



JEFFERSON PARISH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

February 9, 2023

Mrs. Cheryl Breaux, Director
Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
New Orleans Field Office
Hale Boggs Federal Building,
500 Poydras Street, 9th Floor
New Orleans, LA. 70130

Dear Mrs. Breaux:

This letter will formally confirm the submission of the Jefferson HOME Consortiums HOME ARP Allocation Plan and Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis in IDIS as an amendment to the FY21 Action Plan as required by HUD. We greatly appreciate your assistance and we look forward to the approval of these critical new HOME ARP funds for shelter, affordable housing and service/counseling for the homeless, those at risk of homelessness and other eligible populations.

Please let us know if you need additional information or other items.

Thank you again for all your assistance and guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Brumfield".

Stephanie Brumfield
Director, Jefferson Parish Community Development Department,
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd. Suite 605
Jefferson, LA 70123
(504) 736-6262

Enclosures (Packet) JP Resolutions, SF424s and Certifications, HOME ARP Allocation Plan Summary, Public Notice, HOME ARP Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis.

JOSEPH S. YENNI BLDG. — 1221 ELMWOOD PARK BLVD. — SUITE 605 - JEFFERSON, LA 70123
OFFICE 504.736.6262

EMAIL: SBRUMFIELD@JEFFPARISH.NET
WWW.JEFFPARISH.NET

On motion of **Mr. Lee**, seconded by **Mr. Walker**, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 141223

A resolution authorizing the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021 Action Plan for the Jefferson HOME Consortium and approving the amendments for projects utilizing Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD), HOME ARP, (American Rescue Plan), Program funds and authorizing the Parish President of Jefferson Parish, or her designee, to sign and file said amendment documents in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish was awarded HOME ARP – American Rescue Plan Act Formula Grant funds in the amount of \$5,664,957.00; and

WHEREAS, in order to expend these funds, Jefferson Parish must follow its citizen participation plan in the preparation of these amendments; and

WHEREAS, in order to expend these funds, the Jefferson HOME Consortium must complete and submit to HUD a HOME ARP Allocation Plan containing proposed categories of eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, in order to expend these funds Jefferson Parish must add these funds to the FY21 Action Plan under eligible HOME categories and activities; and

WHEREAS, a public notice was printed in The Advocate, on January 9, 2023 inviting citizens to submit comments on these amendments and announcing a public meeting that was held on January 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the citizen participation requirements of these federal programs require a minimum 15 day period for citizens to comment on these amendments; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period ended on February 7, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, substantial public comments were received and adopted during the comment period; and

WHEREAS, these amendments shall authorize the following changes:

Amendment to FY-2021 Action Plan for HOME ARP Funding

Add the following funding: 2021 HOME ARP Emergency Shelters and Housing and Related Services for the Homeless. Current Budget: \$0; Proposed Budget: \$4,815,213.00 (Increase of \$4,815,213.00). Funds needed for eligible HOME ARP Activities and Categories as summarized in the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

Add the following funding: 2021 HOME ARP Administration Costs Current Budget: \$0; Proposed Budget: \$849,744.00 (Increase of \$849,744.00). Funds needed to administer the HOME ARP program capped at 15%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana acting as governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. That the Parish Council President of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, or her designee is authorized to sign and file said amendment in accordance with the regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECTION 2. That the HOME ARP Allocation Plan for the Jefferson HOME Consortium that describes the activities and budgets to be undertaken with HOME ARP Funds is hereby accepted and approved.

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Community Development Programs is hereby authorized to submit said amendment documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development including but not limited to the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:


YEAS: 7

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was declared to be adopted this the **8th day of February, 2023.**

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY


EULA A. LOPEZ
PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL

On motion of **Mr. Walker**, seconded by **Mr. Templet**, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO.

A resolution naming Stephanie Brumfield as the Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development (JPDCD) and the Parish President's designee to sign any and all documents required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding received and applied for by the Parish through the Department of Community Development, including but not limited to: Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, applications for funding, grant agreements, mortgages, certifications, environmental reviews for entities assuming HUD environmental responsibilities and other regulations, forms, requirement, etc. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development recognizes the Parish President as the Chief Executive Officer of the Parish; and,

WHEREAS, this designation requires the Parish President sign all documents associated with funding received and applied for from HUD; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parish President to name the Director of the Department of Community Development as her designee to sign any and all documents as allowable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Parish Council acting as governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Community Development is hereby named as the Parish President's designee and is authorized to sign any and all documents required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding received and applied for by the Parish through the Community Development Department, including but not limited to Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, applications for funding, grant agreements, certifications, mortgages, environmental reviews for entities assuming HUD environmental responsibilities, and other regulations, forms, requirements, etc.

SECTION 2. That the Council Chairperson or in her absence the Vice Chairperson is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to give full force and effect to this resolution.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:


YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY


EULA A. LOPEZ
PARISH CLERK
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL

Approved by Jefferson Parish Council on Wednesday 10/12/2022



**Jefferson HOME Consortium
HOME ARP Allocation Plan**



Version 2/3/23

**HUD CPD Formula American Rescue Plan ARP Funding Summary
HOME ARP Allocation**

\$5,664,957

Proposed HOME ARP PROGRAMS and Categories:

Supportive and Wrap Around Services and Counseling

\$400,000

Partial funding for case management and counseling for HOME ARP eligible clients such as the homeless, those at risk of homelessness and domestic abuse victims

Development of Non Congregate Shelter

\$2,050,000

Special Multi Purpose Emergency Response Facility - Low Barrier
For HOME ARP eligible clients such as the homeless including single persons and families.

City of Kenner Transitional Housing

\$700,000

Proposed new/renovated Transitional Housing to assist returning justice involved residents.

Kenner, Jefferson and St. Charles Parish Rental Assistance

\$650,000

Crisis Rental Emergency Assistance Program to assist HOME ARP eligible homeless clients
Estimated \$350K St. Charles, \$100K Kenner and Jefferson Parish \$200K.

Production and Preservation of Affordable Housing

\$1,015,213

Deeply affordable housing developments to assist eligible HOME ARP clients.

