters were voted as the lowest of the priorities listed.



Figure 5 – HOME-ARP Stakeholder-Identified Gaps and Barriers (word cloud from written responses)

Figure 5 draws from some of the major themes and ideas collected from Question 13: “Please share your thoughts below to help us identify any gaps in housing and services, and any fair housing barriers that the ‘qualifying populations’ may encounter?” Respondents cited criminal backgrounds, rental history, lack of necessary documentation, inadequate transportation access, and poor credit as major barriers to obtaining housing. Many noted the overall scarcity of affordable housing and its effect on waitlists for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing. This reduces the effectiveness of these services because of the unreasonably long wait times for applicants. Additionally, income disparities were reported as causing issues paying for housing applications, deposits, and other fees.



Figure 6 – HOME-ARP Stakeholder Funding Priorities (word cloud from written responses)

Figure 6 draws from the major themes and ideas stemming from Questions 16 and 17: “Imagine that you were awarded \$16 million of unrestricted funding, how would you use the funding to serve the ‘qualifying population’ with the money?” Respondents emphasized that supportive services and resources (e.g., mental and substance-use treatment, workforce development, life skills training, financial literacy education, transportation, and childcare) be broadly accessible and individualized. Others also noted that permanent supportive housing should be developed with an emphasis on long-term affordability and programming to sustain future housing stability. Some stakeholders noted homeless prevention and diversion be prioritized for the long haul and that tenant-based rental assistance and mortgage assistance would support families at risk of homelessness.

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:

The Citizen Participation process was crucial to the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and was encouraged throughout all stages of the consultation process. Harris County promoted the surveys, community and focus group meetings, 15-day comment period, and public hearings. Consultation provided multiple opportunities in various formats for stakeholders and residents to share their experiences with working and providing services to qualified populations.

The surveys were created to gather information about the needs of the qualifying populations, which was then used to formulate the Homeless and Housing Needs Inventory and Gaps Analysis. The surveys were offered in English and Spanish and could be accessed online.

A Virtual Zoom Stakeholder/Organization meeting was held on February 3, 2022, where organizations discussed the needs, gaps, and barriers to providing services, and offered recommendations for funding. Seven individual Focus Group meetings were also held, between February 14th through the 25th, for organizations that were not able to attend the meeting, where they offered vital information for the Plan for fair housing and civil rights issues. The public notice was published on the HCCSD website on March 7, 2022, in the *Houston Chronicle* in English and *La Voz* in Spanish. The notice also included the budget and range of activities HCCSD proposed to undertake. Instructions were provided for reviewing and commenting on the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for no less than 15 days from March 7th to March 22nd.

The public hearing was held as an opportunity to comment on the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, budget, and recommended activities. The hearing was held on March 21, 2022, via Teams virtual meeting.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

Outreach activities included community and stakeholder engagement opportunities that were promoted by HCCSD and its community partners. Methods of engagement focused on creating occasions to participate in surveys available online; stakeholder, organization, and individual focus group meetings; two public hearings; and feedback on the Draft Harris County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, proposed budget, and activities. To broaden public participation, all correspondence including surveys and public notices was posted to the HCCSD website. Other outlets such as newspapers with the widest circulation in English and Spanish, social media that included Next-door, Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, and email to 100 stakeholders and over 900 community non-profit organizations were utilized.

- *Harris County HOME-ARP Summary Webpage* – A HOME-ARP summary webpage was created and provides a summary of the following HOME-ARP Program: requirements, funding amount, links to the surveys, meetings and public hearing dates, timeline, survey results, a summary of recommendations and activities for funding, contact and comment information, and the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for review and comment. The Stakeholder/Organization Virtual meeting and Public Hearing presentation can be accessed from the website. The website can be accessed at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/> and <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/HOME-ARP-Program.aspx>.
- *Surveys* – Two surveys were created to capture feedback and input from organizations and the general public who know the qualified populations, and to collect data on the Homeless and Housing Needs Inventory and Gaps Analysis. The Stakeholder/Organization survey was offered online in English, and the Community Feedback Survey was offered online in English and Spanish and was posted via our social media outlets, along with multiple emails sent to over 900 non-profit organizations throughout Harris County. The surveys were available online from January 25, 2022, through February 25, 2022, and received 135 individual responses representing over 60 organizations in Harris County. For a complete list of survey responses, please see *Appendix B: Survey Responses*.
- *Stakeholder/Organization Community Meeting* – 34 participants representing 17 organizations participated in the meeting held virtually by Zoom on February 3, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. Organizations participated in breakout sessions and facilitated discussions relating to the gaps and barriers related to providing services and offered recommendations for funding. The presentation can be seen on our website at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>.

- *Individual Focus Group Meetings* – Meetings were held during the week of February 14-25, 2022. CSD staff met with BakerRipley, Harris County Veteran Services, the A.I.R. Project, Covenant House, United Way, and Talent Yield Coalition Inc. These organizations provided a greater understanding of specific gaps and needs felt by veterans, domestic violence victims, youth, and those who are at risk of becoming homeless. A summary of key findings from the Focus Groups can be found in *Appendix D: Focus Group Meeting Summary*.
- *Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan* – The draft Plan includes the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis that evaluated the size and demographic composition of the “qualifying populations” and assessed their unmet needs. The plan also identifies gaps within the current shelter, housing inventory, and service delivery system, along with identifying priority needs, and recommendations on activities and projects for funding. The notice for the draft Plan was published in the newspaper for public comment for 15 calendar days and posted to the CSD website, social media, and the draft was sent by email for comments by the community and stakeholders. Comments could be made either by email, telephone call, or at the public hearings. A summary of public comments with county responses can be found in *Appendix F: Public Hearing Presentation, Public Comments & Responses*.
- *Public Hearing Notice* – The notice provided residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan from March 7, 2022, through March 22, 2022, along with the dates and time of the public hearings. The public notice was published on the HCCSD website and local newspapers, the *Houston Chronicle* and *La Voz* informing the public of the 15-day public comment period and public hearing. The notice was published in English and Spanish and followed applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication and accessibility.
- *Public Hearing* - The County held one public hearing virtually by Teams on March 21, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. A summary of public comments with county responses can be found in *Appendix F: Public Hearing Presentation, Public Comments & Responses*.

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

All comments from meetings, surveys, and the public hearing can be found in *Appendix F: Public Hearing Presentation, Public Comments & Responses*.

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

All comments were accepted.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS

The needs assessment and gap analysis sections of this plan utilized multiple data sources. These include but are not limited to the 2020 Decennial Census, the 2020 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) for homeless individuals, the local 2020 Continuum of Care (CoC), Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and Harris County Health's 2021 Relationship Survey Brief Report, among other sources. This is in addition to consultation from CoCs, Homeless and Domestic Violence Service Providers, Veterans Groups, Housing Authorities, Public Service Providers, and organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

The following information includes an analysis of the HOME-ARP qualified populations based on the available resources and data.

Table 2 – Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis

Table 2 Homeless Need Inventory and Gap Analysis

HOMELESS															
	Current Inventory						Homeless Population					Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	DV	Family Indv	Family HH	Adult	Vet	DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# Of Beds	# Of Units	# Of Beds	# Of Units	# Of Beds	# Of Beds						# Of Beds	# Of Units	# Of Beds	# Of Units
Emergency Shelter	881	244	999	999	32	324									
Transitional Housing	148	43	653	653	63	0									
Safe Haven	0	0	32	32	32	0									
Permanent Supportive Housing	2,218	705	3,860	3,860	1,409	233									
Rapid Rehousing	769	258	353	353	78	255									
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	25	25	25	0									
Sheltered Homeless							885	309	1,433	186	510				
Unsheltered Homeless							2	1	1,654	81	165				
Current Gap												92	23	1,403	1,403

Data Sources: 2020 PIT, 2020 HIC, 2020 Way Home

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

HOME-ARP grant funds must target the following "qualifying populations:"

- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness

- Individuals and families at-risk of homelessness
- Individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations for whom supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

Individuals and families experiencing homelessness

Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 Homeless (1), (2), or (3):

- (1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
 - (ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
 - (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
- (2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence provided that:
 - (i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;
- (3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - (i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
 - (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
 - (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment;

On the night of the 2020 Count (Tables 2 & 3), 3,974 individuals were observed experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness (per HUD's definition) in the overall region of Houston/Harris County, Pasadena/Fort Bend County, and Conroe/Montgomery County. The vast majority were recorded in Houston/Harris County, with only 3.65% counted in Montgomery County and 1.91% counted in Fort Bend County. This data is from before the COVID-19 pandemic since the pandemic could have affected both methodology and individual circumstances. Note: Those experiencing homelessness were geographically assigned based on daytime interviews, which may have correlated with service location rather than sleep location since some counties may lack shelters for specific groups. (2020 PIT Report)

One out of ten unsheltered persons was homeless due to a natural disaster, most especially due to Hurricane Harvey (three out of four). There were high rates of substance use disorder and mental illness both among sheltered and unsheltered, and Blacks/African Americans comprised a higher percentage of the homeless population as compared to the total population of Harris County. (2020 PIT Report)

Table 3: 2020 PIT Counts Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless

Homeless	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total (Sheltered & Unsheltered)
Total	2,318	1,656	3,974
Individuals	1,433	1,654	3,087
Families	885	2	887
Emergency Shelter (Harris County)	1,706	0	1,706
Transitional Housing (Harris County)	587	0	587
Rapid Rehousing	1,212*	0	1,212
Safe Haven (Harris County)	25	0	25
Gender			
Male	1,153	1,336	2,489
Female	1,159	314	1,473
Transgender	5	5	10
Non-Conforming	1	1	2
Race			
Black, African American	1,428	790	2,218
White	755	818	1,573
Asian or Asian American	12	9	21
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	34	19	53
Multi-Racial	89	20	109
Ethnicity			
Hispanic	336	226	562
Non-Hispanic	1,982	1,430	3,412
Age			
Under 18	565	1	566
18-24	212	35	247
Over 24	1,541	1,620	3,161
Unaccompanied Youth			
Unaccompanied Youth, Ages 18-24	168	35	203
Parenting Youth, Ages 18-24	25	0	25
Chronically Homeless			
	153	647	800
Homeless Veterans			
	186	81	267

*Total individuals placed into Rapid Rehousing from January 1 to December 31, 2019.

Source: 2020 PIT, 2020 Way Home

The Way Home report 2020 helps to break down the demographics and reasons why people were experiencing homelessness through interviews. About 20% of the unsheltered persons interviewed commented this was their first-time experiencing homelessness. Many of these same persons are still dealing with the aftereffects of natural disasters with four of five of them citing Hurricane Harvey or other hurricanes as the reason for their current situation. Other natural disasters mentioned were fire, mud,

and flooding. Approximately, in the 2021 Way Home Report, one of seven persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness indicated they were homeless due to the COVID-19 pandemic with the vast majority citing loss of job or reduction in hours and/or eviction as the precipitating event.

The Way Home Report noted that with many other social determinants of health, there were major racial disparities among those experiencing homelessness. While Blacks/African Americans represent not quite 19% of the composition of the total population of Harris County, they comprised over 55% of those experiencing homelessness.

Table 3 shows the racial and ethnic self-classification. Among the unsheltered observer classified the population, racial/ethnic group of individuals who could not be interviewed. The vast majority of those experiencing homelessness were Black/African American (55.8%) or white (39.5%). A higher percentage of whites were found in the unsheltered population than in the population. Of the individuals interviewed during the 2020 PIT Count approximately one in seven identified as Hispanic.

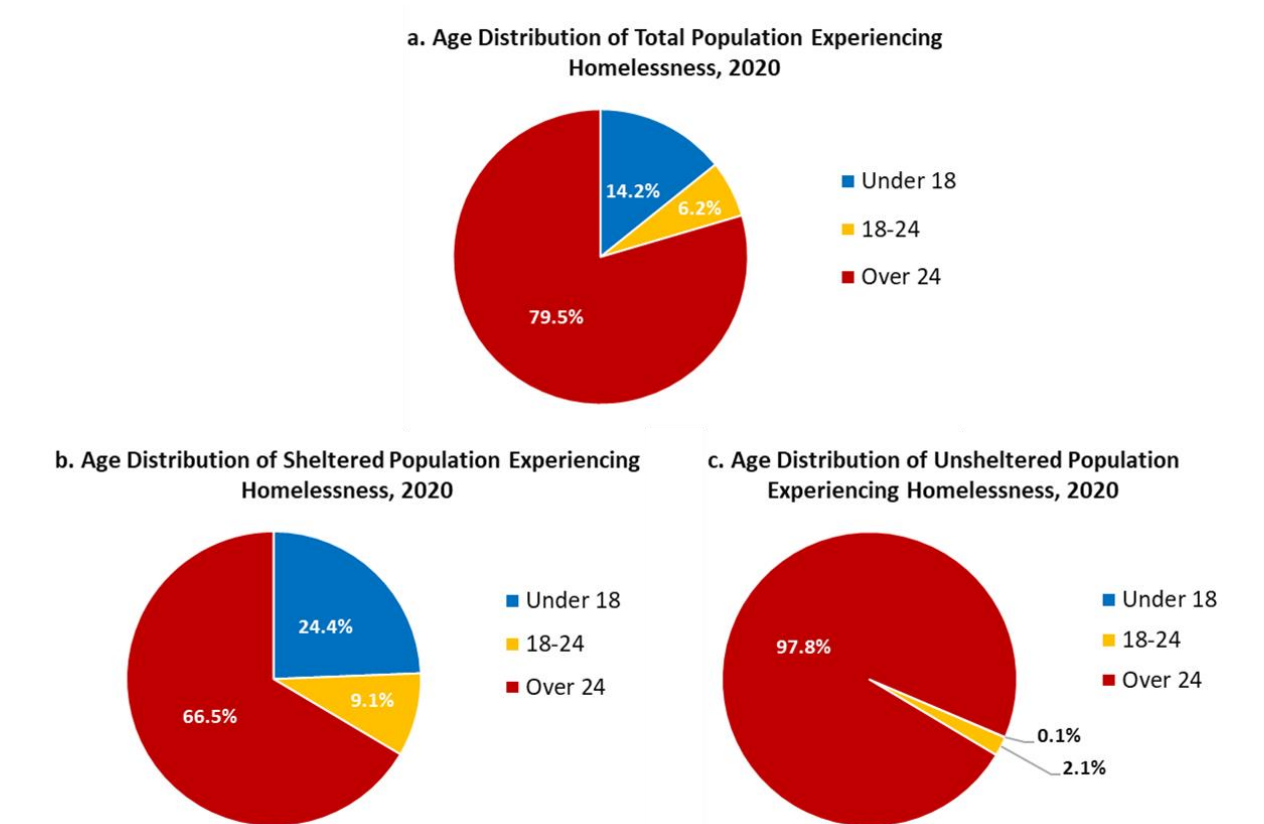


Figure 7 – 2020 PIT Homeless Age Distribution

Figure 7 shows the age range of the total population experiencing homelessness and by sheltered or unsheltered status. In the total population, almost four out of five persons experiencing homelessness were over the age of 24 (79.5%). Approximately one out of seven in the total population was under the age of 18. The sheltered population experiencing homelessness, though, skewed younger due to the inclusion of children in that population. Of the 2,318 persons in safe-haven, emergency shelter, or transitional housing, one of four (24.4%) was below the age of 18 years and one out of 11 (9.1%) was ages

18-24 years. The unsheltered population was older with forty-nine out of fifty (97.4%) 25 years of age or older.

HUD requires that certain subpopulations of persons experiencing homelessness be enumerated along with the total number of persons experiencing homelessness. These subpopulations include:

- Veterans
- Individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness
- Individuals who are survivors of domestic violence
- Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Persons with serious mental illness
- Individuals experiencing chronic substance use disorder (alcohol and/or drugs)
- Unaccompanied young adults and parenting young adults

Persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness represent a particularly vulnerable population and are prioritized for permanent housing. According to The Way Home 2020 Report, almost (30%) of the total population experiencing homelessness met the HUD definition of experiencing chronic homelessness. Note there is a slightly higher percentage of chronically homeless individuals among the unsheltered (23%). Of the subpopulations analyzed, (38%) self-identified as a veteran, and high rates of serious mental illness (32%) and substance use disorder (26%) were identified. A total of 122 young adults (18-24) were among those experiencing homelessness. Thirty-four children were found in parenting youth households and seven of those meet the requirements of being chronically homeless.

As opposed to the 2020 PIT count, the PY2020 Harris County Subrecipients' HMIS reporting in Sage for homeless projects within the Harris County's Service Area (Table 4), draws from one year's worth of homelessness data. Based on this report, 4,977 individuals were served during FY2020. Six percent of the total residents served were children, and (0.5%) were parented by a youth under the age of 25. Out of those served, those who had experienced homelessness prior and were considered chronically homeless (841 out of 4,977) made up (16.9%) of the total persons served. Based on Table 4 discussing demographics served, the majority were male (65%); Black, African American, or African (60%); and between the ages of 35 and 54 (41%).

Based on aggregated HMIS reports (March 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021), an overwhelming amount was living in places not meant for habitation. 3,171 persons – 83.8% of the total 3,784 counted as living in a homeless situation – were unsheltered. Five hundred and eighty-one were residing in an emergency shelter and 32 were in Transitional Housing. Fifty-four of those in emergency shelters were accompanied by children, and 30 individuals were identified as having kids in living situations that were not habitable. Note: This is larger in total than the PIT Count in January of 2020 which listed 1,656 people as unsheltered and 2,318 people as sheltered in emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens. The differences can be associated with HMIS data being aggregated over the year following the PIT Count, along with the transient nature of individuals in this situation and the limited time allowed in shelters.

Table 4 – Homeless Demographics HMIS Reporting (March 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021)

Homeless	Total	Percentage
Gender		
Male	3,184	64.97%
Female	1,764	35.44%
Trans Male	3	0.06%
Trans Female	24	0.48%
Gender Non-Conforming	2	0.04%
Race		
Black, African American, or African	3,002	60%
White	1,788	40%
Asian or Asian American	44	0.8%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	19	0.3%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	30	0.6%
Multi-Racial	90	2%
Ethnicity		
Hispanic	774	16%
Non-Hispanic	4,200	84%
Age		
0-17	332	7%
18-24	475	10%
25-34	849	17%
35-44	1,034	21%
45-54	1,013	20%
55-61	774	16%
62+	499	10%

Source: PY2020 ESG Harris County Subrecipient HMIS Reports

At-risk of Homelessness

At the risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 At the risk of homelessness:

(1) An individual or family who:

- (i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;
- (ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition in this section; and
- (iii) Meets one of the following conditions:
 - (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
 - (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 - (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
 - (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;

- (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
 - (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction program or institution); or
 - (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan;
- (2) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(l)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or
- (3) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

To identify “at risk of homelessness,” HUD created the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data to demonstrate the number of households in need of housing assistance, as well as those that have specific housing problems. According to the 2014-2018 CHAS, as shown in HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) Distribution (Table 5), 203,685 Harris County households have incomes at or below 30% AMI. There are 119,055 renting households both at or below 30% AMI and with housing problems (16.59% of all renters); there are 43,405 owner households both at or below 30% AMI and with housing problems (5.01% of all homeowners). This means there are 162,460 households at the greatest risk of homelessness. (CHAS 2014-2018)

Table 5 – HUD Area Median Family Income Distribution

	0-30% HAMFI*	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI	Total
Owner Households	57,520	69,649	115,155	77,590	545,745	865,645
Renter Households	146,165	120,065	146,480	71,770	233,355	717,840
Total Households	203,685	189,705	261,635	149,360	779,100	1,583,485

* HAMFI – HUD Area Median Family Income. This is the median family income calculated by HUD for each jurisdiction, to determine Fair Market Rents (FMRs) and income limits for HUD programs.

Data Source: 2014-2018 CHAS

Renter-occupied households account for 72% of households that earn at or below 30% AMI in Harris County’s service area. The White population accounts for the largest percentage at 35%, the Hispanic population represents (22%), and the African American population registers at 10% (Figure 8). Those suffering severe housing problems are considered at the greatest risk of homelessness among these households. These “at-risk” households are those with one or more of the four severe housing problems defined by HUD (i.e., lack of kitchen, inadequate plumbing, more than one person per room, or a cost burden greater than 50% of household income).¹

¹ 2014-2018 CHAS

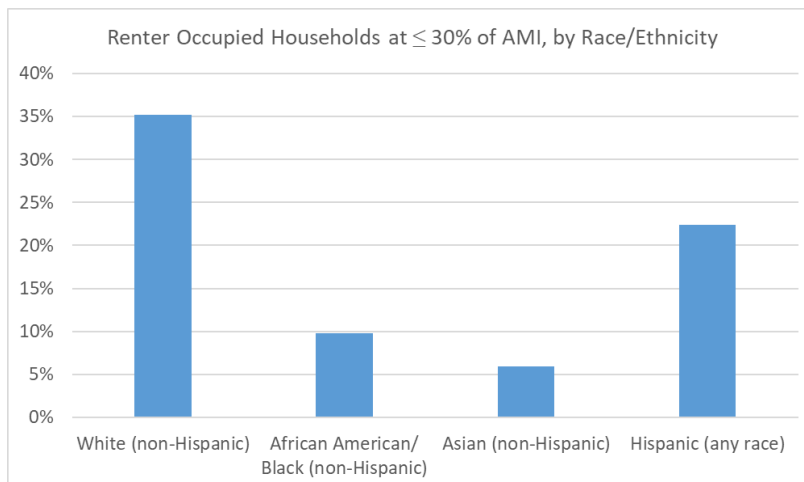


Figure 8 – Renter Occupied Households at ≤ 30% of AMI, by Race/Ethnicity within the Harris County Service Area

Data Source: 2014-2018 CHAS

Of all renter households experiencing severe housing problems, 46% earn less than 30% of AMI. Hispanic renter-occupied households form the largest racial/ethnic group of households with severe housing problems earning 30% or less of AMI in the Harris County Service Area (20% of all renters) (Figure 9). African American renter households with severe housing problems earning 30% or less of AMI come in second (15% of all renters). The White population experiencing severe housing problems and earning 30% or less of AMI makes up 8% of all renters, and Asian renters with severe housing problems and earning 30% or less of AMI round out this most at-risk group with 2% of all renters. Altogether, 45% of renter-occupied households earning 30% or less of AMI experience one or more severe housing problems, placing these 24,745 predominantly Hispanic and African American households at the greatest risk of homelessness in the Harris County Service Area.²

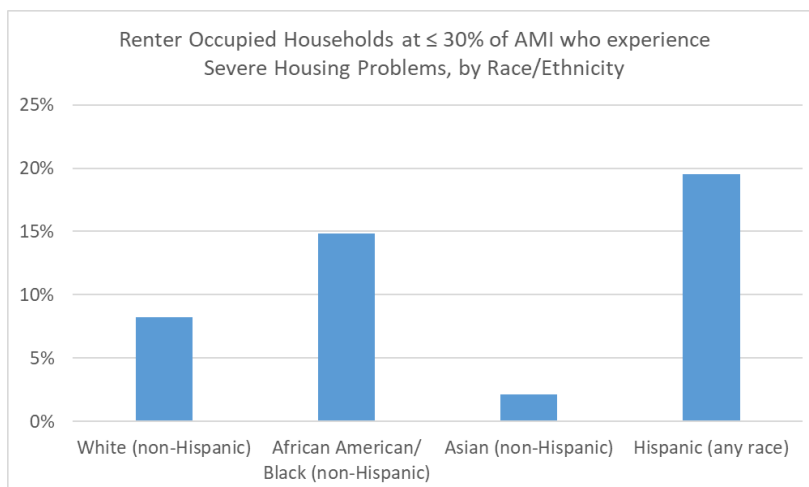


Figure 9 – Renter Occupied Households at ≤ 30% of AMI who experience Severe Housing Problems, by Race/Ethnicity within the Harris County Service Area

Data Source: 2014-2018 CHAS

² 2014-2018 CHAS

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

For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions. This includes violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. In the case of sexual assault, this also includes cases where an individual reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the individual remains within the same dwelling unit that the individual is currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90 days preceding the date of the transfer request.

Domestic violence: which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by: 1) A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term "spouse or intimate partner of the victim" includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship); 2) A person with whom the victim shares a child in common; 3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; 4) A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving HOME-ARP funds, or 5) Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Dating violence: which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means violence committed by a person: 1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and 2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: a). The length of the relationship; b). The type of relationship; and c). The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual assault: which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim cannot consent.

Stalking: which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to 1) Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or 2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Human Trafficking: includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102). These are defined as 1) Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or 2) Labor trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

People experiencing these kinds of violence may have a home but are unable to return to it. This population meets other requirements in that they have no other residence, besides a primary nighttime residence, and they lack financial resources or support networks to maintain other housing.

Table 6. Persons Fleeing Domestic Violence-HMIS Reporting in Harris County

	Total	Without Children	With Children
Yes	530	322	208
No	27	20	7
Total	557	342	215

Source: Harris County SAGE HMIS Report Domestic Violence

Based on Sage HMIS reporting on domestic violence, out of 1,616 responses, 34% (557) experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. Five hundred thirty (530) victims seeking assistance were currently fleeing the violence. Roughly, 40% of the victims fleeing had children alongside them.

The organization Bridge Over Troubled Waters, a Harris County ESG-funded Subrecipient (offering support, providing safety, and preventing domestic and sexual violence), reported providing emergency shelter to 580 adults and children, long-term housing to 218 adults and children, daycare to 797 children, and education programs to 5,879 individuals. Ten percent of the total homeless population in Harris County are victims of domestic violence.³ The County ranks at the top with the highest number of domestic violence-related fatalities out of all Texas Counties.⁴ However, the number of incidents has grown since the pandemic by 6%. Some victims credited the pandemic as a final wake-up call to leave their abusive partner, but others found it more difficult.

In the 2020 Annual Report for the Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC), another Harris County ESG-funded project, HAWC reported that the organization housed or assisted over 4,000 families or individuals fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or sex trafficking. Of those families or individuals assisted, 4,000 received supportive services such as counseling, court and/or legal services, and case management. In 2020, nearly 1,200 women and children were housed at HAWC's shelter and area hotels. Of those served, 921 were women, men, and children in counseling for domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. Additionally, 1,026 clients used children's court services for domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking; and 1,072 clients used legal advocacy for domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. Forty-three sex trafficking clients were additionally served by HAWC. HAWC also assisted families and their households, including accompanying 399 survivors to the hospital, housing 632 survivors, placing 557 survivors in safe harbor hotels, and providing \$1.6 million in direct assistance. Yet, HAWC was only able to support (30%) of families or individuals in need of their services. This is in line with the TCFV report that stated, "Nearly half of adult victims were denied shelter due to lack of space."⁵

In Fall 2020, The Harris County Health and Relationship Study (HCHR) set out to understand the impacts of COVID-19 on residents experiencing Domestic Violence (Tables 6 & 7). Conducted by the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) and the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC),

³ CoC PIT Count, 2021.

⁴ Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV), 2021.

⁵ Houston Area Women's Shelter (HAWC), 2020.

446 participants shed light on gaps within current services the County and other agencies provide. The majority were female (78%) and resided within Precinct 1 (25%).⁶

Table 7 – Domestic Violence Victims by Precinct

County Commissioner Precinct*	Total	Percentage
Precinct 1	115	25.8
Precinct 2	96	21.5
Precinct 3	63	14.1
Precinct 4	67	15
More than one Precinct	100	22.4
Outside of Precincts	5	1.1
Total	446	100

Data Source: Harris County Health and Relationship Survey Brief Report 2021; *Values derived before October 2021 precinct boundary update

Table 8 – Domestic Violence Victims by Gender

Gender	Total	Percentage
Female	347	77.8
Male	85	19.1
Transgender	6	1.3
Non-binary	6	1.3
Other	2	0.4
Total	446	100

Data Source: Harris County Health and Relationship Survey Brief Report 2021

The Black and Hispanic populations felt the worst of the pandemic within Harris County (Table 8). Almost half (49%) of the Black population and (42%) of Hispanics lost their job during the pandemic, compared to only (32%) of the White population. Without having a steady source of income, it has been harder for victims to leave their unsafe environments. Those making less than \$1,000 per month experienced harm more often than their counterparts.⁷ The disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on low-income and minority populations encourage the need for services that enhance economic security.

Table 9 – Domestic Violence Victims Changes to Job Status due to COVID-19 Pandemic by Race

	Overall		Black		White		Hispanic	
Lost Job	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
	176	39.7%	72	48.6%	65	31.9%	79	41.6%

Data Source: Harris County Health and Relationship Survey Brief Report 2021

Other Populations

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

⁶ Harris County Health and Relationship Study, 2021.

⁷ Harris County Health and Relationship Study, 2021.

- (1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness is defined as households (i.e., individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as “homeless” as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, and are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

As it relates to this qualifying population, there is not a conclusive source for the number of persons that meet these criteria. To arrive at an estimate, HCCSD is using the following statistics from county project and partner agency accomplishments for the following:

- Number of county residents that have a housing voucher: 4,121 (2021)
- Number of Households receiving rental assistance: 818 (2021)
- Number of county households that received housing assistance from the HCCSD: 472 (2021)
- Number of Households that received Down Payment Assistance 10 (2021)
- Number of units TRBA: 32 Units (2021)
- Number of Households in Houston-Harris County that received rental payments in 2020 from BakerRipley: Over 12,000 households assisted with rental payments
- Number of Households receiving emergency rental assistance in 2021: 73,000 households impacted by COVID-19

(2) Greater Risk of Housing Instability is defined as a household that meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below:

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

(ii) has an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, AND meets one of the following conditions from paragraph

(iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” definition established in 24 CFR 91.5:

- A. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
- B. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
- C. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
- D. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
- E. Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
- F. Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction program or institution); or
- G. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.

In addition to those “at risk” of homelessness, those at greatest risk of housing instability are those with housing cost burdens above 30%, those living in someone else’s home or a hotel due to economic hardship, and those with severe, housing problems, or those with other extenuating circumstances. HOME-ARP qualifying populations also include other populations who have previously qualified as homeless, are currently housed with temporary or emergency assistance, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

For example, out of renter households with 0-30% AMI, there are 119,055 households with one or more severe housing problems. Out of renter households with 30-50% AMI, there are 107,335 households with one or more severe housing problems. (CHAS 2014-2018) These housing problems can lead to housing instability because additional costs to fix these problems can lead to housing cost burdens.

An evaluation of the rental housing market, along with resident incomes, demonstrates the cost burden on households and whether there is enough affordable housing within each income level. For example, if rental housing vacancy rates are very low, housing development may be needed even more than TBRA. Among Harris County renters, there are 320,960 housing cost-burdened households (and 159,005 severely rent-burdened households). Out of 146,165 households with under 30% HAMFI, 116,135 of them are cost-burdened. Out of 120,065 households with 30-50% HAMFI, 102,820 are cost-burdened. Out of 146,480 households with 50-80% HAMFI, 73,510 are cost-burdened. Out of 71,770 households with 80-100% HAMFI, 16,005 are cost-burdened. Out of 233,355 households with above 100% HAMFI, 12,490 are cost-burdened. (CHAS 2014-2018, ACS 5-YR 2020)

When considering a rental vacancy rate of 8.7% (ACS 5-YR 2020), the issue of rental housing availability becomes more relevant. As such, any lack of affordable housing within each income range can cause households to rent locations more expensive than they can afford. For example, while there are 737,836 rental units available, there are only 30,030 affordable units available for the 146,165 households under 30% HAMFI, and 17,245 affordable units available for the 120,065 households within 30 to 50% HAMFI. (ACS 5-YR 2020, CHAS 2014-2018) This means that, even if there is technically enough affordable housing for higher-income households, there may still be additional deficits because households may be living in housing that is a cost burden to them.

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

- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Individuals and families at-risk of homelessness
- Individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations for whom supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

Individuals and families experiencing homelessness

As part of discovering the unmet need of the homeless population, we reviewed the CoC’s most recent 5-year plan. It outlines the following strategies to address immediate unmet needs⁸:

⁸ The Way Home Continuum of Care, 2021.

- Expand the supply of permanent supportive housing (PSH) to meet the current total system gap of 1,900 beds for single adults and youth; this includes a place to live that is affordable paired with supportive services.
- Expand the annual supply of rapid re-housing to meet the current system gap of 1,165 annual slots for single adults, families, and youth (and the gap of 725 bridge to PSH beds for single adults and youth and 50 bridge to PSH units for families); this includes a place to live that is affordable paired with supportive services.
- Secure resources to provide rehousing navigation support by recruiting and retaining a reliable supply of landlords and rental units.
- Implement a “moving on” strategy, targeting up to 20% of current PSH residents for transition to general population affordable housing, thus freeing up PSH for new tenants, which often requires access to affordable and/or subsidized units.
- Establish, support, and use all available homeless preferences for affordable housing resources and assets available through public housing authority (PHA) properties, multi-family developments, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit developments.

In addition to the strategies to meet the immediate needs listed above, both the housing response system and crisis response system must also be strengthened. To address these needs, the CoC has also identified the following ways to refine engagement strategies for people living unsheltered:

- Expand the number of outreach teams and staff to ensure appropriate coverage to all geographies throughout the CoC. Coordinate outreach teams to ensure standardization of outreach practices, schedules, and engagement strategies across all outreach efforts.
- Undertake proactive, non-punitive responses to outreach, which are critical when there are high numbers of people who are unsheltered to reduce significant dangers found at encampments.
- Expand crisis housing response to include a navigation/ engagement center for the most vulnerable unsheltered people who require specialized services to address comorbidities of mental illness, substance use disorders, chronic health conditions, and prolonged social dislocation.
- Reduce barriers to existing crisis services by easing sobriety requirements and by easing restrictions that inhibit access for people with untreated behavioral health issues, couples, people with support animals, people of non-binary gender identity, and people needing extra space for storage of their belongings.
- Ensure expanded crisis housing capacity is accessible and targeted to special populations for whom there are not enough beds in current shelters. Target groups, include single people experiencing mental illness, developmental disabilities, and chronic health conditions. Crisis housing should be a low barrier, enabling immediate access without preconditions such as requiring engagement in treatment, employment, or services.
- Leverage person-centered, housing-focused case management with enhanced training in evidence-based best practices (e.g., trauma-informed care, critical time intervention, motivational interviewing, and housing first strategies) for service delivery.

Members of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County emphasized the need for services that minimize barriers at-risk individuals have when trying to receive permanent housing. "A key barrier is admission criteria that exclude people based on income, criminal record, or housing history. They often

have little or no income or have a checkered rental history due to a variety of challenges." (Mark Smith, Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County).

Individuals and families at-risk of homelessness

Half of all renters in the County are considered cost-burdened, including a quarter who are severely cost-burdened or spend more than 50% of their income on housing. More than half of renter households earning between \$35,000 and \$50,000—which is the range that includes the median renter household income (\$42,000) in 2019—are considered cost-burdened.

In Harris County, the *My Home is Here* report outlines some of the reasons that contribute to cost-burdened include⁹:

- Lack of Homes Available to Extremely Low-Income Households - One primary issue is the lack of homes that serve households earning less than \$20,000 per year, or 30% MHI. Because of this lack, 95% of these households are cost-burdened and end up renting homes that would otherwise be affordable to residents earning higher incomes. This, in turn, squeezes the available housing supply for those residents and causes housing shortages at the 30-60% MHI level as well, as shown in the graph below.
- Housing Quality and Maintenance Challenges - In some cases, affordable homes may not have the high-quality, healthy living environment that families are seeking. Homeowners may face heavy burdens keeping up with needed maintenance, particularly in older homes. Renters may decide they need to pay more to live in a well-maintained unit.
- Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic - The pandemic has increased housing instability for many families through losses of jobs and income, leading more families to become cost-burdened. In addition, lumber prices and other prices of goods have substantially increased during the pandemic, which has increased the price of new construction and home repairs.
- Location Challenges for Some Affordable Homes - This map uses rental housing in Harris County as an example to explain “spatial mismatch,” or the idea that affordable housing may not be located where people most need it. In the green areas, there are more affordable rental homes available than the number of cost-burdened renters, meaning that these areas may have “extra” affordable homes above demand. In the red areas, there are more cost-burdened renter households than the number of affordable units, meaning that these areas have a shortage of affordable homes. Green areas with “extra” affordable homes tend to be located where cars are required to access jobs and services (Figure 11).

⁹ My Home is Here, 2021.

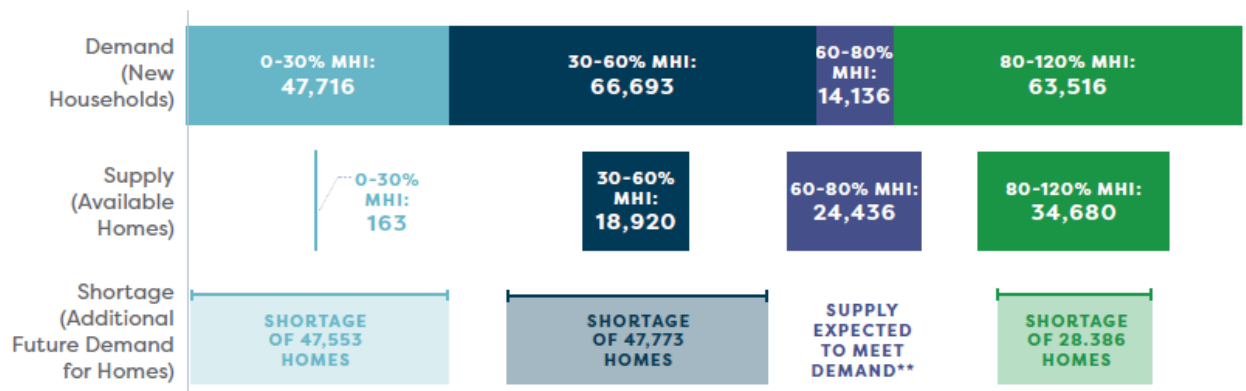


Figure 10 – Distribution of 10-Year Housing Demand and Available Supply by Income Bracket

Data Source: My Home is Here, 2021

Table 10 – Current and Projected Housing Needs

	New Housing to meet the needs of 20% of Today's Cost-Burdened Residents			New Housing for Households Formed in Harris County over the Next 10 Years		
	Renter	Owner	Annual Goal through 2030	Renter	Owner	Annual Goal through 2030
0-30% MHI (\$20,000/year)	24,465	1,288	2,575 Units	45,175	2,378	4,755 Units
30-60% MHI (\$35,000/year)	23,564	1,240	2,480 Units	45,384	2,389	4,777 Units
60-80% MHI (\$50,000/year)	11,622	7,116	1,874 Units	Supply Meets Demand	Supply Meets Demand	Supply Meets Demand
80-120% MHI (\$35,000/year)	5,550	6,892	1,244 Units	1,680	27,156	2,884 Units
Total	65,201	16,536	8,174 Units per Year	92,239	31,923	12,416 Units per Year

Data Source: My Home is Here, 2021

The *My Home is Here Report* assessed the current and anticipated housing needs of Harris County and provides strategies to meet these needs over the next 10 years through 2031 (Figure 10 & Table 10). Almost 200,000 households will be added to the County over the next 10 years with incomes below 120% MHI. A shortage of nearly 130,000 affordable homes is anticipated for these new residents based on the supply of available homes. Based on these numbers, the study suggests that to meet housing needs for just 20% of today's cost-burdened residents, over 8,000 units will have to be constructed per year. Furthermore, to meet the anticipated needs of new households moving to the county over the next decade, over 12,000 units per year will need to be built in the same period. This equates to more than 20,000 new homes per year for the next ten years.¹⁰

The following summarizes the barriers that were consistently brought up throughout the public participation process:

¹⁰ My Home is Here, 2021.

Housing Barriers

- Criminal, Rental, and Credit History
- Accessing Legal Documents
- Undocumented Individuals
- Affordability
- Application, deposits, and other housing fees

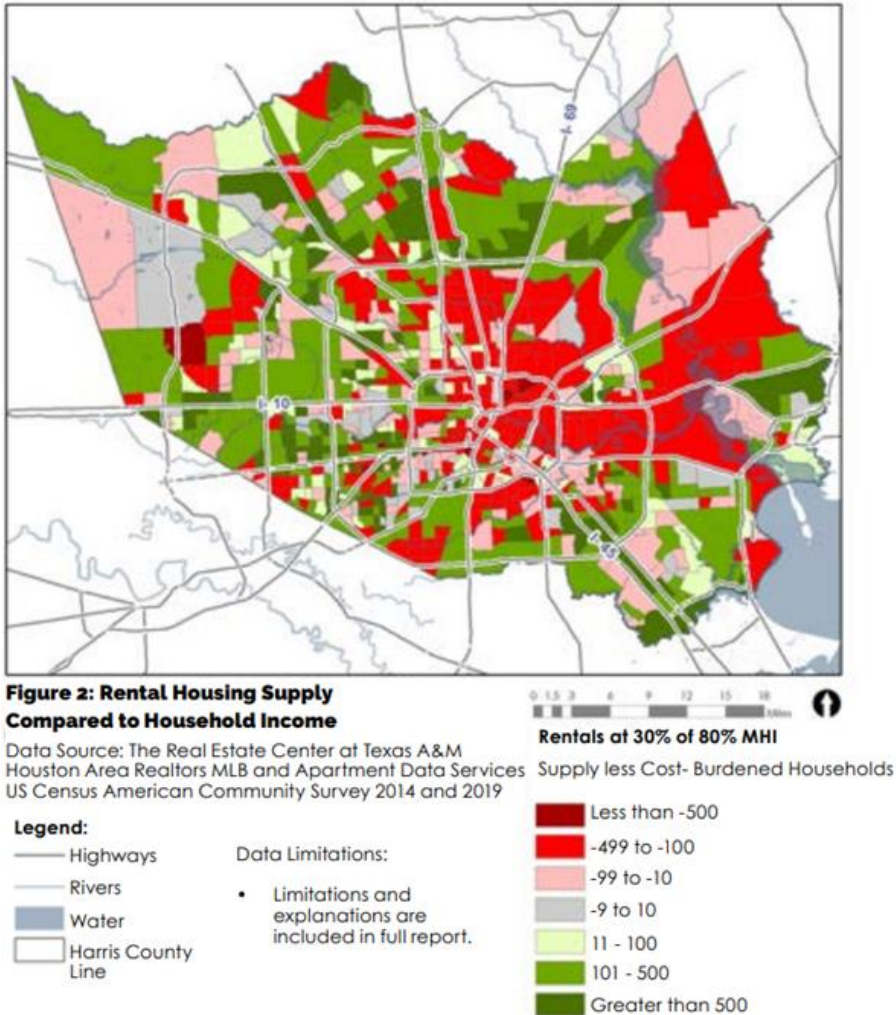


Figure 11 – Rental Housing Supply Compared to Household Income

Data Source: My Home is Here, 2021

Individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking

According to 2021, “The Harris County Health and Relationship Study,” job loss, housing instability, and lack of childcare are the main contributors that discourage Domestic Violence Victims from leaving their offenders. Those that were able to leave their partners but could not access resources increased their chance of homelessness. Over half of the Victims experienced homelessness at least once in their lifetime. A secure job would help the victim achieve a safe exit plan; however, most of the participants (61%) have children that would require childcare. Without care services or schooling for children, it is difficult to

maintain a job. The HCHR survey showed that case management not only helped individuals get a job but provided encouragement and strength when their mental health may have been at its lowest. Awareness is also a key priority. Over 40% of the participants credited social media as their top three safety strategies, leaving home and staying in a separate room.

Based on the results of the Harris County Health and Relationship Survey Brief Report, HUD PIT and HIC data, and consultation with community stakeholders the priority needs for Domestic Violence victims should include:

- Case Management Services
- Childcare Services
- Available access to Shelters
- Affordable Rental Units
- Services for Victims who are exiting incarceration or undocumented individuals

Other populations for whom supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

While there are 3,131 beds dedicated to the chronically homeless through Permanent Supportive Housing (2020 HIC) out of the 3,860 PSH beds for single adults and youth and 2,218 PSH beds (705 household units) for families, along with an additional 25 beds for veterans with other permanent housing, the CoC is recommending an additional 1,900 PSH beds for single adults and youth (The Way Home, 2021).

Veterans and their families (subpopulation)

Despite the housing services and other benefits available through HUD and Veterans Affairs, many qualifying Veterans (e.g., those honorably discharged) do not pursue these opportunities for a variety of reasons.¹¹ Many of the reasons for homelessness stem from long-term health issues, as well as an overall lack of affordable housing (particularly for those Veterans with families) and other barriers such as poor credit and criminal background.¹²

The CoC is working to provide housing options for Veterans irrespective of their discharge status. As part of this strategy, the priority needs to confront Veteran homelessness include¹³:

- Coordinated access to ensure Veterans are connected to resources (e.g., healthcare, housing)
- The prioritization of high need Veterans (e.g., those facing chronic homelessness)
- Improved supportive services for Veteran Families
- Grant Per Diem
- Improved data quality on the Harris County veteran population

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:

¹¹ The Way Home Continuum of Care, 2020

¹² Homelessness among Veterans in Texas, 2016

¹³ The Way Home's Community Plan to End Homelessness, 2021-2026 UPDATE

HCCSD received special allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) through the CARES Act.

The County received \$8,294,559 in CDBG-CV1 funds, \$10,022,525 in CDBG-CV3 funds, \$4,077,193 in ESG-CV1 funds, and \$7,999,883 in ESG-CV2 funds, for a total special funding award of \$30,394,160. For these CARES Act funds, HCCSD funded twenty-one (21) projects utilizing \$29,186,453 of the awarded CDBG-CV1, CDBG-CV3, ESG-CV1, and ESG-CV2 funds, along with \$1,174,700 of prior-year funds, for a total of \$30,361,153.

Since March of 2021, the County has partnered with the City of Houston to serve the community with the Houston-Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program. This Program provides comprehensive rental and utility assistance to households who are at risk of losing their homes due to COVID-19. As of October 2021, the Program was funded with over \$283 million.

The County has partnered with the City of Houston and the Coalition for the Homeless to effectively utilize CARES Act relief funding through the Community COVID Housing Program (CCHP) (Figure 12). The CCHP announced on July 1, 2020, a joint, \$65 million plan to serve 5,000 people experiencing homelessness by October 2022 to limit the spread of COVID-19 by permanently housing people who are currently experiencing literal homelessness (e.g., living in shelters, encampments, or on the streets), as well as those who may fall into homelessness because of the economic effects of the coronavirus.