GRANTEE ESTIMATED ADMINISTRATION TOTAL (Capped at 15%)

\$849,744

(HOME ARP Admin TBD Jefferson Parish - \$; City of Kenner - \$; St. Charles Parish - \$)

Final Admin Splits determined based on final activities

Total HOME ARP

\$5,664,957

C. Benfield 1/20/23

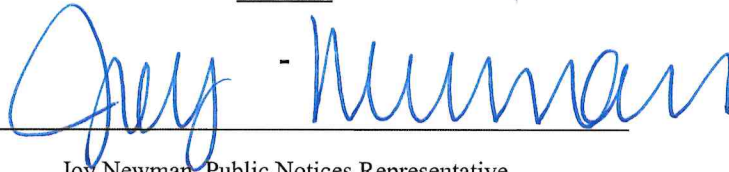
CAPITAL CITY PRESS

Publisher of
THE ADVOCATE

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

The hereto attached notice was published in THE
ADVOCATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation
published in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Official
Journal of the State of Louisiana, City of Baton Rouge,
and Parish of East Baton Rouge or published daily in
THE TIMES-PICAYUNE/THE NEW ORLEANS
ADVOCATE, in New Orleans Louisiana or published
daily in THE ACADIANA ADVOCATE in the following
issues:

1/9/2023



Joy Newman, Public Notices Representative

Sworn and subscribed before me, by the person whose signature
appears above

11 Jan 2023



M. Monic McChristian,

Notary Public ID#88293

State of Louisiana

My Commission Expires: Indefinite



Ad No: 20354



**Public Notices
Meet/Hear/Min**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Jefferson Parish
Department of
Community Development
HOME ARP Funding
January 19th 2023 Public
Hearing Announcement**

In accordance with Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines, Jefferson Parish is publishing this notice of a Public Hearing to be held on January 19th, 2023, at 4pm in Room 405 of the Joseph S. Yenni Building located at 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd. Jefferson LA. 70123. The topics will be the Draft HOME ARP Allocation Plan with funding and proposed activities to provide housing services and shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Jefferson Parish, the City of Kenner and St. Charles Parish. JPCDC is seeking public comments on community pri-

orities and the proposed uses of HOME ARP funds.

HOME ARP funded eligible activities include: individuals and families experiencing homelessness, those at risk of homelessness, individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking and/or other populations for whom supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or housing instability. Veterans and families with a Veteran family member meeting one of the above eligible categories are also a priority.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the anticipated HOME ARP budget (\$5,664,957), community priorities, eligible and proposed activities and the implementation schedule. Public questions and comments on the use of these funds will be additional agenda items for this meeting.

In addition to the public hearing on the Draft HOME ARP Allocation Plan with the proposed uses of HOME ARP funds and community priorities questions and comments can be submitted in writing until 4:30 pm on February 7th, 2023 to the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development, Joseph S. Yenni Parish Office Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Suite 605, Jefferson, La. by telephone at (504) 736-6262 and via email at: JPCDCPrograms@jeffparish.net.

ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

In accordance with provisions of the American with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, as amended, Jefferson Parish shall not discriminate against individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

If you require auxiliary aids or devices, or other reasonable accommodation under the ADA Amendments Act, please submit your request to the ADA Coordinator at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance or as soon as practical. A seventy-two (72) hour advanced notice is required to request Certified ASL interpreters.

ADA Coordinator
Office of Citizens with Disabilities
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd.,
Suite 210
Jefferson, LA 70123
(504) 736-6086
ADA@jeffparish.net

Cynthia Lee Sheng
Parish President

Stephanie Brumfield,
Director
Community Development
Department

20354-JAN 9-1T



**Public Notices
Successions**

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div> * Other (Specify): <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>	
* 3. Date Received: <div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		4. Applicant Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>			
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>			5b. Federal Award Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		
State Use Only:					
6. Date Received by State: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>		7. State Application Identifier: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 15px;"></div>			
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:					
* a. Legal Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Jefferson Parish</div>					
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">72-6013920</div>			* c. UEI: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">VMBYDDY7XST6</div>		
d. Address:					
* Street1: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1221 Elmwood Park Blvd. Suite 605</div>					
Street2: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>					
* City: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Jefferson</div>					
County/Parish: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>					
* State: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">LA: Louisiana</div>					
Province: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>					
* Country: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">USA: UNITED STATES</div>					
* Zip / Postal Code: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">70123-2337</div>					
e. Organizational Unit:					
Department Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Community Development</div>			Division Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:					
Prefix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Ms.</div>		* First Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Stephanie</div>			
Middle Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>					
* Last Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Brumfield</div>					
Suffix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>					
Title: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Director</div>					
Organizational Affiliation: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>					
* Telephone Number: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">504-736-6262</div>			Fax Number: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>		
* Email: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">sbrumfield@jeffparish.net</div>					

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:

14-239

CFDA Title:

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

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Fiscal Year 2021 Action Plan Amendment to add HOME ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds summarized in the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

Delete Attachments

View Attachments

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.

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

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

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="5,664,957.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="5,664,957.00"/>

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

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

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

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:

* Date Signed:

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0042), Washington, DC 20503.


PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

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.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Director, JP Dept. of Community Development
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Jefferson Parish (HOME ARP)	DATE SUBMITTED 02/08/2023



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

Certifications – CDBG, HOME, HOME ARP, ESG

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

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, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

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

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



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

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.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, HOME ARP, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature/Authorized Official

2/9/23

Date

Stephanie Brumfield

Title: Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development

JOSEPH S. YENNI BLDG. — 1221 ELMWOOD PARK BLVD. — SUITE 605 - JEFFERSON, LA 70123

OFFICE 504.736.6262

EMAIL: SBRUMFIELD@JEFFPARISH.NET

WWW.JEFFPARISH.NET



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income, (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570).

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 3 of, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature/Authorized Official

2/9/23
Date

Stephanie Brumfield

Title: Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

Specific HOME, HOME ARP Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME/HOME ARP funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME/HOME ARP funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME/HOME ARP funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME/HOMEARP funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


Signature/Authorized Official

2/9/23
Date

Stephanie Brumfield

Title: Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities – Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Stephanie Brumfield

Title: Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development

JOSEPH S. YENNI BLDG. — 1221 ELMWOOD PARK BLVD. — SUITE 605 - JEFFERSON, LA 70123

OFFICE 504.736.6262

EMAIL: SBRUMFIELD@JEFFPARISH.NET

WWW.JEFFPARISH.NET



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion - If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs - In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation - Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services - The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds - The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

Confidentiality - The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement - To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan - All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy - The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.


Signature/Authorized Official

2/9/23
Date

Stephanie Brumfield

Title: Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development

JOSEPH S. YENNI BLDG. — 1221 ELMWOOD PARK BLVD. — SUITE 605 - JEFFERSON, LA 70123

OFFICE 504.736.6262

EMAIL: SBRUMFIELD@JEFFPARISH.NET

WWW.JEFFPARISH.NET



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$ 10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification or otherwise 'violate the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act. HUD in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the work place at the time of application or upon award if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the work place(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications shall include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g. all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation. State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s) if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).