The CCHP began on October 1, 2020, and as of October 20, 2021, approximately 3,553 people had been housed through the CCHP. The CCHP focuses on using three primary interventions: (1) “Bridge” to PSH for those experiencing chronic homelessness, (2) Rapid re-housing for those who may fall into homelessness because of COVID-19, and (3) Homelessness diversion to help people immediately maintain or regain housing so that they do not have to experience the literal trauma homelessness may cause.

The community is working towards solving homelessness with the current resources through the CCHP. CCHP made a profound and lasting impact on homelessness in the CoC, and there are likely fewer unsheltered persons counted in the 2021 PIT Count because of this Program.

In 2021, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 made available \$1.9T in relief funds to jurisdictions to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Harris County expects to receive \$914M in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, specifically \$210M to address housing stability and affordability in Harris County.

To reduce the homeless population and time experiencing homelessness, \$40.5M in ARPA funding was awarded for CCHP 2.0 for rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and diversion activities.

Primary services for the CCHP 2.0 includes:

- *Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)* is an intervention that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of chronically homeless people and other homeless individuals with high barriers. The services are designed to build independent

living and tenancy skills and connect people with community-based health care, treatment, and employment services

- *Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)* provides short-term, up to 12 months, rental assistance, and services. The goals are to help those experiencing literal homelessness obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of a criminal record, or sobriety) with the resources and services provided typically tailored to the needs of the person
- *Diversion* is housing-focused problem-solving, mediation, and conflict resolution conversations paired with limited financial assistance offered to persons seeking emergency shelter or residing in emergency shelters
- *Essential client support services* are specialized programs assisting homeless people. This REI includes a range of services provided to assist and support individuals in developing their skills to gain access to needed medical, behavioral health, housing, employment, social, educational, and other services essential to meeting basic human services. Essential client support services include street outreach, mental health services, substance use disorder services, domestic violence mobile advocacy, employment supports, and SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) supports
- *Navigation* is the process of assisting individuals from the point of the housing referral until the date of move-in to housing. Navigators will provide housing search and placement to all program participants

Permanent Supportive Housing Support Services (CCHP 2.0): Not only were homeless populations hard-hit by the pandemic, with little access to health protections, but many housing-unstable individuals also became homeless. Allocating emergency housing vouchers to the homeless population holds real promise as a housing-first solution to homelessness that can set the most vulnerable unhoused people on a track to stability. These additional support services help individuals address underlying problems often linked to housing instability – domestic violence, mental health, and substance abuse – providing navigation and case management to find appropriate counseling and support options, as well as providing overall social support services that can assist with finding employment and community.

Permanent Supportive Housing support services (Housing): Approved for \$5.5 million, with additional State of Texas funding. The Program provides navigation, case management, and support services (mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence support) for 1,200 unsheltered individuals, allowing the Emergency Housing Vouchers made available to the Houston Housing Authority and Harris County Housing Authority under ARPA to be utilized for Permanent Supportive Housing.

The key outcome goals for this Program are reducing the population experiencing homelessness, reducing time spent in homelessness, reducing homelessness recidivism, and increasing the number of successful housing placements. Potential spillover effects include improving economic prospects and providing support for individuals to successfully exit domestic violence, substance abuse, or poor mental health situations.

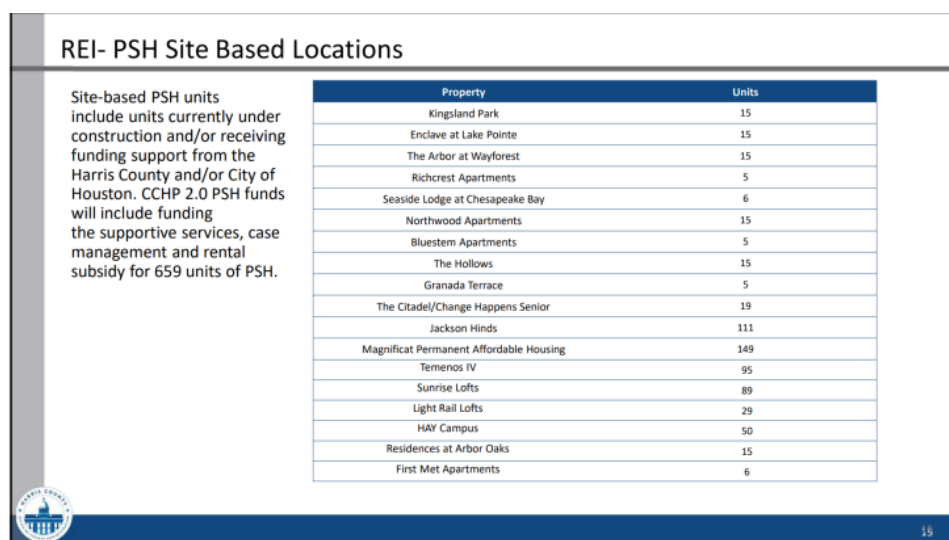


Figure 12 – REI- PSH Site-Based Locations

Data Source: My Home is Here, 2021

The creation and preservation of affordable housing with \$210M in ARPA funds will be utilized to increase access to quality affordable housing.¹⁴ From a series of meetings and public input, the guiding principle for ARPA funding includes:

- Emphasize integration and housing choice; mixed-use, mixed-income, or other opportunities with integrated services preferred
- Ensure inclusion of innovative approaches that may prove new models for future replication
- Consider opportunities not available under traditional HUD funding; the proposal should take advantage of ARPA flexibility
- Consider siting criteria in the *My Home is Here* Housing assessment
- Prioritize investments enabling long-term affordability

As a result, of the guiding principles, recommended project types include the creation of multi-family and single-family affordable housing, home repair and preservation (including weatherization, community land trust expansion [CLT], and homeownership subsidies).

Current Resources for Veterans

The 2020 Continuum of Care Homeless program gathered data on available housing relief resources that are currently provided for veterans experiencing or may experience homelessness. Within Houston, Pasadena, Conroe/Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery Counties, there are 1,639 total beds reserved for Veterans at risk of being homeless. That is 16% of the total year-round beds available to the entire homeless community, including adult-only and family beds. With 7% of the homeless population being of veteran status, not the availability of beds causes concern but shelters and transitional housing that serve veterans and their families.¹⁵

¹⁴ My Home is Here, 2021

¹⁵ CoC PIT Count, 2020.

HUD 2020 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report identified the available housing resources for veterans. The results found:

Types of Housing Inventory:

- 1 Emergency Shelter
- 1 Safe Haven
- 4 Transitional Housing
- 6 Permanent Supportive Housing
- 4 Rapid Re-Housing
- 1 Other Permanent Housing

Total Units and Bed Counts

- 101 Family Units
- 272 Family Beds
- 1,456 Adult Only Beds
- 0 Child Only Beds

Other than housing services, Veteran Advocates Services and Training (VAST) organization in Harris County utilizes a mentorship program. They provide case management services that work with Veterans and their families for two years to help prevent homelessness. VAST has an emergency and permanent housing, along with wrap-around services such as mentors and psych assistance, on their housing campus.¹⁶ Harris County's Veterans Services (VSD) also provides awareness of available resources and case management for homeless veterans. During the staff's Focus Group meeting with VSD, it was stated that the main service they provide for Veterans were claims and benefits, along with case manager work. Their goal is to work with the individual until they live in safe conditions and are stable with supportive services.¹⁷

Current Resources for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking

The current resources available to Domestic Violence Victims range from emergency shelters and counseling services to case management and legal services. The 2020 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) estimates found that of the Total Domestic Violence beds (812), 84% were reserved for families.

Table 12 – Harris County Domestic Violence Shelters HIC Estimates

Provider Name	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult Only Beds	DV Beds	Total Beds
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters	17	65	10	75	79
Houston Area Women's Center	22	88	32	120	120
Fort Bend County Women's Center	7	31	26	57	60
Bay Area Turning Point	15	62	10	72	72
Houston Area Women's Center	21	74	0	74	74
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters	7	24	0	24	24
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters	3	9	0	9	9

¹⁶ Stakeholder Meeting, 2022.

¹⁷ Focus Group Meeting, 2022.

Fort Bend County Women's Center	14	53	24	77	77
HOUSTON Area Women's Center	3	6	3	9	9
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters	44	148	8	156	156
Fort Bend County Women's Center	35	120	19	139	139

Source: HUD 2020 HIC Estimates by CoC

Along with housing and shelter services, those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking found counseling services and case management to be the most helpful services, where 71% of participants agreed that Domestic Violence within the home had decreased after receiving help.¹⁸ The *Harris County Health and Relationship Study Report 2021* identified the available housing and service resources for victims of domestic violence. The results found:

- Emergency Shelters
- Hotlines/chats
- Counseling
- Case Management
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Financial Assistance-TBRA
- Childcare
- Legal Advocacy

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

The population of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness also declined through the 2011-2016 time period but in recent years has seen a 50% increase along with increased public visibility of homeless encampments. Based on the optimization created by the CoC, as shown in Tables 11 and 12, there is a need for 520 additional Emergency Shelter beds for single adults and youths. However, based on the Gap Analysis, there is a need for 1,403 more Emergency Shelter beds for single adults and youths and 23 more household units for families.

The gaps that were discussed during the consultation processes amongst homeless service providers shared a common theme. Many stakeholders spoke to the known available resources; however, it was not necessarily the lack of housing and supportive services that needed to be addressed, but the barriers to being able to access them. Even if those experiencing homelessness had the opportunity to receive housing assistance, they might not be eligible due to their history. A considerable housing accessibility gap stems from an individual's rental, credit, and/or criminal history, along with the lack of necessary legal documents and income disparity.

Data from the Point-in-Time (PIT) counts from 2020, the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for The Way Home from 2020, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and system performance were used to create an optimized system for the CoC that would identify the current gaps for single adults and youth in Table 11 and for families in Table 12.

¹⁸ Harris County Health and Relationship Study, 2021.

Table 13 - Current Gaps to Single Adults & Youth

Program Component Types	Current System for Individual (Units)	Estimated Optimal System for Individuals (Units)	Estimated Current Gap
Emergency Shelter	1,050	1,570	520
Diversion/Prevention	0	875	875
Transitional Housing	658	625	-
Rapid Rehousing	650	1,500	850
Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing	25	750	725
Permanent Supportive Housing	3,125	5,025	1,900

Data Source: The Way Home's Community Plan to End Homelessness, 2021-2026 UPDATE

Table 14 - Current Gaps for Families

Program Component Types	Current System for Individual (Units)	Estimated Optimal System for Individuals (Units)	Estimated Current Gap
Prevention	0	50	50
Emergency Shelter	400	160	-
Diversion	0	80	80
Traditional Housing	120	100	-
Rapid Re-housing	170	485	315
Bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing	0	50	50
Permanent Supportive Housing	415	290	-

Data Source: The Way Home's Community Plan to End Homelessness, 2021-2026 UPDATE

The following summarizes the barriers that were consistently identified throughout the public participation process:

Housing Barriers

- Criminal, Rental, and Credit History
- Accessing Legal Documents
- Undocumented Individuals
- Affordability
- Application, deposits, and other housing fees

Additional Service Gaps

- Assistant Living Units
- Peer-support Mentoring
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Diversion Services
- Transportation

The data that from the CoC 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) found the following shelter beds and household units gaps calculated from Table 2 – Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis:

Family

- 92 beds
- 23 units

Adult-Only

- 1,403 beds
- 1,403 units

This analysis presents the gap between the individuals and families experiencing homelessness and the County's current inventory available for a path to permanent housing.

The Coalition identified permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing as ways to address the gaps in the current shelter and housing inventory to better assist people experiencing homelessness and prevent future homelessness. The following details immediate gaps in the homeless system:

- There is a current total system gap of 1,900 PSH units for single adults and youth, which includes a place to live that is affordable and paired with supportive services.
- There is a current system gap within rapid rehousing of 850 beds for single adults and youth and 315 units for families, along with another 725 Bridge to PSH beds for single adults and youth and another 50 Bridge to PSH units for families, which includes an affordable place to live paired with supportive services.
- Based on the optimization created by the CoC and to allow for social distancing during COVID-19, as shown in Tables 12 and 13, there is a need for 520 more Emergency Shelter beds for single adults and youths. However, based on the Gap Analysis, the need is 1,403 more Emergency Shelter beds for single adults and youths and 23 more household units for families.
- The increased service levels and access to Diversion services are crucial to targeting and preventing households from experiencing or returning to homelessness. The CoC also recommended diversion and prevention services for 875 single adults and youth, prevention services for 50 families, and diversion services for 80 families.
- An additional 20,000 units need to be constructed each year for the next ten years to tackle the lack of affordable housing both at present and over the next decade.

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

There are several characteristics often associated with housing instability, which places individuals or families at risk of becoming homeless or of being unstably housed. These factors were identified through stakeholder meetings, focus group meetings, and the stakeholder survey and they include:

- *Affordability* – Or rather, the lack of affordable housing causes a cascading effect on cost-burdened residents and increases their risk of homelessness. Lack of affordable housing will result in longer wait times and limited availability for public housing units and section 8 vouchers. Inevitably, this will force residents to find housing elsewhere, which typically includes living with friends or family. Depending on the size of the family and unit, this can result in overcrowding causing substandard living conditions.
- *Spatial Mismatch* – Affordable housing is a major resolution of housing instability; however, affordable homes are not always located where people can benefit the most. For example, residents who need affordable homes are more likely to require access to public transit and

walkable neighborhoods since they may not have the funds to afford a personal vehicle. The lack of these services could increase financial disparity for those already cost-burdened.

- *Housing Quality* – Affordable housing is typically affordable due to the conditions and state of the home. Conditions could include lack of utilities, insufficient maintenance, or not meeting current building codes. The surrounding location also has impacts on the quality of the home; issues like hazards, such as weather-induced and man-made, and is located in an unsafe neighborhood.

Those experiencing housing instability face numerous challenges, but eligibility for services and resources should not be one. These individuals may have already experienced homelessness and have exhausted their resources, have behavioral issues, income disparities, or disabilities. These existing challenges can cause cyclical homelessness. Securing a job, which seems to be an ideal solution for those financially burdened by housing costs, can be difficult for those disabled or who have behavioral health problems. They may not have the ability to work and therefore earn an income.

There is an increased risk of housing instability felt in unqualified population groups. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines the “qualifying population” as individuals or families who are either *homeless, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or veterans*. Unfortunately, some individuals or families may not receive access to certain housing and supportive services due to their situation or history. Some of the *other population* groups include:

- Individuals or families who are undocumented
- Homeowners facing foreclosure or renters facing eviction
- Individuals who have a criminal history or exiting an institution
- Elderly, frail, or other individuals living on a fixed income incapable of absorbing increased housing costs
- Unaccompanied youth and those aging out of foster care
- Individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities
- Lack of assets available for emergencies or relocation costs (like deposits)
- Special needs populations, such as persons living with HIV/AIDS and/or other disabilities

The cookie-cutter approach toward preventing homelessness is failing, and Harris County must provide aid to prevent unqualified population groups from continuing to fall within the cracks by being ineligible for homeless preventative resources. Services that assist with translation, obtaining legal documents and services, and housing larger families and those with disabilities should be prioritized.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The following identified priority needs were mentioned during the survey, stakeholder/organization meeting, and focus group consultations. The stakeholder responses are organized in a way that speaks to each qualifying population’s specific needs. Throughout the public participation process, there was a consensus that homeless services should be provided with an understanding of each individual. As one of the Stakeholders expressed, “the cookie-cutter approach is failing,” and we must provide services that are flexible and cater to each person’s needs. All groups could share a majority of the priority needs identified; however, this allows the County to grasp a greater understanding of the immediate needs of each Qualifying Population group. This will assist when determining the allocation of funds.

Needs-Based on Qualifying Population

Homeless persons (sheltered and unsheltered)

- Recovery and Transitional Housing
- Rehabbing Vacant Hotels and Motels for Emergency and Transitional Housing, Shelters, and Rapid Rehousing.
- Financial Services
- Job and Life Skills Training and Classes

Persons at risk of homelessness (housed but at risk of homelessness)

- Permanent housing with on-site Supportive Services for Youth exiting Foster Care
- Youth After School Programs and Services
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Mortgage Assistance
- Intensive or Full-Time Care or Assisted Living for those with Severe Mental Illness or Issues due to Aging
- Affordable Housing

Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking

- Affordable Housing in Good School Districts
- Case Management and Peer-Support Services
- Childcare Service Vouchers
- Transitional and Recovery Housing
- Mental Health Programs
- Transportation
- Permanent housing with on-site Supportive Services

Other families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness or serve those at most significant risk of housing instability

- Translation Services
- Undocumented Individuals' Services since they do not qualify for Government Funding
- Assistance in obtaining Social Security cards and identification
- Focus on providing Housing options for HIV+, Criminal Backgrounds, Sex Offenders, and Larger Families.
- Affordable housing that is accessible and compliant to support Individuals with Disabilities

Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria

- Behavioral Health Services
- Wrap around Support Services on site of provided Housing Services
- VA Housing Vouchers available for Veterans with a Dishonorable Discharge
- Basic Life Skills Trainings
- Emergency and Transitional shelters available for Veterans' Family Members
- PTSD Services

Overall Top Priorities

There is an overall need for affordable permanent supportive housing with reliable tenant-based rental assistance, and supportive services are tailored to the person and their specific needs. Based on feedback from the Coalition for the Homeless, the HOME-ARP funding could make a big difference if focused on client support, diversion services, and project/system management, which overlaps with what community stakeholders were expressing. Focusing on a particular area rather than spreading out the funding to various areas would fit with general recommendations because the requirements for documentation and personnel could be minimized.

Summary of suggested priorities:

- Client Support: case management (counseling, risk assessment, developing a housing plan, childcare, etc.), landlord engagement and affordable housing navigation, peer-support mentoring, addiction services, employment services, education, etc.
- Diversion Services: staff-led skills like mediation, negotiation, conflict resolution, active listening, and strengths-based approaches; flexible financial resources for rent arrears, transportation, utilities, and deposits; connections with community-based services; outreach coordination, etc.
- Project and System Management: implementing and coordinating programming, funding administrative services, networking between stakeholders and partners (government entities, non-profits, shelters, health providers, faith-based programs, etc.)

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

The needs and gaps in the shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems included in this plan were identified by employing data from multiple sources, including stakeholder meetings, surveying, public engagement, and various papers and reports. The level of need for unsheltered and shelter households experiencing homelessness was determined by using data sources, including the HUD 2020 PIT and the local 2020 CoC HIC. Information concerning populations at risk of homelessness was derived from 2014-2018 CHAS data, which summarized housing conditions for at-risk low-income racial/ethnic groups within Harris County's Service Area, as well as housing information from the 2021 My Home is Here report. Data used for other at-risk populations (e.g., domestic violence victims) came from reports generated by the Houston Area Women's Center and the Harris County Health Department. A comprehensive list of all the sources cited in this plan is included in *Appendix K: References*.

HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

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

HCCSD will use its HOME-ARP funds to expand organizational capacity, provide supportive services, and increase the number of PSH units in Harris County. HCCSD will solicit applications from non-profit organizations, housing developers, service providers, and sub-recipient organizations to administer eligible activities and/or develop housing. A Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) will be issued and will

specify eligible activities, applicants, funding amounts, application thresholds, and underwriting criteria, and provide instructions on how to apply.

HOME-ARP funds may be leveraged with other public and private funds to support eligible activities and collaborations with other agencies and organizations. HCCSD will review each sub-recipients financial management, the proposed project, current activities, record-keeping procedures, organizational and financial capacities, and past performance (if applicable). Once selected, projects approved by Commissioners Court will be incorporated into the Annual Action Plan and submitted to HUD for review. The selected projects will be monitored throughout the program year(s) to ensure compliance with HUD regulations and to guarantee the effective use of program funds.

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

HCCSD will not administer HOME-ARP activities beyond program administration and planning and no sub-recipient or subcontractors will be responsible for program administration on behalf of HCCSD.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

PJ must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organizations, operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

Based on the Harris County HOME-ARP Community Stakeholder/Organizational Survey feedback, most respondents found supportive services, permanent supportive housing, and tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) most important. For example, when asked, “What types of housing assistance or supportive services would you recommend funding for the ‘qualifying populations’ in Harris County?” more than 74 percent of respondents found supportive services to be “very important,” with an additional 17 percent finding it “important.” In addition, 75 percent of respondents found permanent supportive housing “very important,” with an additional 14 percent rating it as “important.” Finally, 66 percent of respondents found tenant-based rental assistance “very important,” with an additional 18 percent rating it as “important.”

These responses are consistent with feedback that staff received during stakeholder meetings. In these discussions, stakeholders also stressed the importance of continuous gainful employment as one of the most critical factors in preventing homelessness. In addition, stakeholders expressed the importance of workforce and educational training, childcare, mental health, substance abuse, and disability services as the most critical types of support for households at risk of homelessness to become self-sufficient.

HCCSD plans to utilize 50.63% of its HOME-ARP funds for the expansion of affordable rental housing by providing Permanent Supportive Housing (PHS), 26.87% for Supportive Services, and 5% for Nonprofit Operating Assistance, and 2.5% for Nonprofit Capacity Building.

Table 15 represents the proposed HOME-ARP budget by activity type. Harris County will operate a five-year funding program that will allow selected organizations to operate.

Table 15 – HOME-ARP Budget

Activity Type	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$4,500,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	0		
Expansion of Affordable Rental Housing (PSH)	\$8,479,208.00		
Nonprofit Operating	\$837,369.00	5%	5%
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$418,685.00	2.5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$2,512,104.00	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$16,774,366.00		

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:

Harris County considered characteristics of its shelter and housing inventory, supportive services, needs identified in the gap analysis, and feedback from stakeholders, to determine funding priorities for the HOME-ARP grant funding. HCCSD has been able to identify, with the development of the gap analysis and stakeholder meetings, activities that will assist the qualified populations in Harris County. The results of the gap analysis show there is need for Supportive Services, expansion of Affordable Rental Housing (PSH), and increased capacity of the Nonprofit network to respond to families and individuals from the most vulnerable qualified populations.

Supportive services were the highest rated need identified by the needs assessment survey and feedback from the stakeholders. Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance) help to prevent homelessness before the family or individual becomes homeless. These services can also be paired with PSH to help vulnerable populations achieve self-sufficiency. Harris County will fund activities that will increase the capacity of nonprofit organizations to provide these services and increase the amount and diversity of social services provided.

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:

HCCSD estimates providing between 395 and 863 units of affordable rental PSH units for a year, along with Supportive Services, for the qualified populations. (The range depends on whether the units are for individuals or families, as well as whether they are facility-based or scattered sites. While a scattered site may be more expensive than a facility-based, the scattered site does not locate all the homeless individuals being helped in one location, which creates less resistance from the community, less stigma around the individuals, and less likelihood of creating a slum/blight situation.) With various other

government programs already working to produce housing throughout the county, this focus on supporting affordable housing will make it possible for residents who need the housing to move into these units and find stability over the year.

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

HCCSD identified 1,900 units of PSH as a priority for the Coalition for the Homeless (Continuum of Care), with the insight that getting people into permanent housing as quickly as possible creates a higher likelihood that they will stay housed in the long term. Since HUD found that PSH costs on average about \$22 per person per day for individuals in facility-based housing, \$59 per person per day for individuals in scattered-site housing, and \$27 per family per day for families (*Costs Associated with First-Time Homelessness for Families and Individuals, March 2010*), the range of 395 to 863 units are seen as reasonable for \$8.5 million of affordable housing, which will significantly work toward alleviating the 1,900 units needed by the CoC. (Note: "In the facility-based model, clients are housed in a single building or a campus of buildings owned or leased by the program. In the scattered site model, households are placed in independent apartments located in larger complexes where most of the buildings' tenants are not homeless." (*Costs Associated with First-Time Homelessness for Families and Individuals, March 2010*) While the funding would expire after a year, it is more effective to get more people into housing quickly rather than draw out the funding over more years for fewer people since residents already housed may be able to apply for other permanent housing programs later, and the stability of being housed will help many of the residents get on their feet and become stable on their own (similar to the Rapid Rehousing model).

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:

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.

Harris County will establish a preference for sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons with a disability that have the longest history of homelessness and the most severe service needs within the qualifying populations. This includes households that transfer from other programs and that maintain their homeless status for eligibility per HUD guidance on program transfers. HOME-ARP-funded Permanent Supportive Housing and Supportive Services will receive referrals through the Coordinated Entry to serve the qualifying populations.

To focus resources on the most vulnerable, Harris County will continue its partnership with the Coalition for the Homeless, The Way Home, Coordinated Entry process, referred to as the Coordinated Access System. The Coordinated Access System institutes standardized assessment and referral processes to determine and secure the most appropriate response to each individual or family's immediate and long-term housing needs, consistent with the HOME-ARP requirements. Harris County will approve the preferences or prioritization criteria applied by the Coordinated Access System or other referral sources, provided that they are consistent with HOME-ARP requirements and this allocation plan.

As adopted in the CoC, Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures, Harris County will utilize the HOME-ARP funds to support the expansion of affordable rental housing (PHS) and supportive services. Non-profit operating and capacity building will be funded directly with HOME-ARP funds and separate from the CoC. Harris County will also utilize referrals through the Coordinated Access System and establish preferences that include the following:

Expansion of Affordable Rental Housing (PHS): Harris County will give preference to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons with a disability that have the longest history of homelessness and the most severe service needs. This housing intervention combines rental assistance paired with supportive services. PSH is permanent and designed to serve the most vulnerable in a community. To be eligible for PSH, an individual or family must be chronically homeless.

Supportive Services: Preferences may be given to the qualified populations, and some supportive services may not have preferences that target specific qualified populations. People experiencing homelessness are moved into permanent housing as quickly as possible and then provided with supportive services (i.e. case management, healthcare, substance use counseling, income coaching, and more) to help them remain stabilized in housing and improve their quality of life.

Nonprofit Operating - Funds will be used to cover eligible costs related to the development of the capacity to successfully carry out HOME-ARP activities.

Nonprofit Capacity Building – Funds will be used to build capacity for non-profit organizations that will implement HOME-ARP-funded supportive services and affordable housing initiatives for qualified populations such as pre-development activities, training, and personnel cost for a non-profit organization that will build and serve affordable and supportive housing units funded.

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 category of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ’s needs assessment and gap analysis:

Based on the unmet needs and gaps identified through extensive public participation and the needs and gaps analysis, Harris County intends to prioritize sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons with a disability that have the longest history of homelessness and the most severe service needs. This will better ensure that the most vulnerable individuals and families will be targeted to receive assistance.

To focus on system resources for the qualified populations, Harris County will require projects to be filled through the Coordinated Entry System to ensure that it is consistent with the HOME-ARP requirements. The CoC will work to incorporate the HOME-ARP guidelines and procedures in the Coordinated Access System Operations Manual to include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and referral methods, and all sub-recipients will use the Coordinated Access System for referrals for the HOME-ARP activities to ensure that all qualifying populations are included.

Currently, the Domestic Violence Coordinated Access System Operations Manual includes the definition of the qualifying population for individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. Anyone eligible to seek assistance through the Coordinated Access System, including all qualifying populations, and no qualified populations will be excluded from applying and receiving assistance through HOME-ARP. Prioritization will occur after coordinated intake and will align with the preference, and each applicant will be placed on a first-come, first-served waiting list for programs that align with their needs.

As challenges remain, this population has devastating impacts on the people who experience it as well as on the community. The Way Home, with the input from area homeless providers, has established guidelines that outline the order of priority for housing homeless individuals and families. The goal is to ensure that those individuals and families who have spent the longest times in places not meant for human habitation or in emergency shelters, and who have the most severe service needs are prioritized for housing. The severity of service needs refers to individuals or families who have a history of high utilization of crisis services such as emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities and significant health or behavioral challenges such as substance use disorders or functional impairments.

Since 2012, homeless service agencies, local governments, public housing authorities, the local Veterans Affairs office, and other nonprofits and community stakeholders have been working together to refine their programs, practices, and policies so the Houston/Harris County region can provide permanent

housing and wrap-around supportive services to as many individuals and families experiencing homelessness as possible.

The Way Home Coordinating Entity (CE) takes all necessary steps to ensure that the Coordinated Access System is administered by the Fair Housing Act and that it complies with the non-discrimination requirements of the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in all housing transactions based on race, national origin, sex, color, religion, disability status, and familial status.

To address the needs of the qualified populations, individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis are assessed through the coordinated access system for need, prioritized, and matched to the appropriate housing and supportive services.

- *Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Populations*: Those experiencing homelessness, sheltered or unsheltered, can access the Coordinated Access System through a hotline, email, or in-person assessment hubs and will be accessed according to their level of vulnerability to determine the appropriate services and resources.
- *Populations Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking*: There is a separate Coordinated Access System process for domestic violence providers referred to as the Domestic Violence Coordinated Access System (DV CAS) that uses de-identifiable data to maintain client confidentiality. The DV CAS will also connect eligible applicants with HOME-ARP services. Clients can call the Domestic Violence Hotline.
- *At-Risk Populations*: Households who are at risk of homelessness can also access the CAS system through multiple access points, including the 800 Homeless Crisis Help Line. The CAS intake process (through a diversion assessment) works to divert those households from becoming homeless by connecting them with diversion and/or prevention resources.
- *Other Populations Needing Prevention Assistance or With Greatest Risk of Housing Instability*: As with at-risk populations, households who are experiencing housing instability or in need of prevention assistance can also access the CAS system through the multiple access points, including the 800 Homeless Crisis Help Line, and the CAS intake process helps to divert them from becoming homeless by connecting them with diversion and/or prevention resources.

Harris County will approve the preferences or prioritization criteria applied by the CAS system or other referral sources, provided that those are consistent with HOME-ARP requirements and this allocation plan. Current information about the referral procedures can be found in The Way Home, Coordinated Access System at their website at <https://www.homelesshouston.org/thewayhome>.

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

The preference for serving persons experiencing homelessness with HOME-ARP funds is not meant to exclude at-risk and other unstably housed populations, particularly those who need help to relocate to other suitable housing and this may include those fleeing or attempting to flee abusive situations.

However, it is anticipated that individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness or members of other qualifying populations needing homeless prevention assistance or who are at risk of housing

stability will have their needs most appropriately met through other federal, state, and local resources that are supporting rental assistance for those populations, as described earlier.

REFINANCING GUIDELINES

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

HCCSD does not plan to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing with its HOME-ARP funds.



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APPENDIX A: NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Harris County HOME-ARP Community Stakeholder/Organization Survey

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

As part of the ARPA, HUD awarded Harris County \$16,747,366 in HOME-ARP funds and established requirements for the grant that includes planning, community engagement, stakeholder consultation, needs assessment and gap analysis, and submittal of a draft allocation plan that must be completed and approved by HUD before funds are made available.

Eligible activities that may be funded with HOME-ARP funds include:

- Rental Housing - acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing (such as transitional or permanent housing, group homes, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and manufactured housing)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments).
- Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance)
- Non-Congregate Shelters - acquisition and development (non-congregate shelters are buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement)
- Non-Profit Operations/Capacity Building

Funds may primarily benefit individuals and households in the following “qualifying populations:”

- Homeless persons (sheltered and unsheltered)
- Persons at risk of homelessness (housed but at risk of homelessness)
- Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness or serve those at greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria

Over the coming months, Harris County wants to hear from you! By participating in our survey is a great way to offer recommendations for funding and services for people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homeless, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability.

Please complete the survey by **February 25, 2022**, and the results will be included in the long-term community allocation plan that will be submitted to HUD. This survey should take about 5 -10 minutes to complete.

1) What is your full name?

2) What is the name of the organization or group you are affiliated with?

3) What is your email address?

4) What is your organization's address, city, zip code?

Through this stakeholder survey process, Harris County is seeking input from organizations and groups that work with the "qualifying populations" (people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability).

5) What best describes the organization you are affiliated with? (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Homeless Service Provider
- ☒ Domestic Violence Service Provider
- ☒ Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- ☒ Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider
- ☒ Veterans Group
- ☒ Civil Rights
- ☒ Fair Housing
- ☒ People with Disabilities
- ☒ Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability
- ☒ Public Housing Authority
- ☒ Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
- ☒ Other (please specify): _____

6) What types of housing assistance or supportive services does your organization provide for the "qualifying populations?" (Select all that apply)

- ☒ Day shelters
- ☒ Temporary shelters
- ☒ Emergency shelters
- ☒ Transitional housing
- ☒ Permanent supportive housing
- ☒ Other permanent housing
- ☒ Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments
- ☒ Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments).
- ☒ Supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, etc.)
- ☒ Diversion/Homeless Prevention
- ☒ Rapid Rehousing
- ☒ Services for persons with disabilities
- ☒ Fair housing or civil rights
- ☒ Other (please specify): _____

7) Which of the following “qualifying populations” does your organization serve? (Select all that apply).

- ☒ Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness
- ☒ Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness
- ☒ Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI
- ☒ Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- ☒ Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability
- ☒ Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness
- ☒ Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability
- ☒ Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria

8) On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rank the importance of the "qualified populations" that could benefit the most from the activities offered through the HOME-ARP program in Harris County?

	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important
Homelessness persons (sheltered and unsheltered)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Persons at risk of homeless (housed but at risk of homelessness)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

9) Of the “qualifying populations” what percent race/ethnicity do you serve? (Please feel free to estimate).

	0 - 19%	20 - 39%	40 - 59%	60 - 79%	80% or more
White (non-Hispanic)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Black (non-Hispanic)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Asian (non-Hispanic)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Hispanic (any race)

Other Race (s)
(non-Hispanic)

Please specify: Other Race (s) (non-Hispanic)

10) Over the last five years, on average, how many unique **individuals/families** per month does your organization serve that is within the qualifying populations? (Feel free to estimate the number of people)

	0-20	30-40	40-60	60-80	80 +
Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness					
Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness					
Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI					
Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking					
Individuals/families at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations					
Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness					
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability					
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria					

11) Please identify the population with the highest need for services based on your organization's experience (check all that apply).

- ☒ Families
- ☒ Single adults
- ☒ Veterans
- ☒ Unaccompanied Youth
- ☒ Victims of Domestic Violence
- ☒ Persons with Disabilities
- ☒ Other (please specify): _____

12) On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rank the following eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds in terms of priority in Harris County?

	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important
Acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing (such as transitional or permanent housing, group homes, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and manufactured housing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Acquisition and development of Non-Congregate Shelters (non-congregate shelters are buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nonprofit Operating Assistance - Up to 5% of its HOME-ARP allocation to pay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

for operating expenses of CHDOs (Community Housing Development Organizations) and other nonprofit organizations that will carry out activities with HOME-ARP funds

Nonprofit Capacity Building Assistance - Up to 5% of its allocation to pay eligible costs related to developing the capacity of eligible nonprofit organizations to successfully carry out HOME-ARP eligible activities.

x

x

x

x

x

How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to further address the eligible uses stated above? Please explain.

Please share your thoughts below to help us identify any gaps in housing and services and fair housing barriers in Harris County. This will help us allocate the HOME-ARP funds to eligible activities that address those needs and priorities for the "qualifying populations" (people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability).

13) Please share your thoughts below to help us identify any **gaps** in housing and services, and any **fair housing barriers** that the "qualifying populations" may encounter? Please explain.

14) Are there any varying needs among **racial/ethnic** groups within the qualifying populations? Please explain any varying needs.

Please share your thoughts below on your recommendations of how Harris County should allocate the HOME-ARP funds in Harris County for the "qualifying populations" (people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability).

15) What **types of housing assistance or supportive services** would you recommend to fund for the "qualifying populations" in Harris County? Please rank in order of importance.

	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important
Temporary shelters	x	x	x	x	x
Emergency shelters	x	x	x	x	x
Transitional housing	x	x	x	x	x
Permanent supportive housing	x	x	x	x	x
Other permanent housing	x	x	x	x	x
New Construction of Affordable Rental Housing, Low-Income Tax Credit Developments	x	x	x	x	x
Rehabilitation of Affordable Rental Housing	x	x	x	x	x
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments)	x	x	x	x	x
Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management)	x	x	x	x	x
Diversion/Homeless Prevention	x	x	x	x	x
Rapid Rehousing	x	x	x	x	x
Services for persons with disabilities	x	x	x	x	x
Fair housing or civil rights	x	x	x	x	x

What **unmet housing and service needs** do you see among the "qualifying populations" in Harris County? Please explain.

16) Imagine that you were awarded \$16 million dollars of unrestricted funding, how would you use the funding to serve the "qualifying population" with the money?

17) Imagine you were awarded \$16 million dollars of (restrictive) HOME-ARP funding, what would you do with the money?

18) Are there any **other areas** related to the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds that should be considered for funding priority in Harris County?

19) If you would like to send your annual reports, strategic plans, or similar materials that may summarize or indicate your services provided, your program outcomes, or any long-term community plans or goals to address homelessness to assist us with the development of the HOME ARP grant program, please provide the website [links here](#):

Over the next coming months, Harris County will engage organizations that work with the homeless to assess the needs of the community, gaps and barriers to providing services, priority areas and recommendations for funding, and opportunities associated with the use of the HOME-ARP funds. These discussions will include focus group meetings, surveys, a review of the draft Harris County Allocation Plan, and a public hearing to intake feedback. These discussions are currently underway and will be ongoing throughout the grant period.

The focus group meetings will be held in February 2022. If you are interested in being a part of a focus group, please send us an email at: home_arp_comments@csd.hctx.net.

For information about the HOME-ARP program, please see the HUD Exchange Website: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/>

APPENDIX B: NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY RESPONSES

Harris County HOME-ARP Community Stakeholder/Organization Survey

1) What is your full name?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	99	99.00%
Did not respond	1	1.00%
1 skipped this question	Total responses 99	99.00%

2) What is the name of the organization or group you are affiliated with?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	99	99.00%
Did not respond	1	1.00%
1 skipped this question	Total responses 99	99.00%

3) What is your email address?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	98	98.00%
Did not respond	2	2.00%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 98	98.00%

4) What is your organization's address, city, zip code?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	98	98.00%
Did not respond	2	2.00%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 98	98.00%

5) What best describes the organization you are affiliated with? (Select all that apply)

Option	# Responses	Response %
Homeless Service Provider	53	54.08%
Domestic Violence Service Provider	15	15.31%
Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	29	29.59%
Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider	33	33.67%
Veterans Group	23	23.47%
Civil Rights	12	12.24%
Fair Housing	23	23.47%
People with Disabilities	31	31.63%
Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability	49	50.00%
Public Housing Authority	8	8.16%
Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	52	53.06%
Other (please specify): [View]	29	29.59%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 98	98.00%

6) What types of housing assistance or supportive services does your organization provide for the "qualifying populations?" (Select all that apply)

Option	# Responses	Response %
Day shelters	8	8.16%
Temporary shelters	12	12.24%
Emergency shelters	15	15.31%
Transitional housing	21	21.43%
Permanent supportive housing	41	41.84%
Other permanent housing	20	20.41%
Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments	22	22.45%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 98	98.00%

Option	# Responses	Response %
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments).	41	41.84%
Supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, etc.)	66	67.35%
Diversion/Homeless Prevention	28	28.57%
Rapid Rehousing	44	44.90%
Services for persons with disabilities	23	23.47%
Fair housing or civil rights	13	13.27%
Other (please specify): [View]	22	22.45%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 98	98.00%

7) Which of the following “qualifying populations” does your organization serve? (Select all that apply).

Option	# Responses	Response %
Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	42	42.86%
Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	59	60.20%
Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI	66	67.35%
Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	47	47.96%
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability	60	61.22%
Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness	70	71.43%
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability	54	55.10%
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	57	58.16%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 98	98.00%

8) On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rank the importance of the "qualified populations" that could benefit the most from the activities offered through the HOME-ARP program in Harris County?

	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important	Total
Homelessness persons (sheltered and unsheltered)	79 (81.44%)	10 (10.31%)	6 (6.19%)	1 (1.03%)	1 (1.03%)	97
Persons at risk of homeless (housed but at risk of homelessness)	68 (70.83%)	24 (25.00%)	2 (2.08%)	2 (2.08%)	0 (0.00%)	96
Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	75 (78.13%)	15 (15.63%)	2 (2.08%)	2 (2.08%)	2 (2.08%)	96
Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	65 (67.01%)	22 (22.68%)	6 (6.19%)	3 (3.09%)	1 (1.03%)	97
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	67 (71.28%)	15 (15.96%)	6 (6.38%)	6 (6.38%)	0 (0.00%)	94
2 skipped this question	Total responses 98					98.00%

9) Of the “qualifying populations” what percent race/ethnicity do you serve? (Please feel free to estimate).

	0 - 19%	20 - 39%	40 - 59%	60 - 79%	80% or more	Total
White (non-Hispanic)	29 (33.33%)	31 (35.63%)	17 (19.54%)	8 (9.20%)	2 (2.30%)	87
Black (non-Hispanic)	6 (6.38%)	20 (21.28%)	21 (22.34%)	24 (25.53%)	23 (24.47%)	94
Asian (non-Hispanic)	74 (88.10%)	8 (9.52%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	2 (2.38%)	84

5 skipped this question [View Comments (13)]	Total responses 95	95.00%
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	0 - 19%	20 - 39%	40 - 59%	60 - 79%	80% or more	Total
Hispanic (any race)	20 (21.74%)	38 (41.30%)	20 (21.74%)	7 (7.61%)	7 (7.61%)	92
Other Race (s) (non-Hispanic)	51 (82.26%)	5 (8.06%)	3 (4.84%)	1 (1.61%)	2 (3.23%)	62
5 skipped this question [View Comments (13)]	Total responses 95					95.00%

10) Over the last five years, on average, how many unique individuals/families per month does your organization serve that is within the qualifying populations? (Feel free to estimate the number of people)

	0-20	30-40	40-60	60-80	80 +	Total
Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	37 (45.12%)	11 (13.41%)	6 (7.32%)	5 (6.10%)	23 (28.05%)	82
Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	25 (29.41%)	14 (16.47%)	7 (8.24%)	8 (9.41%)	31 (36.47%)	85
Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI	23 (25.84%)	11 (12.36%)	15 (16.85%)	8 (8.99%)	32 (35.96%)	89
Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	43 (50.00%)	12 (13.95%)	9 (10.47%)	7 (8.14%)	15 (17.44%)	86
Individuals/families at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations	18 (20.93%)	14 (16.28%)	13 (15.12%)	15 (17.44%)	26 (30.23%)	86
Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness	22 (24.18%)	10 (10.99%)	12 (13.19%)	15 (16.48%)	32 (35.16%)	91
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability	29 (34.52%)	7 (8.33%)	12 (14.29%)	11 (13.10%)	25 (29.76%)	84
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	48 (52.17%)	6 (6.52%)	13 (14.13%)	4 (4.35%)	21 (22.83%)	92
6 skipped this question	Total responses 94					94.00%

11) Please identify the population with the highest need for services based on your organization's experience (check all that apply).

Option	# Responses	Response %
Families	58	60.42%
Single adults	70	72.92%
Veterans	44	45.83%
Unaccompanied Youth	29	30.21%
Victims of Domestic Violence	31	32.29%
Persons with Disabilities	50	52.08%
Other (please specify): [View]	13	13.54%
4 skipped this question	Total responses 96	96.00%

12) On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rank the following eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds in terms of priority in Harris County?

	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important	Total
Acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing (such as transitional or permanent housing, group homes, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and manufactured housing)	64 (65.31%)	20 (20.41%)	11 (11.22%)	1 (1.02%)	2 (2.04%)	98

2 skipped this question [View Comments (35)]	Total responses 98	98.00%
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	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important	Total
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments)	65 (67.71%)	21 (21.88%)	7 (7.29%)	3 (3.13%)	0 (0.00%)	96
Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance)	72 (75.00%)	20 (20.83%)	2 (2.08%)	1 (1.04%)	1 (1.04%)	96
Acquisition and development of Non-Congregate Shelters (non-congregate shelters are buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement)	46 (46.94%)	27 (27.55%)	18 (18.37%)	5 (5.10%)	2 (2.04%)	98

2 skipped this question [View Comments (35)]	Total responses 98	98.00%
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	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important	Total
Nonprofit Operating Assistance - Up to 5% of its HOME-ARP allocation to pay for operating expenses of CHDOs (Community Housing Development Organizations) and other nonprofit organizations that will carry out activities with HOME-ARP funds	54 (55.67%)	25 (25.77%)	15 (15.46%)	1 (1.03%)	2 (2.06%)	97
Nonprofit Capacity Building Assistance - Up to 5% of its allocation to pay eligible costs related to developing the capacity of eligible nonprofit organizations to successfully carry out HOME-ARP eligible activities.	56 (58.95%)	21 (22.11%)	15 (15.79%)	2 (2.11%)	1 (1.05%)	95
2 skipped this question [View Comments (35)]	Total responses 98					98.00%

13) Please share your thoughts below to help us identify any gaps in housing and services, and any fair housing barriers that the "qualifying populations" may encounter? Please explain.

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	69	69.00%
Did not respond	31	31.00%
31 skipped this question	Total responses 69	69.00%

14) Are there any varying needs among racial/ethnic groups within the qualifying populations? Please explain any varying needs.

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	51	51.00%
Did not respond	49	49.00%
49 skipped this question	Total responses 51	51.00%

15) What types of housing assistance or supportive services would you recommend to fund for the “qualifying populations” in Harris County? Please rank in order of importance.