Jefferson Parish, Community Development Department
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd. Suite 605
Jefferson, LA 70123

6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance or work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

City of Kenner, Community Development Department
1801 Williams Blvd. Building B. Suite 200, Kenner, LA. 70062

The Jefferson Parish Housing Services Development District,
1011 4th St. Unit 203, Gretna, LA 70053

St. Charles Parish, Department of Community Services
P.O. Box 169, New Sarpy, LA. 70078

And others such as service providers anticipated:



CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

Check X if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here

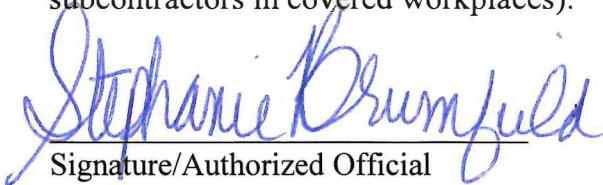
The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 24 subpart F.

7. Definitions of terms in the Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15):

"Conviction" means a finding or guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence or both by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes:

"Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use or possession of any controlled substance:
"Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance or work under a grant including: (i) All "direct charge" employees; (ii) all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g. volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of sub recipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).


Signature/Authorized Official

2/9/23
Date

Stephanie Brumfield

Title: Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development



Jefferson Parish

Community Development

CYNTHIA LEE SHENG
PARISH PRESIDENT

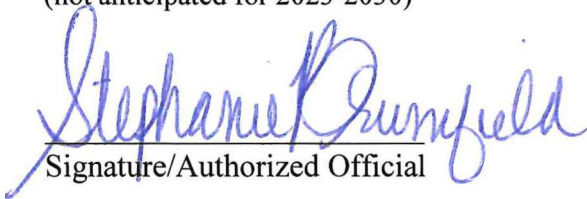
STEPHANIE BRUMFIELD
DIRECTOR

OPTIONAL-CERTIFICATION CDBG (not anticipated for 2023-2030)

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

(not anticipated for 2023-2030)


Signature/Authorized Official

2/9/23
Date

Stephanie Brumfield

Title: Director of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis

Participating Jurisdiction: Jefferson Parish LA.

Consultation

The consultation process:

Stakeholder and public meetings were held with representatives of organizations including the Continuum of Care (COC), Jefferson Parish HOME Consortium jurisdictions, Jefferson Parish Government Departments and Districts such as the Housing Services Development District (HSDD/PHAs), non-profit homeless and domestic violence shelters, veteran service providers, affordable housing developers, fair housing advocates, member of the public and others.

A multi agency stakeholder meeting was held on January 25th 2022.

Various other meetings and calls and outreach was conducted throughout 2022 to help guide the development of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

A public hearing was held on January 19th 2023 to seek public input on the draft HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

The amount of HOME-ARP the Jefferson HOME Consortium will receive was discussed,

The range of activities the Jefferson HOME Consortium may undertake was discussed.

More than 20 public comments and questions were received. See summary of comments and responses in this template and attached to the end of this document.

The next sections list the organizations consulted and summarizes the feedback.

List the organizations consulted and summary of the feedback received.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
HSDD, HAJP, Kenner HA, Westwego HA, St. Charles Parish HA	Public Housing Agencies/Non Profit Parish PH Entity	Meetings, calls, emails, Stakeholder Meetings, ongoing outreach	Identified potential eligible uses including for the redevelopment of the Acre Road Public Housing Development. No significant responses to date from other PHAs.
COC/Unity of Greater New Orleans	COC	Stakeholder Meeting 1/25/2022 Public Meeting 1/19/2023	Spread resources with low barrier shelter most important, motel at 12-16 units, rental assistance with case management. Create affordable rental housing/1 bedroom/efficiencies for single person and disability focus.
LACORS, METRO, NOWCS, Catholic Charities	Non Profit Service Providers	Stakeholder Meeting 1/25/22, Public Meeting 1/19/23, and emails	Need resources to support programs for the homeless, domestic violence victims and others at risk. Estimated shelter needs through 2030 provided by agencies.
Hope Center Vets	Non Profit	Stakeholder Meeting 1/25/2022	Seeking referrals for vets needing emergency and PSH, transitional Housing, “shallow” subsidy 24 mths
Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center	Fair Housing	Stakeholder Meeting 1/25/2022 and email communications	Focus on disabled, 1 bedroom efficiencies to meet those needs. Produce or preserve deeply affordable 30% AMI housing. Partner with developers and require referrals from COC, don’t warehouse homeless, develop housing in lower poverty areas as per AFFH.
Gulf Coast Housing Partnership	Non-Profit Housing Developer	Stakeholder Meeting 1/25/2022	Interested in supporting efforts to provide affordable housing.
Circular Consulting	Subject Experts	Stakeholder Meeting, Public Meeting and calls	Provide housing and other resources, services, job training, etc. for HAJP residents
Jefferson Parish JPHSA – Human Services Authority	Local Government	Stakeholder Meetings/Public Meeting	Shelter and services needed. Estimated at up to 50 beds/units based on current demands.

Other outreach and consultations were conducted including by the City of Kenner.:

Public Participation

- ***Public comment period:*** start date - 1/10/2023. end date - 2/7/2023
- ***Public hearing:*** 1/19/2023

Publication in the Advocate newspaper seeking public comments on the draft HOME ARP Allocation Plan on 1/9/2023 and announcing a public hearing held on 1/19/2023. See notice attached.

Efforts to broaden public participation:

Public Meeting and Public Notice in local newspaper of record (Advocate), Jefferson Parish Public Information Office (PIO) notice, webpage posting and multiple calls and emails to various interested parties including COC, PHAs, Non Profit Service providers, housing developers, fair housing advocates, CHDOs, Parish Council / Departments, other organizations and persons.

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

From stakeholders the initial proposed uses of HOME ARP funds included: 1. the demolition/ redevelopment of Acre Road, HSDD/ Public Housing Authority of Jefferson Parish, 200 unit redevelopment; 2. the purchase of a hotel for low barrier shelter; 3. development of affordable housing specifically single room and efficiencies (COC); 4. provision of rental assistance (St. Charles Parish) and new shelter for returned justice involved persons (City of Kenner); 5. Clergy/non profit provider approach that would fund various community and ongoing shelter facilities and supportive/wrap around services. 6. Fair Housing Advocated - Develop deeply affordable housing.

Public Participation

Public Comments Accepted for January 19th 2023 Public Hearing include: From the LA Fair Housing Action Center – 1. Focus funds on production or preservation of deeply affordable rental housing, 2. Affordable housing production should be dedicated to units at 30% AMI or lower and 1 bedroom and studio units to meet shortage especially those that are homeless. 3. Require developers receiving funds to accept referrals for open units from Unity, the COC, etc.. 4. Recently unhoused individuals should not be warehoused in low income neighborhoods on the West Bank. Use a scoring system in the NOFA that prioritizes development in lower poverty neighborhoods, as per the Fair Housing Act's AFFH obligation. The Jefferson HOME Consortium will reduce funds allocated to shelters and add a housing production category to address the need for deeply affordable housing. A comment regarding the limited amount of funding available compared to the actual needs for shelter space and mental health support was submitted and the Jefferson HOME Consortium is in agreement.

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

Use of HOME ARP for Acre Road PHA Demo / redevelopment does not qualify as the current PHA populations to be served are not homeless or facing homelessness and resolution of all legal suits, claims, etc. regarding PHA/Acre Road Voluntary Streamlined Conversion would need to be complete. Therefore demolition of Acre Road was deemed not to be a viable use of HOME ARP funding at the time of Allocation Plan submission to HUD. Therefore, support for new shelters, services, rental assistance and new units and or rehabilitated affordable units were determined to be a high priority based on needs and gaps. Data on homelessness and current housing conditions are limited, however, there is a critical need for shelter space and deeply affordable housing to meet the needs of HOME ARP eligible clients. The proposed Allocation Plan proposes activities that are appropriate uses of HOME ARP funds.

Other email / comments from Public Notice not accepted: Recommendation: Is there a possibility that the Chinchuba institute on the Westbank could be converted to a facility for the treatment of the homeless mentally ill? Not accepted. This is a large facility and it previously operated as a shelter and was closed. It would be difficult and expensive to reopen as a non-congregate shelter in the near term to meet critical current needs.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

The next section evaluates the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the boundaries of the Jefferson HOME Consortium and assesses the unmet needs of those populations. Data are limited, however, gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory and service delivery system are detailed. Data, including those provided by the COC, the Jefferson Parish Administration, service providers and others are used. The critical need and gap identified is that of a Parish, non-congregate, low barrier shelter. Jefferson Parish currently does not own or operate such a shelter.

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0								
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Other Permanent Housing						0	0	0	0				
Sheltered Homeless						0	0	0	0				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	300 est.	0	60 est.				
Current Gap										0	0	100	100

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

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	68,000 est		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	<10,000 est.		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	<20,000 est.		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		11,950	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		11,165	
Current Gaps			1,000-10,000

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

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

The qualifying populations for HOME ARP funds in Jefferson Parish are estimated based on Point in Time Counts, COC and HMIS data, American Community Survey, CHAS and other housing and population data reviewed by the Jefferson HOME Consortium. The 2021 Point in Time Count reports 1,042 overall homeless for New Orleans/Jefferson Parish (COC). These data are limited and are likely an undercount of homeless persons. For Jefferson Parish the current lack of affordable housing, extremely low rental vacancy rate, rising rent costs and expected increased evictions as COVID rental assistance programs are depleted are anticipated to greatly increase the number of homeless and those at risk of homelessness. The qualifying current homeless population in Jefferson Parish is estimated to be 300 persons (Sarah Babcock/JP Administration estimate for 2023). There is likely an over representation of black and Hispanic households based on HMIS and other data. Current homeless program composition provided by HMIS (ViaLink) is estimated at 40% white, 55% black/African American, 5% other. For gender, 65% male 35% female is the approximate breakout.

The estimated qualifying population of those at risk of homelessness in Jefferson and St. Charles Parish is up to one thousand persons/households. This is a rough estimate based on various data sources, (ACH/CHAS), and the true scale of those at risk of homelessness is likely higher. There is likely an over representation of black and Hispanic households based on various data and local knowledge. The demographic characteristics are assumed to closely mirror those for the homeless qualifying population described above.

The estimated qualifying population of those individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or human trafficking in Jefferson and St. Charles Parish is 60 individuals at any given time. This is an estimate based on various data sources, (Metro and New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter, Jefferson Human Services Authority), and the true scale of those in this qualifying population is likely higher. The demographic composition of those in this qualifying population are assumed to reflect the characteristics of the overall population of the Jefferson HOME Consortium.

The estimated qualifying population for whom supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or serve those at risk of housing instability is several thousand persons. The demographic composition of those in this qualifying population are assumed to reflect the characteristics of the overall population of the Jefferson HOME Consortium.

Data on these qualifying populations are limited and it is impossible to precisely determine needs and gaps. The Jefferson HOME Consortium is confident that HOME ARP funds will be used to create / expand non-congregate shelter capacity, provide needed supportive services, rental assistance and new housing for eligible qualifying populations. Hundreds of individuals and families in the Jefferson HOME Consortium will be served with HOME ARP funds through 2030 that would otherwise have gone without these critical housing and supportive services.

Unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

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

At the present time there is no shelter, (0 beds, 0 units), operated by Jefferson Parish government. Homeless persons are assisted through the provision of private assistance, such as churches and non profits including those in New Orleans and through motel stays funded by HUD HESG and other local government resources when available. There is a critical need for a low barrier shelter to immediately assist those actually homeless, living in cars and at immediate risk of homelessness in the Jefferson HOME Consortium. It is also estimated that there is a need for thousands of affordable housing units to meet current needs. There are limitations in the data, however, based actual homeless / unsheltered population counts and estimates and current cost burdens, thousands of units are needed to fill the gaps. The COC and Fair Housing advocates have described a great need for primarily single room and efficiency apartments that are deeply affordable (0-30% of AMI) to house those in transition from shelters to permanent housing. There is also a need for job training and other services such as for mental health challenges to assist those in transition from homelessness to permanent housing. These services are needed to ensure that the homeless and those facing homelessness are able to access the necessary resources, (housing and health counseling, rental assistance, food stamps, etc.) and other support that they are eligible for.

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

Currently, shelter space is limited in Jefferson Parish. As stated, the Parish does not operate a shelter. Domestic violence victims can access limited shelter space in service provider facilities and there are several church and non-profit based homeless shelters. TBRA and other programs and services funded with HUD HESG have been made available, however, a majority of the homeless in Jefferson Parish receive shelter services in New Orleans. A new non-congregate, low barrier shelter (12-16 units) in conjunction with expanded resources for rental assistance would substantially address the needs of the current homeless in Jefferson Parish. The provision of additional affordable housing units, and in particular additional single room and efficiency units would also serve to provide for needs and reduce gaps in the years ahead.

Gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

A low barrier shelter has been identified as a great need. Additionally, a low vacancy rate indicates the need for more rental units. More specifically the current housing inventory is lacking the single room and efficiency deeply affordable units needed to house very low income persons and families currently homeless and at risk of homelessness and facing housing

instability. The proposed HOME ARP Allocation Plan dedicates resources for the purpose of affordable housing production and the Jefferson HOME Consortium would seek to leverage limited resources to incentivize and maximize housing production to fill these gaps for eligible populations.