	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important	Total
Temporary shelters	41 (45.56%)	32 (35.56%)	11 (12.22%)	4 (4.44%)	1 (1.11%)	90
Emergency shelters	53 (59.55%)	22 (24.72%)	7 (7.87%)	6 (6.74%)	1 (1.12%)	89
Transitional housing	53 (60.23%)	21 (23.86%)	9 (10.23%)	3 (3.41%)	2 (2.27%)	88
Permanent supportive housing	73 (77.66%)	14 (14.89%)	5 (5.32%)	2 (2.13%)	0 (0.00%)	94
Other permanent housing	48 (55.17%)	27 (31.03%)	10 (11.49%)	2 (2.30%)	0 (0.00%)	87
New Construction of Affordable Rental Housing, Low-Income Tax Credit Developments	52 (56.52%)	20 (21.74%)	10 (10.87%)	9 (9.78%)	1 (1.09%)	92
Rehabilitation of Affordable Rental Housing	49 (52.69%)	29 (31.18%)	12 (12.90%)	3 (3.23%)	0 (0.00%)	93
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments)	64 (70.33%)	18 (19.78%)	6 (6.59%)	1 (1.10%)	2 (2.20%)	91

3 skipped this question [View Comments (63)]	Total responses 97	97.00%
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	(1) Very Important	(2) Important	(3) Neutral	(4) Somewhat Important	(5) Not Important	Total
Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management)	72 (76.60%)	17 (18.09%)	2 (2.13%)	2 (2.13%)	1 (1.06%)	94
Diversion/Homeless Prevention	59 (64.13%)	22 (23.91%)	9 (9.78%)	2 (2.17%)	0 (0.00%)	92
Rapid Rehousing	61 (67.78%)	17 (18.89%)	10 (11.11%)	2 (2.22%)	0 (0.00%)	90
Services for persons with disabilities	67 (73.63%)	15 (16.48%)	8 (8.79%)	1 (1.10%)	0 (0.00%)	91
Fair housing or civil rights	55 (61.80%)	17 (19.10%)	15 (16.85%)	2 (2.25%)	0 (0.00%)	89
3 skipped this question [View Comments (63)]	Total responses 97					97.00%

16) Imagine that you were awarded \$16 million dollars of unrestricted funding, how would you use the funding to serve the "qualifying population" with the money?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	78	78.00%
Did not respond	22	22.00%
22 skipped this question	Total responses 78	78.00%

17) Imagine you were awarded \$16 million dollars of (restrictive) HOME-ARP funding, what would you do with the money?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	68	68.00%
Did not respond	32	32.00%
32 skipped this question	Total responses 68	68.00%

18) Are there any other areas related to the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds that should be considered for funding priority in Harris County?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	51	51.00%
Did not respond	49	49.00%
49 skipped this question	Total responses 51	51.00%

19) If you would like to send your annual reports, strategic plans, or similar materials that may summarize or indicate your services provided, your program outcomes, or any long-term community plans or goals to address homelessness to assist us with the development of the HOME ARP grant program, please provide the website links here:

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	30	30.00%
Did not respond	70	70.00%
70 skipped this question	Total responses 30	30.00%



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2) What is the name of the organization or group you are affiliated with?

Response 1	
Response 2	
Response 3	
Response 4	
Response 5	the Montrose Center
Response 6	Magnificat Houses, Inc.
Response 7	Temenos Community Development Corporation
Response 8	Healthcare for the Homeless - Houston
Response 9	Wesley Community Center
Response 10	RaiseUp Families
Response 11	Angel Reach
Response 12	Harris County Housing Authority
Response 13	Jewish Family Service
Response 14	Jewish Family Service
Response 15	Houston Housing Authority
Response 16	SIRE, Inc
Response 17	Uplift Development, Uplift House

Response 18	Northwest Assistance Ministrie
Response 19	Young Audiences, Inc. of Houston
Response 20	Harris County Veteran Services Department
Response 21	Catholic Charities
Response 22	New Hope Housing, Inc.
Response 23	Tushiba's Angels
Response 24	The Women's Home
Response 25	Bay Area Turning Point
Response 26	Catholic Charities
Response 27	catholic Charites
Response 28	Catholic Charities-Houston
Response 29	Career and Recovery Resource
Response 30	Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.
Response 31	Career and Recovery Resources
Response 32	Career and Recovery
Response 33	Career and Recovery
Response 34	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County
Response 35	Career and Recovery, Resources Inc.
Response 36	Career and Recovery Resources
Response 37	Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.
Response 38	Career and Recovery Resources
Response 39	Career and Recovery Resources
Response 40	Career And Recovery
Response 41	Career and Recovery
Response 42	Career and recovery resources
Response 43	Career and Recovery Resources
Response 44	Career and Recovery Inc
Response 45	Career and Recovery Resources
Response 46	Career and Recovery
Response 47	Career and Recovery Resources
Response 48	Career and Recovery
Response 49	SSVF
Response 50	The Landing
Response 51	the Montrose Center
Response 52	Ivy's Transitional Housing for Gods People
Response 53	Covenant House Texas
Response 54	Student HCC
Response 55	Asset Building Network, Inc.

Response 56	Precinct Two Health Services
Response 57	HOPE Haven
Response 58	Northwest Assistance Ministries
Response 59	Bay Area Turning Point Inc.
Response 60	HCCSD-HRC
Response 61	Harris County Community Services Department- Outreach
Response 62	CSD
Response 63	A.I.R. Project
Response 64	NestQuest Houston Inc
Response 65	AAMA (Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans)
Response 66	Nestquest Houston Inc.
Response 67	veteran VA hosptial
Response 68	SERJobs
Response 69	Harris County Community Services Department
Response 70	Harris County Community Services
Response 71	Harris County Social Services
Response 72	Martha's Kitchen
Response 73	Settegast Heights Redevelopment Corporation
Response 74	Collaborating Voices Foundation
Response 75	Tony's Place
Response 76	BakerRipley
Response 77	Non-Profit Housing Corporation of Greater Houston
Response 78	Harris County Precinct 2
Response 79	Harris County- Senior Justice Assessment Center
Response 80	HCRCA SJAC
Response 81	Harris County Senior Justice Assessment Center
Response 82	Harris County
Response 83	HARRIS COUNTY SENIOR ASSESSMENT CENTER RESOURCES AND PROTECTION
Response 84	Center for Civic & Public Policy Improvement
Response 85	BakerRipley
Response 86	Unique Private care center Inc .
Response 87	SER Jobs for Progress
Response 88	Harris County Community Services
Response 89	Greater Houston Fair Housing Center
Response 90	DEC of Women
Response 91	G.R.O.W. Ministry
Response 92	Hope Center Houston

Response 93	Lone Star Legal Aid
Response 94	Talent Yield Coalition
Response 95	Bread of Life Inc
Response 96	BakerRipley
Response 97	BakerRipley
Response 98	Harris County CSD (P&D)
Response 99	G.R.O.W. Ministry
Response 100	Student Assistance Department HISD



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Individual Responses

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5) What best describes the organization you are affiliated with? (Select all that apply) [Graph this question](#)

Response 1	
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Response 5	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Civil Rights, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider, Lgbtq
Response 6	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Homeless Service Provider
Response 7	Homeless Service Provider
Response 8	Special population (homeless) FQHC
Response 9	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 10	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 11	Transitional Living for aged-out foster youth
Response 12	Public Housing Authority
Response 13	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability

Response 14	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 15	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Public Housing Authority, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Senior housing
Response 16	People with Disabilities
Response 17	Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Affordable housing in an under served neighborhood
Response 18	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Veterans Group, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Food insecurity, Seniors, Vocational training
Response 19	We are a youth nonprofit that partners with several agencies serving homeless youth and young adults.
Response 20	Veterans Group, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 21	Homeless Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 22	Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Fair Housing, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability
Response 23	Homeless Service Provider
Response 24	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 25	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
Response 26	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 27	Homeless Service Provider
Response 28	Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Veterans Group, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 29	Homeless Service Provider, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 30	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 31	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Homeless Service Provider
Response 32	Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider
Response 33	Homeless Service Provider
Response 34	Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating

	Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 35	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Employment Services
Response 36	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 37	Employment Services, Recovery Services, Housing Services, Adult Education and other Supportive Services
Response 38	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 39	Homeless Service Provider, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 40	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Public Housing Authority, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 41	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Public Housing Authority, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 42	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability
Response 43	Homeless Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Public Housing Authority, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 44	Homeless Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 45	Homeless Service Provider, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 46	Homeless Service Provider, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, employment service
Response 47	Homeless Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 48	Homeless Service Provider, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 49	Veterans Group
Response 50	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
Response 51	LGBTQ Center in Houston that provides housing assistance for HOPWA, youth rapid rehousing, AVP

	housing assistance, services for people with chronic illness/disabilities, case management services, and more
Response 52	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider
Response 53	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider
Response 54	Fair Housing, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Formerly Homeless and Sought Services for Domestic Violence
Response 55	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, People with Disabilities, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Homeless Service Provider
Response 56	Community Partner Program
Response 57	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Civil Rights, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider
Response 58	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 59	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
Response 60	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider
Response 61	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Fair Housing, Homeless Service Provider
Response 62	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Homeless Service Provider
Response 63	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, mental health needs and improving quality of life
Response 64	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Fair Housing, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider
Response 65	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, We are a licensed SUD treatment facility providing Prevention and Counseling & HIV services including HOPWA
Response 66	Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider
Response 67	mental health veterans hospital
Response 68	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Veterans Group, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
Response 69	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Homeless Service Provider
Response 70	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Homeless Service Provider

Response 71	Homeless Service Provider
Response 72	Providing hot meals to homeless
Response 73	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Fair Housing, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider
Response 74	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Public Housing Authority, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider, youth cwop
Response 75	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Homeless Service Provider
Response 76	Homeless Service Provider
Response 77	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider
Response 78	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Public Housing Authority, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider
Response 79	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Provide services and interventions to elder (65+) victims of crime/abuse.
Response 80	Elder Abuse
Response 81	Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, People with Disabilities
Response 82	People in need of transportation, vaccines, exams, mental health
Response 83	ELDER POPULATION 65 AND OLDER
Response 84	Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider
Response 85	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Veterans Group, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Homeless Service Provider
Response 86	Homeless Service Provider, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Veterans Group, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 87	Workforce Development Agency
Response 88	Homeless Service Provider, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability
Response 89	Fair Housing
Response 90	Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Civil Rights, Fair Housing, Individual support services ie clothing, food, etc...
Response 91	Homeless Service Provider, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 92	Homeless Service Provider
Response 93	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, Serving People with High

	Risk of Housing Instability, People with Disabilities, Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider, Legal aid program
Response 94	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, People with Disabilities, Homeless Service Provider
Response 95	Homeless Service Provider, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 96	Homeless Service Provider, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 97	
Response 98	Civil Rights, Veterans Group, Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider, Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Homeless Service Provider, Fair Housing, People with Disabilities, Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability, Public Housing Authority, Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness, N/A
Response 99	Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness
Response 100	Students experiencing homelessness throughout the district

Harris County HOME-ARP Community Feedback Survey

1) What is your full name?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	32	94.12%
Did not respond	2	5.88%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 32	94.12%

2) What is your email address?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	32	94.12%
Did not respond	2	5.88%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 32	94.12%

3) What is your zip code?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	32	94.12%
Did not respond	2	5.88%
2 skipped this question	Total responses 32	94.12%

4) Name of Organization (If you are with one)

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	15	44.12%
Did not respond	19	55.88%
19 skipped this question	Total responses 15	44.12%

5) Please rank from 1 to 6, the types of housing assistance or supportive services you would recommend to fund for the “qualifying populations” (people experiencing homelessness, at risk of

homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability) in your community? (Select all that apply).

	(1) Highest	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) Lowest	Total
Temporary or Emergency Shelters	13 (40.63%)	1 (3.13%)	4 (12.50%)	5 (15.63%)	6 (18.75%)	2 (6.25%)	32
New Construction of Affordable Rental Housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments	10 (32.26%)	5 (16.13%)	2 (6.45%)	5 (16.13%)	2 (6.45%)	6 (19.35%)	31
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as providing rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments)	13 (41.94%)	2 (6.45%)	3 (9.68%)	2 (6.45%)	5 (16.13%)	4 (12.90%)	31
Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management)	13 (41.94%)	6 (19.35%)	4 (12.90%)	1 (3.23%)	2 (6.45%)	2 (6.45%)	31
Services for Persons with Disabilities	10 (34.48%)	6 (20.69%)	5 (17.24%)	1 (3.45%)	3 (10.34%)	2 (6.90%)	29
Fair Housing or Civil Rights Services	6 (21.43%)	5 (17.86%)	3 (10.71%)	1 (3.57%)	3 (10.71%)	9 (32.14%)	28
2 skipped this question	Total responses 32						94.12%

6) On a scale of 1 to 5, which “qualifying populations” do you feel could benefit the most from the services offered through the HOME-ARP program in your community?

	(1) Highest	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) Lowest	Total
Homelessness persons (sheltered and unsheltered)	13 (40.63%)	5 (15.63%)	8 (25.00%)	3 (9.38%)	3 (9.38%)	32
Persons at risk of homelessness (housed but at risk of homelessness)	14 (43.75%)	7 (21.88%)	4 (12.50%)	4 (12.50%)	3 (9.38%)	32
Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	15 (46.88%)	7 (21.88%)	7 (21.88%)	1 (3.13%)	2 (6.25%)	32
1 skipped this question	Total responses 33					97.06%

	(1) Highest	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) Lowest	Total
Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	10 (31.25%)	6 (18.75%)	5 (15.63%)	7 (21.88%)	4 (12.50%)	32
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	15 (45.45%)	5 (15.15%)	5 (15.15%)	2 (6.06%)	6 (18.18%)	33
1 skipped this question	Total responses 33					97.06%

7) What populations do you feel have the highest need in your community? (Select all that apply)

Option	# Responses	Response %
Families	20	64.52%
Single adults	12	38.71%
Veterans	17	54.84%
Unaccompanied Youth	14	45.16%
Victims of Domestic Violence	17	54.84%
Persons with Disabilities	16	51.61%
Other (please specify): [View]	4	12.90%
3 skipped this question	Total responses 31	91.18%

8) How do you think we should help homeless persons/families in your community? Please explain.

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	25	73.53%
Did not respond	9	26.47%
9 skipped this question	Total responses 25	73.53%

9) In your community, have you seen any homeless encampments (i.e. homeless persons temporarily residing outdoors in tents or structures for an extended period of time)? Please provide a general neighborhood location or street intersection.

Option	# Responses	Response %
9 skipped this question	Total responses 25	73.53%

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	25	73.53%
Did not respond	9	26.47%
9 skipped this question	Total responses 25	73.53%

Encuesta de comentarios de la comunidad HOME-ARP del Condado de Harris

1) ¿Cuál es su nombre completo?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	1	100.00%
Did not respond	0	0.00%
0 skipped this question	Total responses 1	100.00%

2) ¿Cuál es su dirección de correo electrónico?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	1	100.00%
Did not respond	0	0.00%
0 skipped this question	Total responses 1	100.00%

3) ¿Cuál es su código postal?

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	1	100.00%
Did not respond	0	0.00%
0 skipped this question	Total responses 1	100.00%

4) Nombre de la organización (si está con uno)

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	0	0.00%
Did not respond	1	100.00%
1 skipped this question	Total responses 0	0.00%

5) Por favor, clasifique del 1 al 6, los tipos de asistencia de vivienda o servicios de apoyo que recomendaría financiar para las "poblaciones calificadas" (personas sin hogar, en riesgo de quedarse

sin hogar, huyendo de la violencia doméstica o de otra manera en alto riesgo de inestabilidad de vivienda) en su comunidad. (Seleccione todo lo que corresponda).

	(1) Sumamente	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) Menor	Total
Temporal o de Emergencia Refugios	0 (0.00%)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Nueva construcción de Vivienda de alquiler asequible, Crédito Tributario de Vivienda Desarrollos	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Alquiler basado en inquilinos Asistencia (como proporcionar asistencia para el alquiler, depósitos de seguridad, utilidad depósitos y servicios públicos pagos)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Servicios de apoyo (como consejería de vivienda, prevención de la falta de vivienda, cuidado de niños, capacitación laboral, legal servicios, gestión de casos)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Servicios para personas con Discapacidades	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Vivienda Justa o Derechos Civiles Servicios	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
0 skipped this question	Total responses 1						100.00%

6) En una escala de 1 a 5, ¿qué "poblaciones calificadas" cree que podrían beneficiarse más de los servicios ofrecidos a través del programa HOME-ARP en su comunidad?

	(1) Sumamente	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) Menor	Total
Personas sin hogar (protegido y desprotegido)	0 (0.00%)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Personas en riesgo de personas sin hogar (alojadas pero en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar)	0 (0.00%)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1

0 skipped this question	Total responses 1	100.00%
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	(1) Sumamente	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) Menor	Total
Personas que huyen o intentar huir de su país violencia, violencia en el noviazgo, agresión sexual, acecho o trata de personas	0 (0.00%)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Otras familias que requieren servicios o vivienda asistencia para prevenir Vivienda	0 (0.00%)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
Veteranos y familias que incluir una familia veterana miembro que cumple con uno de los criterios anteriores	0 (0.00%)	1 (100.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	1
0 skipped this question	Total responses 1					100.00%

7) ¿Qué poblaciones crees que tienen la mayor necesidad en tu comunidad? (Seleccione todos los que correspondan)

Option	# Responses	Response %
Familias	1	100.00%
Adultos solteros	0	0.00%
Veteranos	1	100.00%
Jóvenes no acompañados	0	0.00%
Víctimas de violencia doméstica	1	100.00%
Personas con discapacidad	1	100.00%
Otros (especifíquese): [View]	0	0.00%
0 skipped this question	Total responses 1	100.00%

8) ¿Cómo crees que deberíamos ayudar a las personas/familias sin hogar en tu comunidad? Por favor, explíquelos.

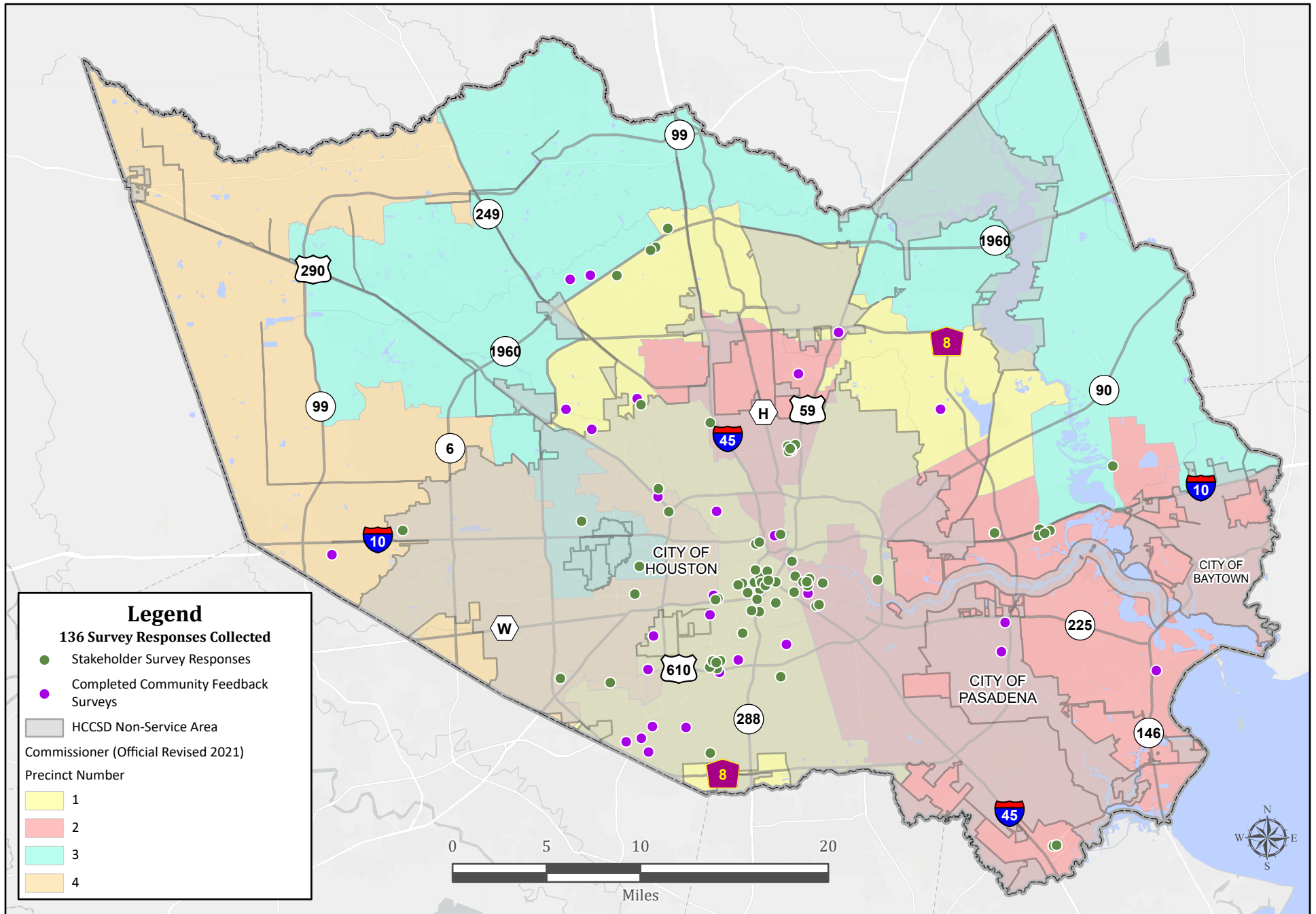
Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	0	0.00%
Did not respond	1	100.00%
1 skipped this question	Total responses 0	0.00%

9) En su comunidad, ¿ha visto algún campamento para personas sin hogar (es decir, personas sin hogar que residen temporalmente al aire libre en tiendas de campaña o estructuras durante un período prolongado de tiempo)? Proporcione una ubicación general del vecindario o la intersección de la calle.

Option	# Responses	Response %
Responded	0	0.00%
Did not respond	1	100.00%
1 skipped this question	Total responses 0	0.00%



HOME-ARP Stakeholder Survey Feedback



APPENDIX C: STAKEHOLDER MEETING PRESENTATION SLIDES



HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER MEETING


February 3, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD)




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HOME-ARP Agenda

- Check-In
- Welcome Video
- Introductions
- Why Are We Here?
- Breakout Sessions
- Report Back




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Welcome Video


Adrienne Holloway, Ph.D.
Executive Director,
Community Services Department
Harris County



3


HOME-ARP Process

- Surveys**
Community Feedback & Stakeholder
- Meetings**
Stakeholder & Focus Group
- Allocation Plan**
Needs Assessment, Gap Analysis & Recommendations
- Public Hearing**
Opportunity to provide feedback on plan
- Commissioners Ct.**
Submission of plan
- HUD Submission**
Submit Allocation Plan for approval



4

What is HOME-ARP



The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

As part of the ARPA, HUD awarded Harris County \$16,747,366 in HOME-ARP funds and established requirements for the grant that includes planning, community and stakeholder consultation, and submittal of a draft allocation plan that must be completed and approved by HUD before funds are made available.

Funds must be committed and expended by 2030.