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:

The Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (CHAS) indicate that more than 32,000 renters in Jefferson Parish are cost burdened with more than 30% of their incomes needed to pay rent. This is almost half of all renter households in Jefferson Parish. Additionally, of these cost burdened households almost 16,000 have extreme rent burdens where 50% of their incomes are needed to pay rent. Many of these households are facing instability and a risk of homelessness and these conditions will be included in the Jefferson HOME Consortium’s definition of other populations at risk as established in the HOME ARP Notice. Again, the Jefferson HOME Consortium will seek to incentivize and leverage limited resources to maximize the production of deeply affordable housing to address critical needs.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The priority need for the qualifying population is the provision of an adequate home, unit, or non congregate shelter accommodation appropriate for the person or family currently homeless or at risk of homelessness. These priorities include a new Parish operated low barrier, non congregate shelter, increase transitional and permanent supportive housing and rental assistance such as TBRA, Rapid Re-Housing and other similar housing programs. There is also a priority need for the wrap around services that can help identify, stabilize and transition the homeless and those at risk from the street or with unstable housing situations to suitable, appropriate and stable housing.

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:

Needs were determined through outreach and consultations with stakeholders as well as a review of available data including from the COC, shelter service providers, Jefferson Parish Departments, PHAs, HMIS, HUD / U.S. Census and other sources.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

HOME ARP applications will be solicited through a public notice (NOFA), and competitive review and scoring process to ensure that qualified providers are selected to meet the needs of

the eligible HOME ARP populations. The Jefferson HOME Consortium and/or other City and Parish Departments may also directly administer eligible activities where appropriate.

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

No HOME ARP Admin funds have been disbursed as of February 2022. No subrecipients or contractors have been funded or selected to provide support for any role in the administration of HOME ARP funds in the Jefferson HOME Consortium at this time.

PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ \$400,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 2,750,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 650,000		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,015,213		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	2 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ \$849,744	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 5,664,957		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

Close partnerships and consultations with the COC and other homelessness service providers, affordable housing developers and advocates, other Jefferson Parish Departments and participating jurisdictions such as Kenner and St. Charles Parish will determine the final selection of specific eligible activities and organizations to be funded.

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

The gaps in the local housing inventory and the identified needs of the homeless in the jurisdiction have provided a strong rationale to support a low barrier shelter and rental assistance to provide adequate housing to those on the street and at risk of homelessness. For example, the City of Kenner identified the need to house returned justice involved persons facing homelessness. Additionally, Jefferson Parish Departments identified gaps and needs for

additional low barrier shelter space and provided estimates of client demand. Service providers also estimated future demand for domestic abuse and other shelter needs based on current demand, wait lists and other measures and characteristics of the existing shelter spaces. Finally, the COC and Fair Housing advocates provided a strong rationale for the production and preservation of deeply affordable housing to meet critical needs in the consortium for HOME eligible clients.

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:

The Consortium is anticipating the production of approximately 20-30 affordable housing units (new or preserved), however, the majority of HOME ARP funds are allocated to addressing immediate homeless client needs such as through non-congregate shelter, rental assistance and eligible services. The HOME ARP allocation will also support rental assistance and the Consortium will continue to evaluate the need for new and preserved units of supportive housing over the term of the grant.

Specific affordable rental housing production goal and priority needs:

New affordable rental production will meet longer term needs, however, currently the consortium is focused on providing non congregate shelter, rental assistance and services to immediately accommodate families and individuals currently homeless or facing homelessness. It is estimated that the Consortium will be able to produce approximately 20-30 units of deeply affordable housing with the \$1 million allocated currently. Final housing production numbers will depend on developer interest, leverage amounts, labor and material costs and other factors.

Preferences

No specific preference is identified at this time, however, for those literally homeless, living on the street and at greatest adverse risks are anticipated to be the top priority for HOME ARP funds.

No formal preference for client selection is anticipated.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The Jefferson HOME Consortium does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

- ***Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity***

No debt refinancing is expected to take place

- ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***

No debt refinancing will take place

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

It is not anticipated that substantial HOME ARP funds will be used on current affordable units. The Consortium will evaluate the future use of HOME ARP for this purpose if demand exists and shelters and rental assistance funds are available to reallocate.

- ***Required compliance period:*** It is anticipated that 15 years will be the minimum HOME ARP affordability period, and longer periods will be applied as appropriate when HOME ARP funds are used for housing development.

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

No refinancing of multifamily loans will occur.

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

The Jefferson HOME Consortium intends to issue a NOFA for the allocation of shelter, service and other HOME ARP funds on a competitive manner similar in nature to the Jefferson HOME Consortium HUD CPD Annual Entitlement / Action Plan subrecipient application process. No other known requirements are applicable at this time.

Jefferson HOME Consortium:
HOME ARP Allocation Plan: Public Comments and Responses

The Jefferson HOME Consortium solicited public comments in a variety of ways including a public hearing, newspaper ad, Jefferson Parish Public Information Office (PIO) outreach and others. The following items contain the public comments and the Jefferson HOME Consortium responses.

Public Hearing Summary – Comments and Responses

A public hearing was held on Thursday January 19, 2023, 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the Yenni Building in Jefferson Parish to discuss the HOME ARP funding and proposed allocations, eligible activities, etc.

The public hearing was conducted by Patrick Haughey, Planner III, JPDCD and Stephanie Brumfield, Director, JPDCD. Other JPDCD staff in attendance were Philip Thomas, AMS IV/HOME Program Manager and Kent Ramoneda, Planner II. A total of 23 persons were in attendance including residents and officials of Jefferson Parish, City of Kenner, Unity of Greater New Orleans, Habitat for Humanity, Eventide Property Management, Circular Consulting, Oak Street Health, Access Health, Lifeline Foundation, Freddie Marshall Education Foundation, SHK Consulting, Catholic Charities of New Orleans and others.

Agency Comments: (Pat Haughey JPDCD) Funds of \$5,664,957 last thru 2030, but funding will be stretched thin over the next 7 years. Deadline to submit to HUD March 31st, 2023 and award contracts anticipated in Summer 2023.

Other introductory Jefferson Parish agency comments included the focus on needs and gaps and specifically the lack of a homeless shelter in Jefferson Parish to address the problem of growing homelessness. Such a low barrier, non-congregate facility would limit just sending the homeless to New Orleans' facilities. Tamithia Shaw (City of Kenner) stated that they are residents of our parish even if homeless and "they are OUR concern".

Agency Comments: A representative of JP (Sarah Babcock) addressed the need for a multi-purpose emergency response facility to be located in JP to bring in the homeless and assess their needs and match their needs to appropriate services i.e. rapid rehousing, mental illness, substance abuse, employment training, and affordable housing. The difficulty to address the needs of the chronic homeless due to stigma, unlikelihood of landlords renting to them without stable background, mental illness, and substance abuse. It was stated that 600 individuals in JP were provided with some assistance for homelessness in 2022. Most seeking homeless assistance are on the Westbank of Jefferson. The need for a multipurpose center would be temporary assistance

to match the homeless person with what service is needed (systemic problems), and help concentrate on the transition to permanent housing.

Agency Comments: City of Kenner (Tamithia Shaw) addressed their need for a public facility for transitional housing. They are currently working on a project that includes duplexes located near bus lines and the airport (employment possibilities) to house the homeless. Reuniting families is the goal. Mobility issues such as a single floor are preferential to multi-floor. Have land but need funding for building and construction. If funding is used for shelter infrastructure, it can't be used for operations, so would need another funding alternative for operations (ESG funds may be). Issue of people who suffered a disaster and are homeless now. Funds are available through disaster funds. These HOME ARP funds are used to address immediate need, and not prevention.

Public Comments: (unnamed member of the public) The need to address those who are homeless and "couch surfing," go from motel to motel, increasing numbers associated with high costs of housing in general, need for wrap around services, chronic and barriers to rental property, and continuing assistance from clergy, and domestic abuse shelters.

Agency Comments: UNITY/COC-Multiple categories such as church assistance for re-entry programs, NOWC, sites around parishes in multi-building complexes, crisis receiving centers, i.e. opioid, substance abuse, mental illness, and separate facilities that are non-congregate units only. The need for temporary assistance and to include an exit plan. The long-term solution to homelessness is affordable housing. Subsidy vouchers. Quickest and greatest impact is via rental assistance.

0-20% -deeply impoverished. Rapid rehousing where applicants supply 30% income. Wrap around services (case management). Vouchers for permanent affordable housing ends homelessness.

Question from a member of the public on possible caps on rent? **Answer,** not without JP legislative action which is unlikely in Jefferson Parish. Some landlords or apartments don't accept HUD funding so there is no leverage to require landlords to cap rent.

Public Comment - Can't throw a voucher at a problem. Need for holistic approach and individual case by case study/solution. **Response - Agreed.**

Public Comment – Case study on NFIS, City of Nashville, non-profit organization- case management and find jobs, mental health care.

Public Comment Not mixing mentally ill with general homeless. Children and the homeless and not mixing with tough cases. **Response - NA.**

Attendees at the public hearing on January 19th 2023 were reminded that February 7th, 2023 was the last day to submit any comments.

Other Public Comments Summary – Comments and Responses

LA Fair Housing Action Center (email for Public Hearing from Max Ciardullo)

1) We urge you to focus the funds on the production or preservation of deeply affordable rental housing.

Response – Agreed/Accepted – funds allocated to production of housing increased from \$0 on the draft to over \$1 million which is over 20% of HOME ARP allocation excluding Admin costs. Shelters, eligible services and rental assistance are still priority needs and as such will receive funding too.

2) Funds spent on affordable housing should specifically be dedicated to units at 30% AMI or lower and for one-bedroom and studio units, where the metro area is facing a tremendous shortage, especially for people experiencing homelessness.

Response – Agreed/Accepted. The Jefferson HOME Consortium will dedicate funds to this purpose.

3) We also urge your office to require developers to accept referrals for open units from UNITY, the local Continuum of Care.

Response – Agreed/Accepted. The Jefferson HOME Consortium will make this a requirement where feasible.

4) Recently unhoused individuals should also not be warehoused in low-income neighborhoods on the West Bank. We hope you will use a scoring system in your NOFA that prioritizes development in lower poverty neighborhoods, as per the Fair Housing Act's Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing obligation.

Response – Agreed. There are facilities proposed for both the East and Westbank homeless and in high opportunity areas.

Advocate Newspaper Classified Section Notice (email response)

Public Comment / Recommendation: is there a possibility that the Chinchuba Institute on the Westbank could be converted to a facility for the treatment of the homeless mentally ill? As well as domestic violence victims and our Veterans needing help? Help then do not use the funds to facilitate more homelessness. Thank you

Response – not accepted –Chinchuba/Hope Haven is a large vacant facility and it was previously a shelter that was underutilized. Although potentially eligible, it is the opinion of the Jefferson Parish Department of Community Development that funds for this purpose would NOT be the highest and best use of limited HOME ARP resources.

This email is in regards to the article written on January 18, 2023 entitled: "Jefferson Parish has \$5.6 million to address homelessness. How should the money be spent?"

Good morning,

This email is in regards to the article written on January 18, 2023 entitled: "Jefferson Parish has \$5.6 million to address homelessness. How should the money be spent?" The article stated Jefferson Parish is seeking public input.

I am unable to attend the meeting being held by the Department of Community Development on Thursday at 4pm in room 405 of the Yenni Building at 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd so I am providing you my comments via email as also mentioned in the article.

I would like to thank you for noticing we have a problem and thank the federal government for sort of addressing the problem. I have a unique perspective as I was homeless and met many of the criteria listed for spending the funds. I would like to give my first hand feedback as I have experienced how difficult and challenging it is to navigate the broken systems we have in place.

I left my home in Pittsburgh, PA during the height of the pandemic, August 2020. I was in contact with all the homeless shelters in Pittsburgh along with professionals who worked with domestic violence. Unfortunately, all the homeless shelters and battered women shelters were full. In addition, I tried to file a protection from abuse however I was told by the Franklin Park police department I would need to go to night court and meet with the magistrate to file the protection abuse. It was devastating to learn night court was closed during this time of the pandemic. I was told I would need to immediately pack my bags and leave in order to escape the domestic violence and abuse. Since there were no shelters available and no one could provide me with a housing stipend I had to go on the road alone. I was advised to leave my children behind as it is not safe being homeless on the road and it could have lasting devastating long term effects on my children. I can indeed attest to the dark and scary world that exists when you are abandoned by everyone and forced to survive houseless and alone. I look back and can't believe I survived.

I traveled through many states until I reached my home of Louisiana. I stayed in decrepit, run down, flat out horrifying hotels/motels along the way. During the pandemic hotel prices were astonishingly high. The only places I could afford did not even lock on the outside. I remember one specific motel I tried to order a pizza and the delivery man said they don't deliver to this area because it is so unsafe. I went to the Dominos to pick up a pizza and the delivery driver said, "I would never go in that area of Memphis". It is unsafe. He told me to leave that area and find a safer alternative. He was right I was ultimately drugged and almost stabbed at this motel.

Along my journey, I was assaulted, drugged, and came close to become a lost sole in the world of human trafficking. It was brutal. I called everyone I knew, my family, relatives, and no one wanted to help me because they didn't believe the abuse I described at home. They could not or rather would not believe my husband was physically and sexually abusive. They didn't want to believe my story.