5

Qualified Populations



- Homeless persons (sheltered and unsheltered)
- Persons at risk of homelessness (housed but at risk of homelessness)
- Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness or serve those at greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria

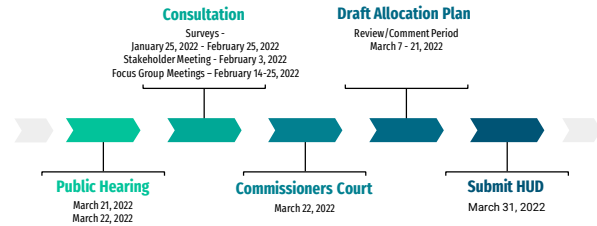
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Eligible uses of funds

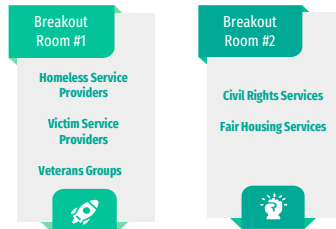


- Acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of **affordable rental housing** (transitional or permanent housing, group homes, single room occupancy (SRO) units)
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)** (rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments)
- **Supportive Services** (housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs)
- Acquisition and development of **Non-Congregate Shelters** (non-congregate shelters are buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement)

HOME-ARP Timeline



Breakout Sessions



Instructions

Breakout sessions

20-30 minutes

Performance gap

Discuss gaps & barriers to providing services

Vision/objectives

Recommendations for funding

Evaluate process

Report on top goals

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APPENDIX D: FOCUS GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

Focus Group-Harris County Veteran Services

1. What are the current services provided for Veterans and their families, and any partnerships your organization has, within Harris County?
 - Claims (VA) for disabilities, mental health etc.-mandated by the state
 - Homeless, substance abuse,
 - Need awareness for homeless veterans
 - Developed a division of the dept, with helping with homeless, substance use issues
 - Staffing has increased from 2 to 11, and continuing to grow-due to the needs and issues that have been identified
 - Involved with the Sheriff dept., 200+ vets visit the jail system/year
 - Speaking to those in jail-what is your exit plan? Working as a case manager, how do we fix the cycle of entering the jail system,
 - End result is to make the individual stable-must solve the homeless and substance use first
 - MCOD-identified veterans who are in crisis or suicidal-peer support with the Veterans and give them next steps and provide them awareness of resources
 - Function is to identify the gaps and fill them
 - More to solve than just claims and benefits. Argued for more through the Advisory board-was accepted since the need was there
 - Data collected and relationships were built, since the team was small. Primary focus was to work with Sheriff Dept since they are out in the communities. Need to work with people who have eyes out in the comm.
 - 20-30% people go to the VA, others are using County resources, on the streets-
 - Idea was to be more proactive than reactive
2. What current service(s) do you provide that you would consider the most successful in preventing homelessness from reoccurring for Veterans? Are some services not as successful as others?
 - TVC Grant-homeless prevention grant, assists with rental and utilities bills
 - Already homeless-use crisis team by working with shelters, sheriff office and hotline-act as a middle man to identify resources available for vets who are already homeless
 - Trying to provide a partnership with the current agencies and non-profits
 - HUD VAST program had unused vouchers-is the need there or are vets unaware of resources?
3. What are some of the gaps/unmet needs within the housing, shelter, and services provided in Harris County?
 - Rent, utilities, food-working with Food Bank
 - Jobs
4. What services should Harris County prioritize funding for Veterans?
 - A lot of the resources have not been successful-resources are taken advantage of and not used for a positive outcome
 - Veterans are given rental assistance to set them up for success and become stable, but unfortunately this is not always the outcome. Could be based on the individual or resource

- Resources are out there but are they successful? Need to work with Veterans at the individual level-may need counseling and mental health services
 - We are looking to be an aid with the current resources out there
 - The idea of success-focus on outcome, not the numbers
5. What is the underlining theme/cause of Veterans stuck in the cycle of homelessness that you have seen in Harris County?
- Varies-survivors guilt, mental health-Veterans do not open up because others may lack the understanding-use substances to numb the pain-withdrawn from family, jobs, etc.
 - Need to emphasize the importance of peer-support and understanding of the individual Vet's experience
 - Cannot always handle mental health issues on their own
 - FASTERR-built on this philosophy and try to find the Vet's, assess and resolve the situations by starting them off on the right path. Need to hold them accountable
 - Veterans will hold each other accountable-they have a mutual understanding of their past life experiences
 - Increase the sense of community within the Veterans
6. Are those in Veterans communities facing issues with employment? Does this have a correlation with panhandling in Harris County?
- Some
 - Criminal background is a huge barrier to securing a job, limits the opportunity of work
 - A job will help financially and mentally-provides something to strive and work for, and gives a sense of community
 - Trade schools may help with funding for Vets
 - Information is lacking-and some do not see themselves as a Vet, but are and are eligible for Vet resources
 - Need to increase education and awareness of Vet resources

Mental Health

- Veterans want to speak to those who have shared the same experience-need to hire ex-vets
- Importance to make Vet's feel comfortable so that they can speak on trauma
- Commit suicide every 5 days within the County, does not include drug overdose-every 4 days
- Veterans will move to Texas for the job availability, increasing in Vet population within the County a
- 2,000/ yr Vet's in jail (6 out of 10) will repeat the cycle

Focus Group-Talent Yield Coalition Inc.

What population group do you primarily provide services for?

- Services provided for east end of Harris County-Baytown area
1. What current service(s) do you provide that you consider most successful at preventing homelessness for this qualifying population in Harris County?
 - Case management for all qualified population groups. They will find all of the resources specific for the population group. If it is under the umbrella of resources.
 - Very aware of those who do not have the capability of finding services-no computer, phone
 - Outreach-work with providers and receive flyer that they will give out, also include need help form-case management is appointment only, educated and advocate.
 - Service over 400 people '21, interact with 30 agencies, satellite offices (3-4) and main office in highlands,
 - Navigation center-January '21-began the concept of the navigation center, formed a non-profit for the homeless, seeking to develop services that provide food, showers, commitments with organizations that assist with job training, substance abuse, ID's, etc. Partnered with Exxon mobile-helps with job training and placement along with funding. Would like to build transitional housing-then find them permanent housing. Looking at a property 8 acres residential property for navigation center and housing, will start capital campaign to raise funding for development.
 2. How could better community spaces be integrated into housing? How would sustainability and holistic living be integrated into housing?
 - Most Community centers are for elderly-run by commissioners
 - Baytown housing authority-plans to have a recreational center for the youth
 3. What are some of the priority gaps and unmet needs for housing, shelters, and services for the qualifying population in Harris County?
 - Since we are doing intake and outtake-it is hard to identify homelessness-the numbers are unseen for homeless individuals-
 - Try to address all needs holistically
 - Lack of emergency shelter on the east side of the county, there are restrictions to get into bay area shelter-what are the restrictions
 - Documentation-SS and ID-cannot get jobs-to also pay for a state ID
 - Overlook segment of population group-the children-160 kids that fell under at risk of homelessness-the highlands area, 40-60 kids at risk at a school
 - Mental substance abuse services
 - Need affordable housing to sustain housing
 - Programs need to be specific to the area it serves-some needs vary across the county
 - Allocation of vouchers-some are being unused and need to be able to share
 4. What are some of the barriers the qualifying population experiences when using rental assistance in Harris County?
 - Governmental stipulation-there is not enough funding in the east side, they go to Houston

- If you do not have a major staff to apply for funds, it will make it a challenge for smaller non-profits and allowing all parts of the County to be addressed
 - Mental and substance use issues-need free services
 - Funding-citizens in rural areas do not receive as much \$-funds should be divided evenly based on population
 - A committed staff and partnerships-but can do more with funding.
 - Grant writing, but still a process-amount of paperwork, data collection-could not accommodate, it was such an overwhelming process-need to
5. Are there any groups within the qualified population group that are neglected of services or need more representation?
- Disabled, elderly-overlooked, they do not know how to serve
 - Addictions, mental health-not considered for resources-they are pushed aside to the services,
 - Youth need mentorship and after school programs-home could have mental abuse and drug usage
6. What organizations do you work with to face domestic violence in Harris County? Are they mainly larger ones like Catholic Charities and BakerRipley? How can smaller groups be supported?
- Faith based group
 - Celebration of Life church in Baytown
 - 2nd Baptist
 - Lakewood Church
 - 1st church of Nazarene
 - HoustonResponse

Focus Group-United Way of Greater Houston

1. What are the current services provided for the qualified population group, as well as any partnerships your organization has?
 - United Way- maintain relationship-funds programs for non profits-
 - Navigators
 - working with clients to help with resources (15 agencies)
 - motivational interviewing
 - Financial stability work
 - Partnerships-aid
2. What current service(s) do you provide that you would consider the most successful preventing homelessness from reoccurring? Are some services not as successful as others?
 - rapid rehousing-
 - funds helping people get back on their feet, TBRA, utility,
 - some services are not able to be given with eviction notice
 - helping assistance and access to services
 - undocumented individual barriers
 - emergency shelters
 - little success in transitional shelters
3. What are some of the gaps/unmet needs within the housing, shelter and services provided?
 - coordination with non profits and agencies
 - level of collaboration
 - funding-not enough beds for DV and general homeless population
 - opportunities to compromise and work with individuals who are currently using substances
4. What are some of the barriers the qualifying population experiences regarding access to shelters, housing and services?
 - undocumented individuals
 - transportation
 - childcare services
 - access to health care
 - access to job training
 - need to have a one stop show, example-childcare services at job training
 - language barrier
 - criminal background
 - services that keep in mind of all ethnicities, racial, LGBT, religious
5. Are there any groups within the qualified population that are neglected of services/need more representation?
 - minority groups-

- elderly, disabled population
6. What is the underlining theme/cause of individuals stuck in the cycle of homelessness that you have seen?
 - system in place-does not help the individual-criminalizes those with mental health issues-repeated cycle
 - health care access-no preventative care-
 - Systemic issues-criminalizing homelessness
 - trauma
 7. Collaboration?
 - Collaboration with the larger groups is good, but working on doing a better job. Stepping on each other's toe-need to understand each other's schedule. Working to strengthen partnerships
 8. Describe the characteristics of the community's housing market including vacancy rate, housing quality and any barriers to using rental assistance within the context of civil rights, fair housing and accessibility.
 - affordability of housing
 - stability of housing
 - availability

Focus Group-BakerRipley

1. What are the current services provided for the qualified population group, as well as any partnerships your organization has?
 - Diversion services
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Veterans Services
2. What current service(s) do you provide that you would consider the most successful preventing homelessness from reoccurring? Are some services not as successful as others?
 - Diversion=Case Management-reunite family members, mediate with landlords to set up a certain payment plan, vocational training, help with documentation (financial and rental assistance is not a factor that is with diversion services), service referrals is the largest part of the work
 - Diversion-participants have to apply on their own, they apply to rental assistance but landlords will consider their backgrounds before approving-
 - They will pay for 3mo of rental assistance- bakerripley
 - Show financial stability for a full year-sufficient income has to be 2x their rent- if they provide a their job income and BR will calculate to see if they have enough funding. BR will speak with landlord so they can work with eachother, they pay directly with landlord, BR will work with landlords to agree to housing-incentive fee.
 - BR has to inspect the units before the tenant moves in-a case manger will inspect the unit, this does not stop the renter from living there, but BR will not assist with funding.
3. What are some of the gaps/unmet needs within the housing, shelter and services provided?
 - Medical insurance-many are struggling with health issues and are not able to continue to work due to their disability
 - Elderly and childcare-
 - Transportation
 - Poverty
4. What are some of the barriers the qualifying population experiences regarding access to shelters, housing and services?
 - Not having identification, unable to apply for housing with ID.
 - Citizenship
 - Income level-for example, those who are at the front door of becoming homeless, BakerRipley helps them get employed, rental assistance,
 - Finding employment, then getting them housing
 - Social support or housing support!-Baker will help their family members financially to assist with taking on the burden
 - Rental history, criminal background-they are unable to be approved for housing
 - Not a huge disparity within racial groups but with undocumented

- Immigrants populations-language barrier-gets them from getting higher paying jobs and proper housing. Safety issue with housing options due to price barrier.
 - Credit history, rental history and criminal backgrounds-very difficult of being approved for housing
5. Issues with landlords?
- a. Landlords would never say out right that they do not accept certain people of being approved-i.e. criminal backgrounds, hesitance with those who do not have proper life skills-need to increase programs that teach how to “live”
6. Housing trends? Availability dropping? Income level dropping?
- Income is dropping
 - Housing prices going up
 - Fair market rates have gone up
 - Lack of one bedrooms-apt complexes do not have enough 1 bedroom
 - BakerRipley must follow fair market rate-must match size of unit with size of household-one person cannot have a two bedroom

Focus Group-AbuselsReal A.I.R.

1. What are the current and anticipated services provided for persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking in Harris County?
 - HHWC centralized-a lot of resources provided here, enhances the wait times, prevents victims from receiving resources-their organization has to send victims to this location. There needs to be more locations that are closer to the victims
 - Provide resources Houston fort bend, south Houston (five corner districts)
 - Services lacking within the southside of Houston
 - Not enough housing/shelters provided, and people are not familiar with resources
 - Center for men who are experiencing DV-they need housing and shelter as well
 - Men who do not have children are not given the same resources that a single woman or a man with kids receive
2. What current service(s) do you provide that you consider most successful at preventing homelessness for this qualifying population in Harris County?
 - Education (awareness) and knowing the org. provides support.
 - Prevent the situation instead of responding through resources
 - Provide awareness to victims in regard to resources available
 - Educational seminars-addressing certain needs that the victim may have, providing continuous support and providing tools they may need
 - Provided shelter, hotels, because of air funds
3. How could better community spaces be integrated into housing? How would sustainability and holistic living be integrated into housing?
 - Food sustainability, reduce food deserts,
 - Provide a voucher that covers basic healthy food needs
 - SNAP/WIC may cause greater health issues, certain foods that are eligible may not be quality or healthy foods.
 - There needs to be a voucher/services prior to or in place of (time being) SNAP/WIC
 - Food bank is limited to certain recipients-would love to look into this and see who all are eligible
4. What are some of the priority gaps and unmet needs for housing, shelters, and services for the qualifying population in Harris County?
 - COVID impacts-funding was still lacking because it went to only certain people. Some guidelines cause exclusions of certain families/individuals. Need to increase the eligibility to receive funding
 - Families are being turned away from resources due to missing requirements (set by guidelines)
 - ACP program is not accepted everywhere
 - It is important that all organizations keep victim's information confidential
5. What services should Harris County prioritize funding for the qualified population groups?
 - Need community centers within the southside of Houston.
 - Violence increasing due to not enough after school program and outlets/community centers

- There is only 1 community center within a 50 mile radius-only certain residents can access certain community centers. This is why we need more centers
 - Need physical community center space and the programs that go along with it-
 - Rules and procedures are more strict, due to fraud experiences, which hurts other organizations to continue to provide certain services. "Status" of organizations are not able to partake with larger organizations due to their status and size (do not qualify), even though the small org. provide critical resources.
 - Varying procedures for smaller organizations, they need the same access to help victims just like all org.
6. What are the underlying themes that cause the population group to be stuck in the cycle of homelessness that you have seen in Harris County?
- Lack of opportunity, and awareness, funding needs to be provided for communities who need it the most
 - Public awareness through various methods-not just using the internet
 - Need to be flexible when helping victims-some people will only be able to complete paper and pen applications
 - Need a continuous effort to help people, peer-support
7. What organizations do you work with to face domestic violence in Harris County? Are they mainly larger ones like Catholic Charities and BakerRipley? How can smaller groups be supported?
- Limited services when it comes to smaller groups
 - Consistent with needing smaller groups-satellite locations, regardless
8. What is the current state of temporary housing in Harris County to help those escaping domestic violence before being placed into permanent housing? Would building rehabilitation fit into this?
- Availability of housing is limited
 - Increase partnerships with organizations-county can provide the funding for organizations when they are told through the partnerships.
 - Need to bring awareness to victims-provide a list of resources
 - Would love to rehab older/vacant buildings, but funding is a huge barrier, for housing and community centers
 - Shelters are misunderstood-people are not seeking shelters because of lack of privacy-need to increase the privacy and increase staff to limit violence, sexual assault, etc.

Final takeaways

-collaborate with organizations, govt agencies, non-profits, so that people are not falling within the cracks and are not given the same resources that others are

-this is a team effort (organizations) to prevent victims from becoming homeless, engaging within the partnerships

APPENDIX E: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES & AFFIDAVITS



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March 7, 2022

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Presupuesto propuesto para la subvención HOME-ARP		
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Lunes 21 de marzo de 2022, 10:00 A.M. (Audiencia pública virtual)

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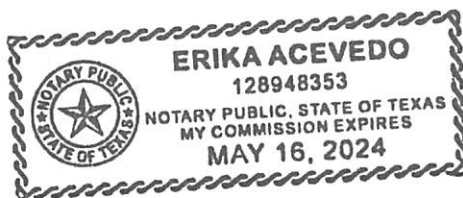
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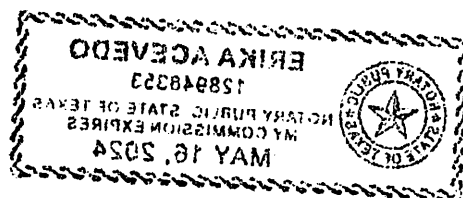
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March 7, 2022**

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marzo 7, 2022

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From: CSD Home ARP Comments
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:06 PM
Subject: Quick Reminder! You're invited to the Harris County HOME-ARP Stakeholder Meeting, February 3, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.



QUICK REMINDER: HARRIS COUNTY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!

Please join the HCCSD for the HOME-ARP Key Stakeholder Meeting. Please feel free to share this link with others in your organization that may contribute to the conversation.

HOME-ARP Stakeholder Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022

10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (Virtual Zoom Meeting)

<https://zoom.us/j/92494919216>

Meeting ID: 924 9491 9216, Passcode: 625046

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We look forward to speaking with you! Please email us by Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at home_arp_comments@csd.hctx.net to let us know you will attend.

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Organization/Stakeholder Feedback Survey:

<http://www.surveymshare.com/s/AYA23DA>

The survey is available until **February 25, 2022**, and should only take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

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Harris County is asking organizations serving the homeless to support the planning efforts, including continuums of care (CoCs), homeless service providers, domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

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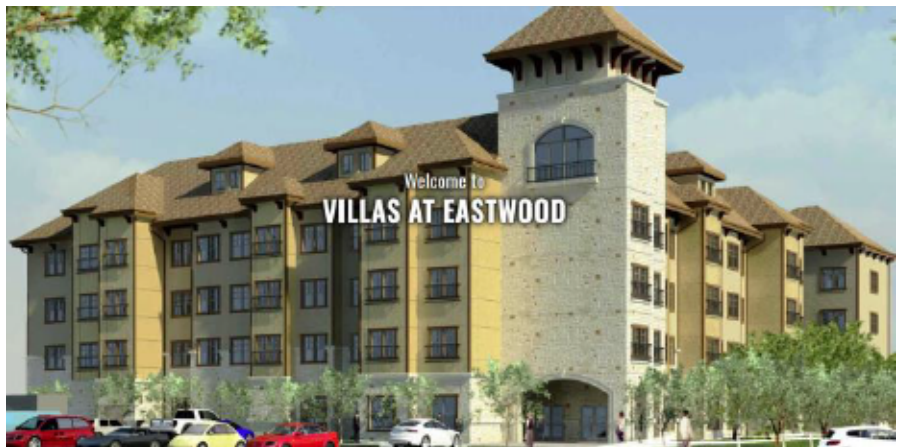
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HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Overview

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("ARP") appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment

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Partnership Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This special round of funding is called the "HOME-ARP" program.

Eligible Activities

HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities:

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Provision of Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance)
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter. These structures can remain in use as non-congregate shelter or can be converted to 1) emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program; 2) permanent housing under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; or 3) affordable housing under the HOME Program.

Eligible Populations

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations:

- Experiencing homelessness
- At risk of homelessness
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations with a high risk of housing instability (including households that are low-income and highly cost-burdened; that have moved two or more times in the last 60 days; and that are living in hotel/motel)
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria

HUD awarded Harris County \$16,747,366 in HOME-ARP funds, and Harris County is in the process of developing a robust community engagement plan.

On September 13, 2021, HUD Issued [Notice CPD-21-10](#) that establishes requirements for the grant that includes planning, community engagement and analysis that must be completed and approved by HUD before funds are made available. Over the coming months, Harris County will engage the public to assess the needs of the community, and opportunities associated with the use of these funds. These discussions will include community meetings and surveys to better gauge public priority areas, a public comment period, and public hearings to intake feedback. These discussions are currently underway and will be ongoing throughout the grant period.

Contact us: home_arp_comments@csd.hctx.net

RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT NOTICE FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2022, TO MARCH 21, 2022

Due to the amount of participation from the community and stakeholder surveys, and individual focus group meetings, we have rescheduled the virtual public hearing to March 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The survey will remain open until February 25, 2022, and can be accessed at:

Community Feedback Survey (Residents Only):

English: <http://www.surveymshare.com/s/AYAW3XD>

Spanish: <http://www.surveymshare.com/s/AYA2LYB>

Organization/Stakeholder Feedback Survey (Organizations Only):

English: <http://www.surveymshare.com/s/AYA23DA>

To allow time to incorporate the results from the surveys and focus group meetings, the Draft Harris County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review and comment from March 7, 2022, through March 22, 2022, and can be located on this site. For questions or comments about the HOME-ARP grant, please email us at home_arp_comments@csd.hctx.net.

For more information about the HOME-ARP Program:

<https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>

HOME-ARP Draft Harris County Allocation Plan Public Notice and Hearing:

[CLICK HERE](#)

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APPENDIX F: PUBLIC HEARING PRESENT., COMMENTS & RESPONSES



HOME Investment Partnerhips American Resue Plan (HOME-ARP) PUBLIC COMMENT & HEARING

March 21, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Virtual Teams Meeting
Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD)



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Public Hearing Agenda



- Check-in & Welcome Video
- Program Requirements
- Eligible Uses of Funds
- Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis
- HOME-ARP Timeline
- Public Participation & Consultation
- Survey Results
- Proposed Budget
- Public Comment & Hearing Period
- What's Next & Thank You


Please type name & organization in the chat

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Welcome

Adrienne Holloway, Ph.D.
Executive Director,
Community Services Department
Harris County



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Program Requirements

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") appropriated \$5 billion
- \$16.7 million allocated to Harris County to provide housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations
- Development of an Allocation Plan:
Consultation; Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis; Proposed Budget and Activities, Method of Distribution; Public Comment Period & Hearing; Submittal to HUD for Approval
- Funds must be committed and expended by 2030 and will be administered by HCCSD.

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Eligible Uses of Funds

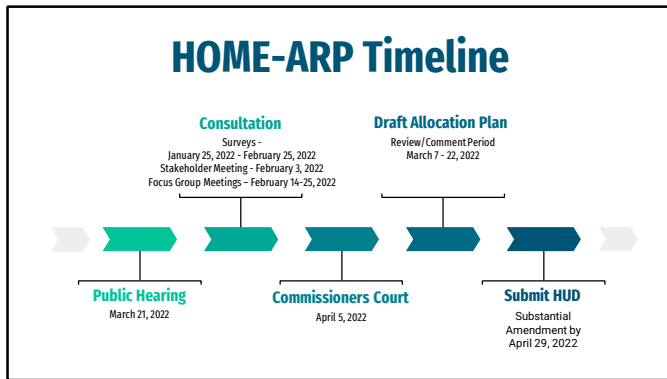
QUALIFYING POPULATIONS	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES
Experiencing Homelessness	Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing
At Risk of Homelessness	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
Domestic Violence, Trafficking, Stalking, Sexual Assault	Supportive Services
Other Vulnerable Populations	Development of Non-Congregate Shelters
Veterans and their families	Operating Costs & Capacity Building

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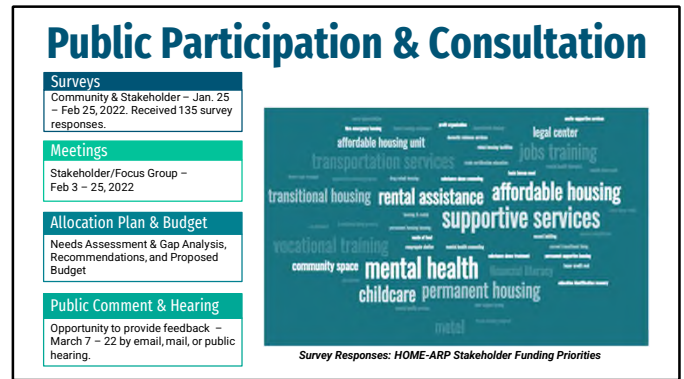
Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis

- HCCSD's Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis found that 3,768 beds for adults and 609 beds for families are necessary to meet the current demand in Harris County.
- Further analysis determined that almost 25,000 Harris County renters are currently considered to be at risk of homelessness due to low income and sub-standard housing conditions.
- Research from the Kinder Institute also indicates that in order meet the projected housing demand for low-income households, 47,550 new units will need to be constructed over the next decade.

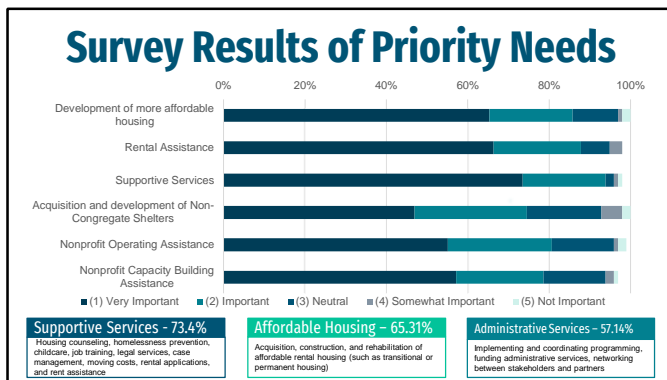
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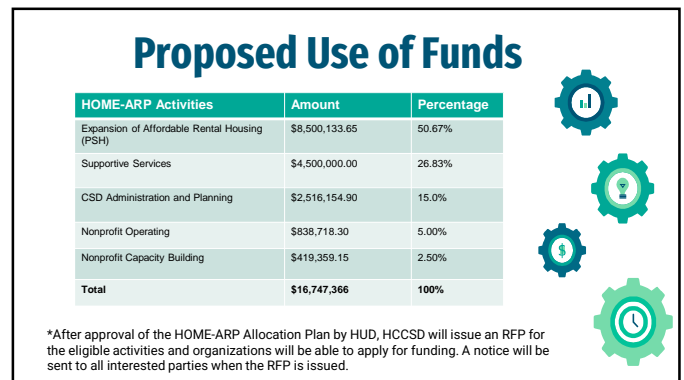
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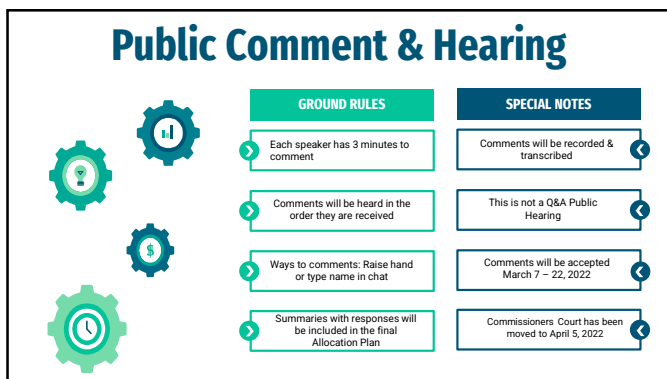
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Public Comment



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Public Comment



1 mins.

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Public Comment



30 secs.

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What's next

- All comments will be accepted through Tuesday, March 22, 2022, COB. Written comments may be submitted by email to: home_arp_comments@hctx.net
- Commissioners Court date has been changed to April 5, 2022.
- The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD for approval by April 29, 2022.
- After approval of the Allocation Plan, HCCSD will issue an RFP for the eligible activities and organizations will be able to apply. A notice will be sent to all interested parties when the RFP is issued.
- The draft HOME-ARP-Allocation Plan can be reviewed at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>

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Public Comments



All comments will be accepted through Tuesday, March 22, 2022, COB.

Comments can be made by:

1. Virtual Teams Meeting @ 10 AM, <https://msteams.link/1YZ3>, or call in (audio only) +1 281-985-1862, 485027920# United States, Houston Phone Conference ID: 485 027 920#
2. Written comments may be submitted by email to: home_arp_comments@hctx.net
3. By mail: HCCSD, ATTN: Planning, 8410 Lantern Point Dr., Houston, TX 77054, or Voicemail at 832-927-4795
4. The public may comment on the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and proposed budget during the 15-day comment period from Monday, March 7, 2022, to March 22, 2022. The draft HOME-ARP-Allocation Plan can be reviewed at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>

Thank you



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Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Virtual Public Comment & Hearing (TEAMS)

March 21, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Stakeholder/Community Attendees

- Carolyn Rivera (Northeast Action Collective and West Street Recovery)
- Thao Costis (President and CEO, SEARCH Homeless Services)
- Cathy Crouch (Executive Vice-President, SEARCH Homeless Services)
- Dwantrina Russell (CEO and Founder, Gustavia Pearls Women's Outreach)
- Jasline Small Collins, Joetta Stevenson (President, 5th Ward Super Neighborhood)
- Readie Hayward Elmore (5th Ward Super Neighborhood)
- Mary Fontenot (District Director for Rep. Harold V. Dutton, District 142)
- Miriam Laeky (Community Engagement Coordinator, HC Precinct One Comm Rodney Ellis)
- Raymundo Beltran (Community Engagement Coordinator, HC Precinct One Comm Rodney Ellis)
- Abner Lyons (Founder and CEO, Greater East Houston Community Redevelopment Corporation)
- Huey German-Wilson (Program Director, Northeast Houston Redevelopment Council)
- Phillip O. "PJ" Jones (President, Glenwood Forest Community Civic Club)
- Julia Orduña (Southeast Texas Regional Director, Texas Houses)
- Nick Long (Executive Director, Sharpen Recovery)
- Sheila Bennemie (281-383-0975)
- Delores McGruber (346-221-4428)
- Camil Boyd (713-264-2706)
- Kimberly Lee (713-416-6577)
- Walter Mallett (281-630-4312)
- Charlotte Jolivet (281-543-2160)
- Linda Greer (832-213-7418)
- Erma Howard (713-647-1915)
- Jasline Small Collins
- Genette Smith
- Sandra Edwards
- C. Watson
- Ms. Cookie

Harris County CSD Attendees

- Rene Martinez
- Janeen Spates
- Walter Peacock
- Jordan Smith
- Paige Strunk
- Jason Moreno
- Cheryl Wilder

Public Comment & Hearing Summary

The Virtual Teams Public Comment & Hearing was held on Monday, March 21, 2022, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Thirty-four (34) participants including HCCSD staff participated in the public hearing, eleven (11) provided public comments at the hearing, and five (5) submitted written comments by email.

Janeen Spates, HCCSD welcomed everyone and asked attendees to check-in by typing their name and organization in the chat box and let everyone know the hearing was being recorded. She also mentioned the public comment & hearing was for the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Proposed Budget and all comments with responses would be included in the final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that would be submitted to HUD for approval.

She began the public hearing with a power point presentation (see attachment) and presented the Public Hearing Agenda; Welcome Video (Dr. Adrienne Holloway); HOME-ARP Program; Eligible Uses of Funds; Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis Summary; and HOME-ARP Timeline.

Paige Strunk, HCCSD presented the Public Participation & Consultation Process and the Survey Results of Priority Needs slides.

Janeen Spates, HCCSD, concluded the presentation by presenting the Proposed Use of Funds and Activities and explained the Public Comment & Hearing process and Ground Rules.

Dr. Jordan Smith, HCCSD, coordinated the public comments and provided participants 3 minutes each to state their comment. Eleven (11) participants provided comments (see comments section below). Jason Moreno, HCCSD, transcribed all public comments.

After all comments were received, Janeen Spates, HCCSD, concluded the hearing by thanking everyone for attending and for all comments, and emphasized that all responses would be included in the final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. She also mentioned that the end of the 15-day comment period would end on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, and additional comments would be accepted by C.O.B. and could be emailed to: home_arp_comments@hctx.net. She also mentioned the draft HOME-ARP-Allocation Plan and Public Comment & Hearing Slides could be found on the HCCSD website at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>.

Public Hearing Comments and Responses to the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, Proposed Budget, and Activities

Comment #1: Joetta Stevenson, President, 5th Ward Super Neighborhood: We need to maintain the housing we already have. Rental prices are skyrocketing, and someone was even paying 80% of their income for housing. With the cost of food also rising, it is difficult to fund living and basic needs, let alone housing. Programs need to minimize how many people are ineligible, not the other way around. There should be a process to help people – they should not be punished for being poor. City of Houston has not made 5th Ward a priority. “Historically, the City of Houston has not made listening to or meeting the needs of residents of Fifth Ward a priority, which is a major factor in our continuously being underserved and neglected.”

***Response:** Thank you for your comment. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements under this Harris County HOME-ARP grant are specific to assisting persons that are homeless (sheltered or unsheltered), at-risk of being homeless, or persons experiencing housing instability. Harris County is proposing to expand affordable rental housing through permanent supportive housing, provide supportive services, and operating costs and capacity building to non-profit organizations in the Harris County service area (outside of the City of Houston).*

The City of Houston was allocated \$37 million in HOME-ARP funds and their proposed allocation plan, budget and activities can be found on their website at: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/>.

Since the 5th Ward Super Neighborhood is in the City of Houston, please contact the city for assistance programs that you may qualify for.

Also, there was another attendee that addressed this comment during the Public Hearing. The following response was made: “The person who stated that her home is in need of home repair. Please give our office a call at 713-692-9192 Rep. Harold V. Dutton, Jr.” Abner Lyons, Founder/ CEO Greater East Houston Community Redevelopment Corporation 281-777-6629.

Comment #2: Readie Hayward Elmore, 5th Ward Super Neighborhood: She is struggling to stay in her home. There is no utility assistance for her and her husband. They need help to stay and maintain their home after Hurricane Harvey, along with avoiding having their home come down. They are in dire straits. “I am interested in getting funds into the Fifth Ward community. Fifth Ward is a struggling community. People are in need of home improvement, utility assistance, and tax assistance for homeowners.”

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Comment #3: Mary Fontenot, District Director for Rep. Harold V. Dutton, District 142: Housing is a major issue for minority districts of color. Funds are needed to rebuild the community, especially for all communities of color since they are suffering.

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Emergency Assistance: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/> Or <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Copy-of-EMERGENCY-ASSISTANCE-MATRIX-English-6.16.17-update.pdf>

Emergency Utility & Rental Assistance: <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/ServicesProvided.aspx>

Housing Assistance: <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/HousingPrograms.aspx>

Harris County Community Services Department Website: <https://csd.harriscountytexas.gov/>

Comment #4: Kimberly Lee: We need to help working people by subsidizing those who may barely miss the line for getting help with public services. Income isn't rising, but costs are.

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Comment #5: Walter Mallett: Why is it so difficult to attain funding? Wherever funding is available, people keep getting rejected, which affects them mentally. If there was \$17 million on the table, how was it distributed? Benefit should go to those facing homelessness, including single parents with kids at home.

Response: Thank you for your comment. The Harris County HOME-ARP grant proposes to assist persons that are homeless (sheltered or unsheltered), at-risk of being homeless (families or individuals), or persons experiencing housing instability with the expansion of affordable rental housing through permanent supportive housing, provide supportive services, and operating costs and capacity building to non-profit organizations in the Harris County service area (outside of the City of Houston). Upon approval of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan by HUD, Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD) will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for non-profits organizations that provide services to the homeless population an opportunity to apply for these grant funds.

Comment #6: Sandra Edwards: She is a victim of mold, just waiting for help. Is this a joke, like BakerRipley and City of Houston? Will something actually be done? "I am sick again living in this house with mold in it, so when does this end for me? All I'm hearing is homeless shelter – what about people with houses about to die in them?"

Response: Thank you for your comment. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements under this Harris County HOME-ARP grant are specific to assisting persons that are homeless (sheltered or unsheltered), at-risk of being homeless, or persons experiencing housing instability. Harris County is proposing to expand affordable rental housing through permanent supportive housing, provide supportive services, and operating costs and capacity building to non-profit organizations in the Harris County service area (outside of the City of Houston).

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Comment #7: Huey German-Wilson: In Trinity / Houston Gardens, they are lacking housing availability for aging residents. Housing coming in is not available to historic residents. Are these funds available within City of Houston city limits? These efforts do not translate well in City of Houston, which is why many people did not attend the Harris County meetings.

Response: Thank you for your comment. As part of the \$5 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Harris County and the City of Houston were each allocated HOME-ARP grant funds from HUD to provide housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability in their service area.

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Comment #8: Caroline Rivera, Northeast Action Collective and West Street Recovery: What about senior citizens? Will City of Houston be partnering with HUD along with Harris County? There is concern over sewage, draining, and flooding. Foundations have been crumbling since 2014. Streets are sinking – will City of Houston and Harris County partner?

Response: Thank you for your comment. As part of the \$5 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Harris County and the City of Houston were each allocated HOME-ARP grant funds from HUD to provide housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability in their service area.

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Comment #9: Julia Orduña, Southeast Texas Regional Director, Texas Houses: We need to target rental rates – there is no affordability. The AMI targets are not correct now. We cannot just develop – we need infrastructure. The flooding has been exasperating. 135 surveys for Harris County does not seem like reasonable outreach. They don't want a homeless shelter; they want to stop evictions. Talk to the Super Neighborhoods for input, not outside groups.

Response: Thank you for your comment. As part of the \$5 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Harris County was allocated from HUD \$16.7 million to provide housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. The City of Houston was allocated \$37 million to provide the same type of services for homeless prevention.

As part of the public participation and consultation requirements by HUD, Harris County reached out to over 900 organizations and stakeholders affiliated with affordable housing, public services, and homelessness prevention to respond to the survey, attend the community meeting/focus group meetings, public hearing and to provide comments on the draft allocation plan, budget and proposed activities. The surveys and meetings were also posted to the CSD website, published in the Houston Chronicle in English and Spanish, and were posted several times a week on our social media outlets. As a result of our efforts, we received 135 responses to the survey which helped us identify the priority needs and recommendations for funding for the HOME-ARP grant funds. For a complete list of outreach efforts, please refer the Harris County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan located on our website at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>.

Comment #10: Abner Lyons, Founder and CEO, Greater East Houston Community Redevelopment Corporation: “Was anyone in the call aware that the City of Houston received the same grant for 37 million?”

Response: Thank you for your comment. Yes, as part of the \$5 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, the City of Houston was allocated \$37 million to provide homeless prevention services. Their allocation plan, proposed budget and activities can be found on their website at: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/>.

Comment #11: Nick Long, Executive Director, Sharpen Recovery (email): “Sharpen Recovery operates 7 homes in Harris County at the moment and will operate at least 11 by the end of this year. We provide housing for many homeless men and women who can stay at Sharpen for over a year and a half. We accept individuals into our houses who are challenged with substance abuse disorder who are willing to take steps necessary to stay sober and make healthy progress in their lives. We are a nonprofit 501c3 and often times we accept individuals into our group homes who are not able to pay anything. However, there is a cost and it ranges from \$480-\$650 per month depending on the location of the home. This can

be paid weekly and scholarships are available. We provide case management and assist our participants with obtaining ID's, employment, gold cards, food stamps and more. House Managers live at each of our homes and we have systems in place to assure there is great oversight and support for all who are in our program. Many men and women come straight to Sharpen Recovery from living on the street or similar and, many individuals come to live at Sharpen after going first to another facility for a period of time. Men and women enter a Sharpen home to receive or continue to receive accountability and support and they're able to develop healthy rhythms of living with employment, finances, emotional/mental health and more. Individuals come from or are referred to Sharpen Recovery from Open Door Mission, Houston Recovery Center, Hope Haven, Hope Impacts, Coalition for the Homeless and an abundance of other organizations in the city. We're convinced that our services are valuable for those we serve and we're on a mission to expand our services to help more and more others. We are honored to share this information and are requesting involvement in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. We believe the result would be that a greater amount of Houstonians in need are served and served greater."

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Comment #12: Janae Ladet, Commissioner Pct. 1 (email): "We're reaching out regarding the HOME-ARP plan below. Our office has encouraged residents to fill out the public survey and also shared a list of stakeholder organizations with CSD a while back to engage with. Since tomorrow is the plans' deadline for public comment, are there any last pushes for public participation (either from stakeholders or residents) that would be helpful for you all? If not, that's okay too...please let us know."

***Response:** Thank you for your comment and assistance with our outreach efforts. The 15-day HUD required comment period ends on March 22, 2022 and we will be accepting comments until the close of business. Comments can be sent to us by email at: home_arp_comments@hctx.net. Also, the Allocation Plan and Public Hearing slides can be found on our website at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>. After the Commissioners Court hearing on April 5, 2022, we will submit the allocation plan, proposed budget and activities to HUD for approval.*

Comment #13: Readie Hayward, 5th Ward Super Neighborhood (email): "I would like to see funds allocated to the fifth ward community. This is a struggling community and is in desperate need of funds for home improvement, utility assistance, and tax support."

***Response:** Thank you for your comment. As part of the \$5 billion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Harris County and the City of Houston were each allocated HOME-ARP grant funds from HUD to provide housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability in their service area.*

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Comment #14: Joyce Young, Executive Director at Baytown Housing Authority (email): “My name is Joyce Young and I am the Executive Director at Baytown Housing Authority. We have designed a new 44-unit public housing complex and we are seeking funding for acquisition and building the units. I was reviewing your website and noticed that there were some ARP funds. Would this project be eligible for this funding and is it too late to apply? Any information you can provide would be helpful.”

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Comment #15 Erma Marshall, resident of the 5th Ward (email): “I am a resident of the 5th Ward area. I feel that the money that you all have received needs to come into our community and help with rental assistance, affordable housing projects, counseling for the homeless, and childcare.”

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Comment #16: Carolyn Rivera, Northeast Action Collective and West Street Recovery (email): “Are provisions made for senior citizens in your plans? Is there a survey of how many senior citizens are suffering due to extreme cost of living increase, plus effects of Covid on their emotional stability? Have you done a survey to see which senior citizens are living in homes that are unlivable and who are close to homelessness or homeless? Will immigrants be eligible for benefits? If so, is there a survey documenting how many there are? Will there be increased security in the area to protect property and people?”

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The City of Houston was allocated \$37 million to provide the same type of services for homeless prevention services. Their allocation plan, proposed budget and activities can be found on their website at: <https://houstontx.gov/housing/>.

APPENDIX G: HOMELESS REI GUIDELINE REVIEW & UPDATE TO ARP SC



Homelessness REI Guideline Review and Update to ARPA Steering Committee

March 2nd, 2022

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Agenda

- REI Guidelines
 - Services procured
 - Budget
 - Scoring criteria
 - Approach to small non-profits
 - Changes vs. CCHP 1.0
- REI Timeline and Process
- Target Outcomes and Evaluation
- Housing Supply

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At Risk

Overview

Priority outcome: Reduce population experiencing homelessness and time experiencing homelessness

Initial funding envelope: \$40.1M (\$40.5 committed)

Progress

- REI timeline confirmed by COH, HC, and Coalition
- Homelessness AD role posted with outreach and screening underway
- HAV Center eligibility review process underway

Risks

- Shortage of 1-bedroom units posing supply risk
- COH responding to GAO audit, pausing timeline for HAV Center contracting and pushing back timeline

Focus Area Team

Sponsors: Adrienne Holloway (CSD), Leah Barton (OCA)

Lead: Martin Negron (CSD), **Homelessness AD TBA (OCA)**

Members: Wallis Nader (CJO), Saumya Rana (CJO), Janae Ladet (P13), Mercedes Sanchez (P13), Francisco Castillo (P13), Daphne Lemelle (P13), Sarah Williams (OCA)

Upcoming Milestones

Target Date	Category	Milestone
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On Track ■ At Risk ■ Off Track ■

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Recall: Housing First approach including rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and diversion maximizes long-term stability






Transitional Housing (TH)	Diversion	Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
Time-limited housing support that provides structured, supervised temporary housing with supportive services usually as a bridge to permanent housing.	Provide Diversion services, i.e., assistance to maintain or regain housing to 2,000 people "at the shelter door" to help them avoid falling into homelessness.	Permanent housing support that provides short and medium-term rental assistance and services with goal of re-housing homeless persons and families as quickly as possible directly into permanent affordable housing.	Permanent housing support that provides long term rental assistance with services to address needs of people experiencing chronic homelessness and/or people with serious and long-term disabilities.
Participation is usually conditioned by required involvement in programming to maintain sobriety, mental health stability/treatment, or similar conditions.	Individuals must first complete an assessment and meet the criteria. If criteria is met, the individual will then be assigned a case manager who will work with them through the three-month program.	Is offered without pre-conditions such as employment, income, absence of criminal record or sobriety.	
Services are usually structured to serve a specific population with programming geared to addressing specific needs such as addiction and mental health issues.	Whatever barriers are standing in the way of a client remaining stably housed will be addressed. Interventions are determined on a case-by-case basis based on the needs of a client.	Services are tailored to meet the individual needs of the person and are not required as a condition to remain housed.	
Since transitional housing is temporary and normally requires service participation and/or housing readiness, these programs are not considered Housing First.	Since transitional housing is temporary and normally requires service participation and/or housing readiness, these programs are not considered Housing First.	Utilizes a Housing First strategy, an approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness and requires low barriers to accessing such housing.	

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CCHP 2.0 REI guideline review

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Primary services being procured via CCHP 2.0 process

-  **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** is an intervention that combines affordable housing assistance with voluntary support services to address the needs of chronically homeless people and other homeless individuals with high barriers. The services are designed to build independent living and tenancy skills and connect people with community-based health care, treatment, and employment services.
-  **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)** provides short-term, up to 12 months, rental assistance, and services. The goals are to help those experiencing literal homelessness obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) with the resources and services provided typically tailored to the needs of the person.
-  **Diversion** is housing-focused problem-solving, mediation, and conflict resolution conversations paired with limited financial assistance offered to persons seeking emergency shelter or residing in emergency shelters.
-  **Essential client support services** are specialized programs assisting homeless people. This REI includes a range of services provided to assist and support individuals in developing their skills to gain access to needed medical, behavioral health, housing, employment, social, educational, and other services essential to meeting basic human services. Essential client support services include street outreach, mental health services, substance use disorder services, domestic violence mobile advocacy, employment supports, and SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) supports.
-  **Navigation** is the process of assisting individuals from the point of the housing referral until the date of move-in to housing. Navigators will provide housing search and placement to all program participants.