Upon arriving to the metro New Orleans area, I stayed with my sister. It is sad to say my sister is also in an abusive relationship and is under treatment for mental health when really she needs to be treated for trauma and battered women syndrome. I went out for a quick 15 minute bike ride on the Mandeville trace with just my cell phone which had a low battery. I unfortunately got lost and despite trying to get directions from my sister and her family I rode over 79 miles without food or water. I don't understand why they didn't just come pick me up when I said I was lost? Didn't they hear me say I was only going for a 15 minute ride? Wouldn't you be concerned that your family member was gone for over 5 hours? Clearly I was lost. I was in medical shock and severely dehydrated when I finally arrived at her home. Rather than give me food and water they called the police on me who said I could no longer stay at her house. When the police said I needed water my sister said I could drink from the hose. I was told either to go to jail or the hospital. I chose the hospital where I received incredible care. My body was in shut down mode and I nearly died from dehydration. When it came time for release I was told they found me a bed. The hospital staff and the ambulance staff in St. Tammany Parish were amazing and said they wanted me to be safe and to have hot

meals. I was HORRIFIED the so called bed they found for me was at River Oaks Behavioral Center in Jefferson Parish. I was not insane rather I was homeless!! This 3 day stay cost me over \$6000 as I had a deductible on my insurance so rather than helping me it put into further financial turmoil as my estranged husband stop paying my bills to further cripple me. Thank God someone at the hospital helped me apply for Medicaid to pay for my bill. While in River Oaks I met with a social worker and I told her the staff said there was a housing allowance available. I create a plan and goals on how I was going to go to school to continue my medical degree and asked if I could get the housing allowance. The social worker told me I did not qualify for any aid since my son goes to Stanford and my abusive husband is retired from the NFL. Seriously??? I left an abusive husband and I was homeless. They have money, I don't!!

After staying many nights in my car and dingy hotels I was notified of an opening at the Jefferson Parish Battered Women's Shelter on Jefferson Hwy. I was told by the woman on the phone this place had clothes for me and would be a wonderful facility for me to feel safe. I was advised to turn off my phone as my estranged husband had been stalking me, had me followed, and sending texts asking why I was at a certain location for a certain amount of time. I feared for my life and simply wanted to get my children here and start living in a safe environment. I was HORRIFIED when I arrived at the shelter they had clothes but they were locked up! They couldn't even give me flip flops which were required to be worn at all times. I had to beg my roommate to purchase me a pair at the Dollar General. They had no money for gas, I had to walk to my interviews. It was like being in a prison. There were bars on the windows and the bedrooms were dark and gloomy. There was not a single advocate or counselor rather I was given a MALE court advocate which makes NO SENSE. I am a battered woman I need a female who understands what I have just gone through NOT a man. I was raped by my estranged husband not once but twice and I had to explain these horrific details to this MAN who drilled me on the exact time, date, and location of these events. I'm sorry I didn't check the time on my watch when my husband was raping me!! I felt victimized again. After he insisted I give him exact dates and times of each event I described, I asked him how am I supposed to remember these exact dates and times when I don't truly know the exact date and time rather I know WHAT HAPPENED. I was told if it was the truth I would remember everything. I say bologna! This is another revictimizing attack. There was no one to care or to help me work through this horrific trauma I had endured rather I was forced to try to navigate the system alone. I left all my identifying papers at home in Pittsburgh for instance my birth certificate, social security card, and marriage license. You need all these papers!!! They system breaks if you don't have these papers. I had to figure out how to apply for foodstamps by myself. Unfortunately, you need an email address and actual physical address to get foodstamps. I was denied because I supplied them with the P.O. Box for the shelter and I was no longer living there. Also, your battered women's shelter only allow a stipend for rent for 6 months but you are only given approximately \$900 a month for rent! Are your kidding me? How can I find a place for \$900 in rent?? It doesn't exist.

When I appeared at court for the Protection of Abuse and to get my child from Pittsburgh which I filed this while in the battered women's shelter with the help of this male court advocate I was astonished to learn he didn't even bother showing up. The judge was horrific. He basically thought there was nothing wrong with my husband stalking in me on my phone and refused to listen to my pleas for help. He allowed my abuser to appear via Zoom and be represented by a Pittsburgh Lawyer which is insane since this person does not know Napoleonic Law or has the credentials to practice in Louisiana. Rather this judge told me I had way too much energy and talked to much. This judge did not hear my words of heartache that this man's family sexually abused my child. He didn't hear my cry for help to protect me and my children from this man who threatened to kill me and raped me. He left me to die on the streets. Rather this judge laughed at me metaphorically just like the police when I told them about the rape. My estranged husband ultimately overdosed in front of my children. Thankfully he didn't die because I called for help, I cared! He was in Pittsburgh and I was in Jefferson Parish.

So, I would like you to see how many ways your system has failed me. I am one of the very lucky ones whose abuser decided to help me with housing. I can go on and on about the lack of resources and community support. Your food banks are horrific. I finally stopped going to your food banks since you hand out expired PREPARED food and expired food in general. My children got sick from eating the food bank food and even sicker from eating the poor quality food at school.

In addition, your school system failed us. They had no transportation and no emotional support for my children which have endured unfathomable abuse!! Your police have no training on domestic violence and do nothing to protect women! ...So, in short this \$5.4 million dollars is a joke!! Are you planning to buy the homeless coffee and some shoes? Surely, this \$5.4 million will not even began to scratch the surface of the problem at hand. You are using tunnel vision when you need to remove your blinders and address the whole entire systemic problem. It is a failure to address the needs at the very beginning of life. It is the failure to support the most needy our children which leads to brokenness in later life. I know, I was neglected, abused, and abandoned as a child. I understand what it feels like to be forgotten!

We need to have trained mental health facilities with advocates who have survived domestic violence and homelessness. We need to give hope and care. Stop abusing the abused! Look at the person and see it has been a lifetime of abuse, neglect, abandonment that has led to this. The homeless person is not the problem rather our lack of care, concern and love for one another is the problem. We need to work on educating parents on how to love, support, and nurture their children. Good evening

Response – Agreed. The limited HOME ARP funds are not enough to address the current homeless and those at risk of homelessness, the need for affordable housing and other systemic issues that cause both problems. However, HOME ARP funds will serve to house and provided needed services to hundreds of eligible clients through the life of the grant.

PIO Notice (email response)

My name is XXXXX and I am a resident of Harvey on the westbank of Jefferson Parish. My input on how to use the Federal funding granted to the Parish in regards to providing housing for the homelessness is as follows. I believe the funding should be used not only to provide housing, but should be used to provide resources to the homeless community for mental health and drug addiction services. Using funding in this way would tackle some of the root causes of homelessness, and this investment may give someone suffering from mental illness or drug addiction resources that can help with individual needs that may prevent homelessness in the future. Lets be honest 5.6 million will not go far, especially with the rising costs of debt, material, and labor costs. So it is imperative that the funding be used to the best of its ability. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my input.

Response – Agreed.

Letter Received by Parish President's Office January 24th 2023.

January 24, 2023
Jospeh S Yenni Building
Parish President Office
1221 Elmwood Park
10th Floor
Jefferson, La. 70123
Cindy Lee Sheng, Jeff Parish President,

I am responding to the news paper article on Thursday, January 19, 2023, concerning input for the homeless shelters in Jefferson Parish.

Speaking with some of my acquaintances concerning the homeless under the expressway in Marrero and Harvey area, most of us had these ideas.