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Proposed Budget and Reach

Impact	Jurisdiction	Harris County	City of Houston	City of Houston	State	TBD
Clients served	Funding Source	ARRA-SLRF	CDRGCV	HOME-ARR	ERA 2	TBD
1481	PSH—Scattered Site	\$890,560	\$-	\$-	\$5,803,600	
490	PSH—Site Based	\$6,418,955	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$224,320
354	PSH—Preservation	\$13,279,823	\$-	\$1,346,202	\$-	\$103,554
1491	RRH	\$1,589,280	\$1,816,320	\$4,078,945	\$-	\$12,632,582
1000+	Diversion	\$-	\$2,200,000	\$-	\$-	\$-
500	Outreach	\$-	\$2,458,467	\$-	\$687,225	\$11,089
	Client Supports	\$3,905,000	\$-	\$-	\$3,828,542	\$705,947
	Mental Health Support	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$324,000	\$-
	Sub. Abuse Support	\$450,000	\$-	\$-	\$450,000	\$-
	DV Mobile Advocacy	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$106,493	\$-
	Employment	\$1,900,000	\$-	\$-	\$1,100,000	\$285,394
	SOAR	\$1,200,000	\$-	\$-	\$1,500,000	\$230,910
	Admin	\$355,000	\$-	\$-	\$348,049	\$189,643
3322	Navigation	\$-	\$3,547,500	\$-	\$1,236,497	\$538,753
	Total	\$25,988,618	\$10,022,287	\$6,425,147	\$7,719,367	\$14,922,192

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Approach to including small nonprofits under an umbrella organization

Avenues already explored

- Discussed opportunity with Coalition for the Homeless as current CCHP 2.0 provider; however, due to the current increase of the Coalition workload, they are not in favor on managing the small non-profits
- Reached out to top performing non-profit organization to test their interest in being an umbrella organization for small non-profits; at this time, those below are not showing interest of supporting this initiative
 - Baker Ripley
 - Career and Recovery resources, Inc
 - Catholic Charities
 - The Beacon
 - Houston Area Women's Center
 - The Salvation Army of Greater Houston
 - SEARCH Homeless Services, Inc
 - Northwest Assistance Ministries

Pathways to test next

- Include language in the REI which requires larger non-profit to sponsor small non-profits within the county precincts
- Reaching out to the CCGH (Child Care Council-Greater Houston Inc.) to test their interest in managing the county precincts small non-profits

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CCHP 2.0 Scoring Tool

1. Organizational Expertise (25 points available)	Pts	2. Project Information (25 points available)	Pts
Agency's experience in the past 2 years providing similar REI services	5	Scope of the project, including # of households, program & financial services	5
Ability to mobilize & implement operations quickly to meet urgent needs	5	Best/promising practices the agency will utilize to administer services	5
Overall staffing plan to accomplish proposed activities	5	Annual outcomes the project expects to accomplish	2.5
Formal or informal coordination, partnerships, or collaborations	5	How program services and/or resources will be used to reduce barriers	5
Will the proposed program use subcontractors and/or subcontractors?	N/A	How the project will account for geographic dispersion & client choice	2.5
Organization's ability to collect data electronically & HMIS participation	5	Project timeline from start-up to hiring staff, & becoming fully operational	5
3. Supportive Services (25 points available)	Pts	4. Financial Analysis (25 points available)	Pts
Target population (full points if meets HUD homeless definition)	5	Completed budget form	5
Essential supportive services provided	5	Most recent audit and/or financial statement	5
Agency's prior experience with target population	5	Budget assumptions used to create the budget	5
Agency's prior experience with private landlords	2.5	Plan for cost effectiveness	5
Barriers or challenges & strategies used to mitigate	2.5	Other funding that will be utilized	5
5. Equity Evaluation (15 points available)	Pts	Threshold: 90 day working capital	YES/NO
Commitment to equal access & non-discrimination	5	Applications passing threshold requirements will be reviewed and scored by a panel of CCHP partner personnel	
Inclusion of voices from disproportionately impacted communities	5	CCHP funders reserve the right to refuse funding to an organization if prior experience was unfavorable	
Detail about how the project will minimize additional burdens for population	5		

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CCHP 2.0 REI builds upon CCHP 1.0 REI

Changes vs. CCHP 1.0

- Inclusion of glossary / extensive definitions
- Inclusion of definition of a subrecipient and associated federal terms to fully communicate requirements
- Develop and include a checklist of the options that providers can apply for (e.g., a cover page with the checkbox list).
- Include option for financial intermediary/capacity building umbrella org to bring in smaller providers.

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Request for Expression of Interest- Process & Timeline

Target Date	Milestone
Recent progress	
2/23	Scheduled Q&A session and confirm roles
2/25	Received list of potential respondents from CFTH
3/1	Finalized list of respondents, incorporating COH and HC feedback
Next steps	
3/2	Present REI update to SteerCo
3/9	Focus Area Team meeting to review KPIs and financial reporting
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Request for Expression of Interest (REI)- Applications

Application

Applications from this Request for Proposals are due no later than 5 pm on March 30, 2022. CCHP Partners will announce preliminary funding recommendations on May 2, 2022. Agencies funded through this REI process are expected to execute contracts on an expedited basis and begin program operations no later than September 1, 2022.

Respondents shall submit a complete REI application to **ALL Three (3) CCHP partners**. Failure to submit to all three CCHP partners will constitute as an incomplete application and will not be reviewed. The REI application, including all attachments, should be addressed to all CCHP partners in a single transmittal. The single email transmittal must be addressed to the following entities:

- City of Houston: HCDPublicServices@houstontx.gov
- Harris County: REI@csd.hctx.net
- Coalition for the Homeless: Application@homelesshouston.org

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Target Outcomes and Evaluation

Key Performance Indicators for CCHP 2.0 should be data driven, focus on results, transparency and county priorities.

Homelessness KPIs (Request quarterly reporting on KPIs)

- Retention rates of households placed in housing at both 6 months and 12 months
- Average length of time (days) spent in shelter?
- Numbers of individuals who have been homeless for a year or less
- Percentage of households moved from homelessness into housing that then return to homelessness.
- Percentage of reduction in the unsheltered population

Economic KPIs

- Increase in sustainable employment and income (for example through programs such as the Employ2Empower program)

Financial KPIs

- Most recent audit and/or financial statement must be attached to the Proposer's application (does not count toward page limit).
- Provide any budget assumptions Proposer used to create the budget.
- Describe the plan for proposed approach to ensure the project is cost effective, while taking into consideration appropriateness for the intended project type

Priority outcome: Reduce (the rate by XX %) population experiencing homelessness and (by when) time experiencing homelessness. This should also include the following vulnerable groups experiencing homelessness:

- Families experiencing homelessness
- Youths experiencing homelessness
- Veterans experiencing homelessness
- LGBTQIA+ experiencing homelessness



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Resourcing (incl. eval partner)

- Identify an independent evaluation partner to evaluate the impact and outcomes (beyond outputs) of CCHP 1.0 and CCHP 2.0.

- Use HMIS data
- Use KPIs

- Partner should coordinate with CFTH to establish a performance measurement structure to:

- Refine KPIs
- Measure KPIs and performance, and report progress to funders

- Key Considerations for program evaluation:

- Is the CFTH collecting the right data, and is the quality of data sufficient?
- What is beyond the homelessness system control (e.g. Tight housing market and low supply of affordable and accessible market rate units)

- Next steps:

- Draft scope and send to 3-5 qualified respondents to recent CCAO evaluation RFP



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REI- PSH Site Based Locations

Site-based PSH units include units currently under construction and/or receiving funding support from the Harris County and/or City of Houston. CCHP 2.0 PSH funds will include funding the supportive services, case management and rental subsidy for 659 units of PSH.

Property	Units
Kingland Park	15
Enclave at Lake Pointe	15
The Arbor at Wayforest	15
Richcrest Apartments	5
Seaside Lodge at Chesapeake Bay	6
Northwood Apartments	15
Bluestem Apartments	5
The Hollows	15
Granada Terrace	5
The Citadel/Change Happens Senior	19
Jackson Woods	111
Magnificat Permanent Affordable Housing	149
Yemenos IV	95
Sunrise Lofts	89
Light Rail Lofts	29
HAY Campus	50
Residences at Arbor Oaks	15
First Met Apartments	6



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REI- PSH Preservation Locations

PSH Preservation will provide housing case management, supportive services, and rental subsidy for approximately 384 persons experiencing literal homelessness. The PSH slots will be located at properties under new development and listed below

Project	Units
Dennis Street PSH Services	24
H3 Rental & Utilities	150
H3 Services	150
CCHP Phase 1 TSA PSH Rental & Utilities	150
CCHP Phase 1 TSA Services	150
AFH Parent Rental	30
AFH Parent Leasing Services	30



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1-BR shortage; forecast and mitigating factors

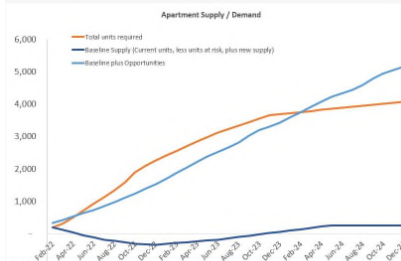
There will be a shortage of 5,000 PSH units in 3 years. Coalition along with their partners are engaging with landlords on ways to increase units.

Potential opportunities:

- Tax waivers for apartments for section of units
- Utility payments for residents
- Exploring shared housing for residents
- Analyzing results from brokers on finding units
- City looking into buying hotels/motels for units

Factors:

- Lack of buy in from landlords on supplying units
- Promising units but limited availability of space



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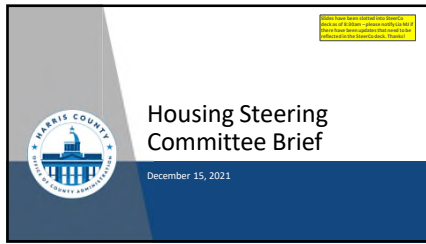
Next Steps

- 1 bedroom supply risk path –Working with the city and coalition on ideas and opportunities to create relationships with landlords. Exploring purchase of hotels for units.
- Umbrella organizations- Gauging interests of nonprofits to be an umbrella organization for CCHP.
- REI update path- March 9th: COH, HC, and CFTH will confirm Selection Committee members. March 11th: launch of REI, will stay open for three weeks
- The hiring of Homelessness AD – Interviews starting this week

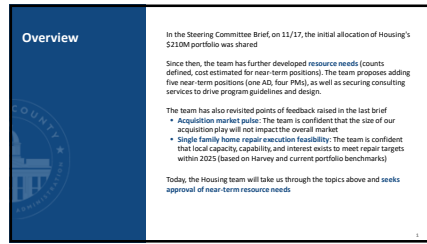


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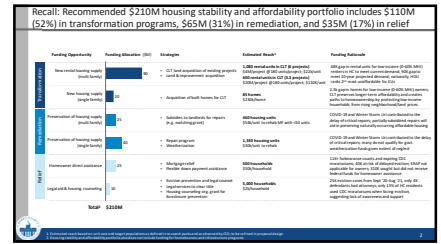
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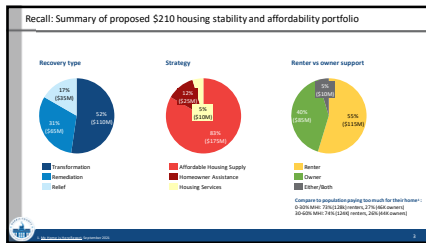
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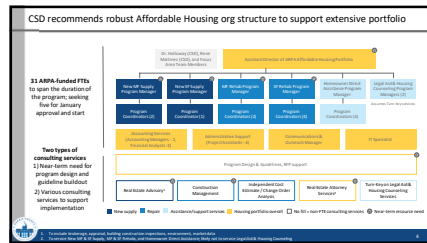
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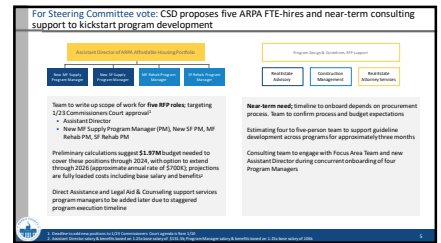
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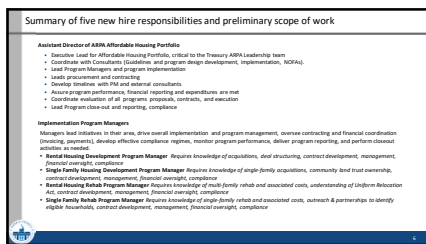
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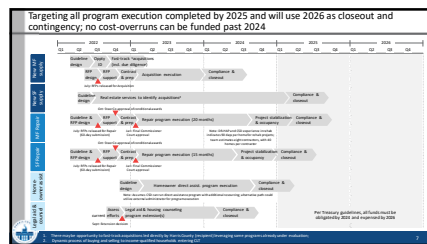
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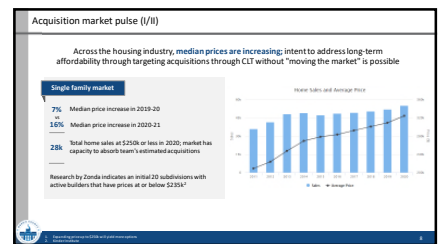
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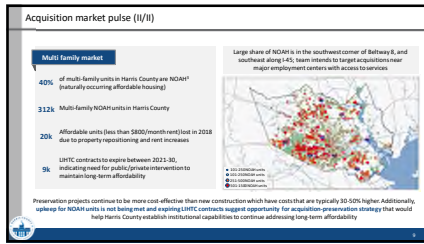
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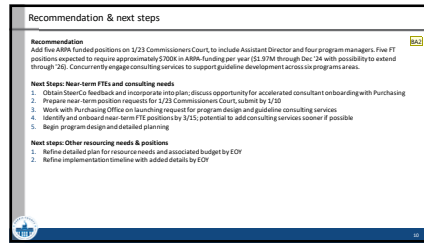
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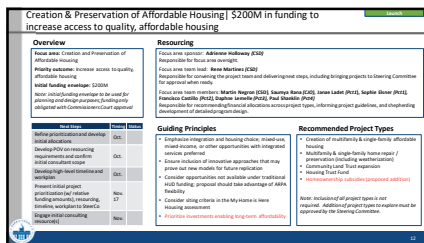
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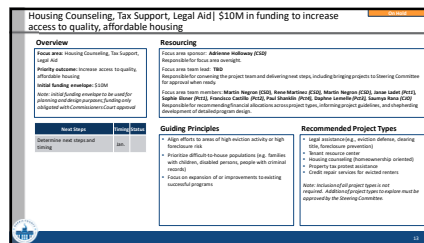
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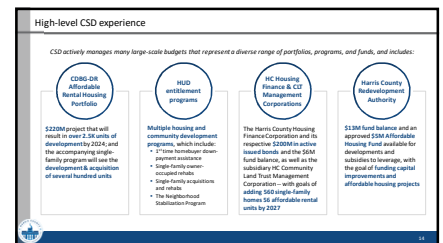
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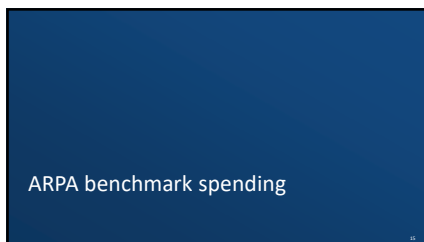
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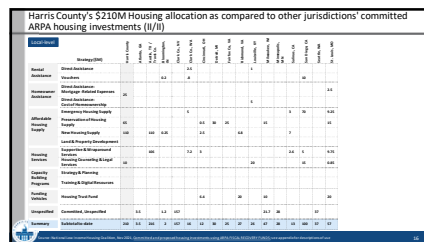
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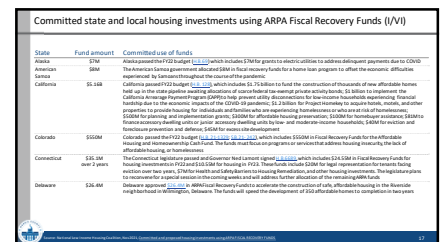
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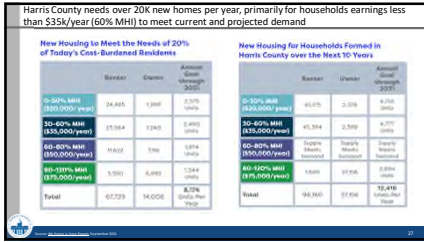
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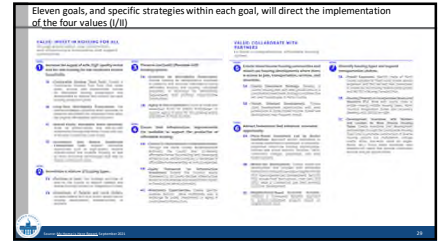
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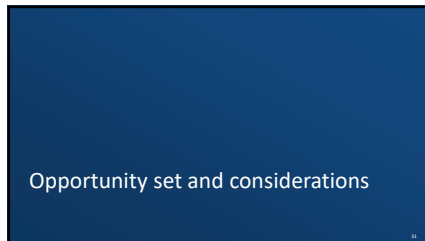
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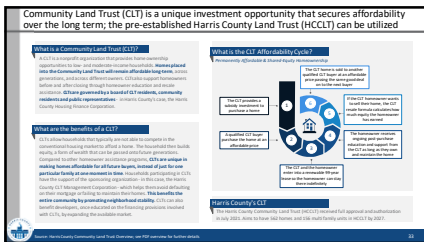
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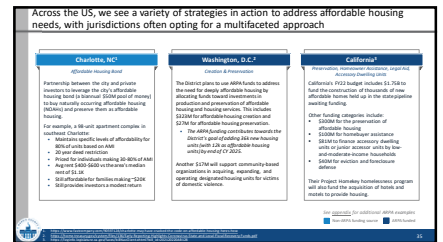
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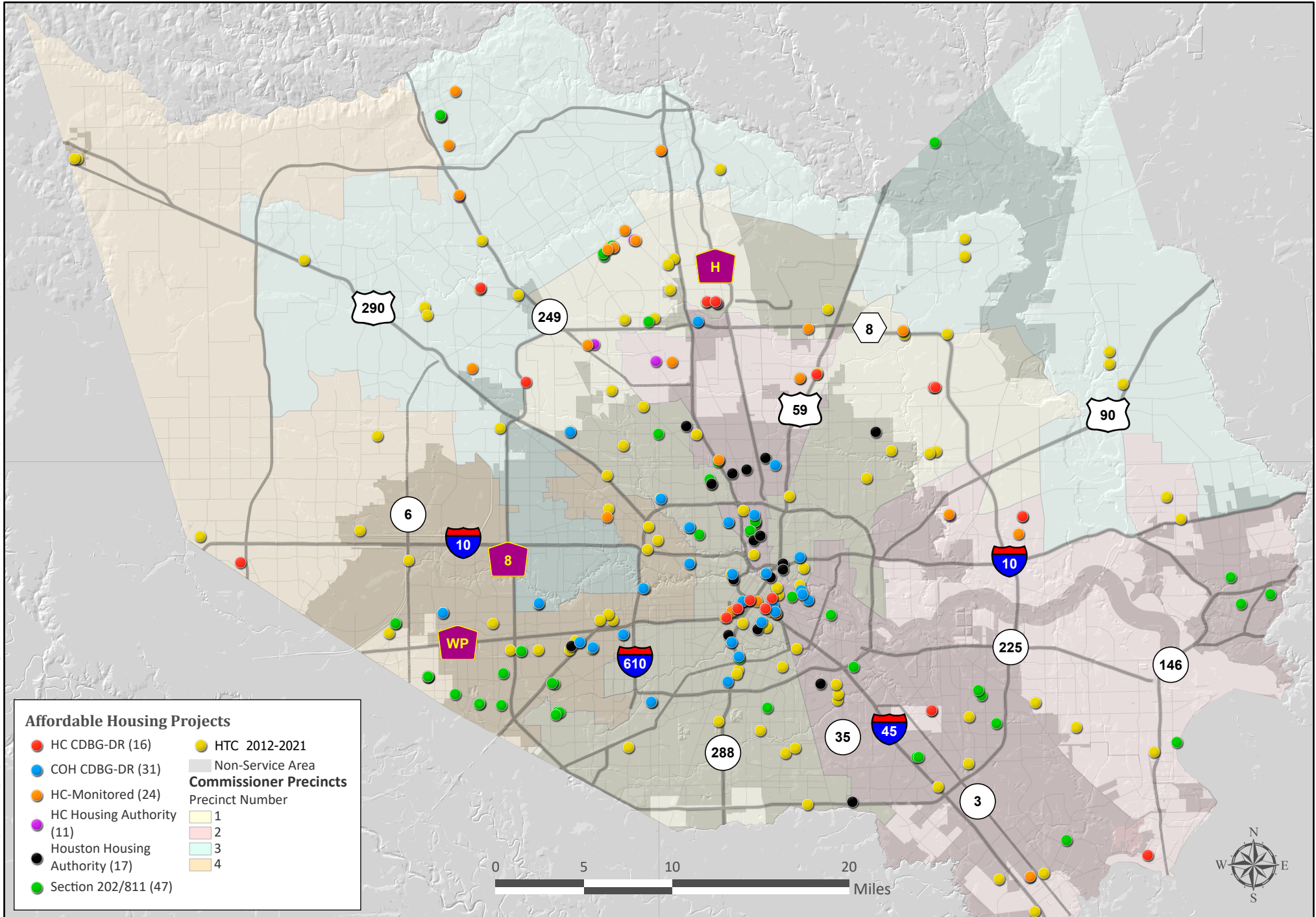
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APPENDIX I: MAP OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HARRIS COUNTY



Affordable Housing in Harris County by Precinct

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Data Sources: Harris County Community Services Department, Harris County Housing Authority, Houston Department of Housing and Community Development, Houston Housing Authority, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

APPENDIX J: SF424S & CERTIFICATIONS

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

09/22/2021

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M21-UP480215

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Harris County

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

76-0454514

* c. UEI:

JFMKAENLGN81

d. Address:

* Street1:

8410 Lantern Point Drive

Street2:

* City:

Houston

County/Parish:

Harris County

* State:

TX: Texas

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

77054-1552

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community Services Department

Division Name:

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

Prefix:

Dr.

* First Name:

Adrienne

Middle Name:

M.

* Last Name:

Holloway

Suffix:

Ph.D

Title:

Executive Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

832-927-4704

Fax Number:

713-578-2090

* Email:

Adrienne.holloway@csd.hctx.net

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

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

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Harris County PY2021 HOME Investments Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

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

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

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
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*** 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:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

DocuSigned by:

Adrienne Holloway

* Date Signed:

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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:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
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.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Executive Director
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Harris County Community Services Department	DATE SUBMITTED 7/27/2022

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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 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:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL		TITLE	
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED	
Harris County Community Services Department		July 25, 2022	



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

April 28, 2021

The Honorable Lina Hidalgo
County Judge of Harris County
1001 Preston Street
Suite 911
Houston, TX 77002-1817

Dear County Judge Hidalgo:

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

Your jurisdiction's FY 2021 HOME-ARP allocation is \$16,747,366.

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

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

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

ARP can provide up to 5 percent of the grant for operating costs of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other non-profit organizations, including homeless providers. Additional funding is available to these organizations for capacity building. Like other formula grant funds, HOME-ARP funds will be administered in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

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

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

Sincerely,



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

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.

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Adrienne Holloway

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7/27/2022

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Adrienne M. Holloway, Ph.D. Executive Director, HCCSD

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