These are a few ideas mentioned during our conversation.

1. There are old closed run down motels and small buildings in the area that need to be renovated. These motels and small buildings could be used after remodeling, to house homeless and families needing assistance. The renovations should consist of basic necessities only, providing clean rooms with simple furnishing. Rules must be set and enforced for everyone staying in the shelters without exceptions. Everyone in the shelters must be responsible for keeping their rooms clean at all times. Inspections will be required 2 to 3 times a month making sure the rules are followed. Everyone staying in those shelters must either have applied for assistance, pending outcome, or is receiving assistance from a program to help the homeless. They must continue to receive assistance while living in the shelters. If the homeless refuses assistance or drops out of the programs, they will no longer be allowed to stay in the shelter.

2. This option is for the homeless that refuses assistance for mental, drug and alcohol addictions, criminal acts, and other criteria. This option is for providing a place for those homeless people to sleep instead of camping out on public land. There are vacant buildings that can be converted as a shelter for the homeless. Since the homeless people refuse assistance and would rather live on the streets, they should be brought to this shelter. This shelter will have the bare minimum basic necessities. This shelter will have a check in desk, bathrooms and showers for males and females, and washer and dryer. No toiletries or detergent will be provided by the shelter. The shelter will be an open area with no electricity provided to the homeless, heat or air condition, furniture, and etc. Rules for this shelter will consist of no drugs, alcohol, weapons, construction material, cardboard boxes, and sex allowed. Only tents, sleeping bags, blankets and personal items will be allowed. Each person in the shelter will be responsible to keep their area clean and the bathrooms at all times are they will not be allowed to stay at the shelter. If they leave the shelter for more than 4 to 5 days, their personal items must leave with them. The shelter will not be responsible for any items stolen from the homeless. They must bring their own detergent and toiletries. They will not be allowed to cook inside the building. A covered area outside the building will be provided for them to use a camping stove or a very small grill. No fire will be allowed inside the building. The shelter should have daily police patrol for safety of the employees and the homeless, without harassment. If problems start occurring often, then the police patrol should also increase daily. Representative from the programs to help the homeless should visit the shelter once or twice a month, to assist the homeless for help. This shelter is not a shelter to provide comfort to the homeless that refuses help, but to give them a place to be out of the weather. A place to sleep, instead of sleeping under bridges and expressways with temporary shelters, which is a start of homeless communities. When one or two homeless shelters go up, more will follow.

3. The laws on the books for temporary shelters on public property need to be enforced at all times. New laws need to be put in place for homeless people sleeping on public property. No one should be allowed to live in a tent, temporary shelter or sleep out in the open on public property.

Sincerely,

Linda Moorman

Response – Agreed. HOME ARP funds can be used to purchase/convert building such as motels/other building to non-congregate shelters. The Jefferson HOME Consortium is proposing to use funds for this purpose because currently there are no Parish shelter facilities available. However, (1) all HUD, federal and civil rights requirement and obligations will be met in the treatment of the homeless in any Parish funded shelters. (2) Appropriate shelter and services will be provided with funding from the HOME ARP grant. (3) Street Outreach and intake of homeless persons to shelter or other appropriate accommodations will meet all HUD, federal and HOME ARP requirements.

Follow up to attendees included emailing a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation. Eligible Activities were noted as: emergency and non-congregate shelters; supportive services; tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA); and affordable rental housing production and preservation.

Letter Received 2/7/23

Dear Home ARP, 2/7/2023

Ideas for housing situation in Jefferson. I think addressing individual need is a great start. These categories you have defined to help and offer service to, should never be categorized and headed into slots of occurrence. People's situations are very unique and deserve investigation, follow up, and follow them. I have lived through many hardships that people experience. It is serious and life and death. I thank God that I am coming through and plowing on. My solution is, There is a property in Armita for one million dollars. I would be willing to start a mission there

for the aforementioned problems.
I actually need rental (Emergency)
assistance right now I have been
unable to get it with out a license or ID.
Then was at the library.
Let me know you can contact me
@ 225-405-3575
Forever Donna Marie

Response

Jefferson HOME Consortium HOME ARP funds will be allocated according to eligible categories and activities. Case Managers and Counselors will be utilized to assess the individual circumstances of each client.

Amite is 68 miles outside of Jefferson Parish and therefore is not an appropriate location for a mission, shelter or other activities for the homeless of Jefferson Parish. The Jefferson HOME Consortium will identify appropriate locations for shelter and services for those in need in Jefferson, Kenner and St. Charles Parish.

JEFFERSON PARISH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Project: HOME ARP Funding	Meeting Date: 1/19/23
Start time: 4:00 am/pm	End time: 5:00 am/pm Place/Room: Yenni Building

Name	Title	Company/Phone Number	E-Mail
Patack Haughey	Planner III	JPDCD	phaughey@
Gayle M. Love	CEO	Eventide Property Mgmt	gayle.lov
Victoria Hines	Counsel	Circular Consulting (504) 710-4757	vhines@circ
XXXXXXXXXXXX	LISTENER	N/A	N/A
Shannon Kitchens	Librarian I	JPL	skitchens@
Will Laird	Social Sec couns 5-B	JPHSA	wlaird
Ty Richards	Citizen		akenunyt@
Robert Hamilton	Ngma	3374382574	
Timothy P. Shaw	Director COK	COK (504) 4687588	tshaw@
Marcu Hughes	CCAND	504 952-9248	m.hughes
Ben Wicker	Partner	SHK	william.g
Ti James	Non-Profit Director	985-614-2344	lifeline5011
Kent Ramoneda	Planner II	JPDCD	kent.ramoneda
Stephanie Brumfield	Director	JPDCD	sbrumfield@

JEFFERSON PARISH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Project: HOME ARP Funding

Meeting Date: 1/19/23

Start time: 4:00 am/pm

End time: 5:00 am/pm

Place/Room: Yenni Building

Name	Title	Company/Phone Number	E-Mail
Diana A. Jones	Director	COK Comm Development	djones@
Herbert & Roslyn Cade	—	—	herbertca
Joe Heeren-Mueller	Director of Community Engagement	UNITY	jheeren.
Taylor Bond	Community Health Worker	Oak Street Health	taylor.bond
Sarah Babcock	CAA	JP	sarah.bab
Leo Marsh		Habitat	leomars
Trinna Stanford	Director	CCANO (504) 450-9723	cloud. c
Lisa Williams	Reporter	(504) 405-0505	tstanford@
Whitney Hill / Eleanor Tabone	WWL	Reporter/photographer	peace@peac
Isiah P	Cox mortgage	AHL	Isiah - P
Vaughn Zimmer	CAA	JPPPO	V.Zimmerman
Treddie Marshall	Funder	Fredrick Marshall / F2 foundation	FMEFleeson
Shaundrea Carter	Executive Ford	Breddie Marshall Education	FMEF Learning