



**MACON-BIBB COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program**  
**American Rescue Plan**  
**Allocation Plan**



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## INTRODUCTION

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and provides federal funding to relieve the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Within the ARP, Congress appropriated \$5 billion specifically to address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services. Intended to be administered through HUD's existing HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program, this allocation of ARP funds, known as HOME-ARP, must be used to perform four eligible activities that primarily benefit individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations.

The four eligible HOME-ARP activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing; (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA); (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

The Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development has been allocated \$2,987,467 in HOME-ARP funds and has engaged in a consultation and public participation process to develop this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. In this plan, the County will describe how it intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds locally, including how the funds will be used to address the needs of qualifying populations. In accordance with federal regulations and the guidance contained in Community Planning and Development Notice CPD-22-13, the plan will be submitted to HUD as a substantial amendment to the County's Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan.

This Allocation Plan will define how funds will be allocated, referring to the need and gaps of all the qualifying populations for shelter and supportive services. The distribution of HOME-ARP funds identifies any preferences for eligible activities. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must also be informed through stakeholder consultation and community engagement. The following is the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

## CONSULTATION

Before developing the HOME-ARP allocation plan, Macon-Bibb County consulted with the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care serving (which serves Macon-Bibb County) the jurisdiction's geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities, at a minimum.

Our consultation strategic process plan is to reach out to sub-recipients (non-profits or agencies/organizations) in need of funds to prevent homelessness and to identify the need for funding to properly support organizations. The survey highlighted issues of fair housing, affordability, the needs of those experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and concerns of other vulnerable populations. The responses helped gain a greater understanding of the gap between homelessness and shelter for Macon-Bibb County. Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department (MBCECDD) followed up with sub-recipients (agencies/organizations) via phone call or email to ensure we captured all the needs of all qualifying populations.

Macon-Bibb County (ECDD) began the process by identifying organizations and points of contact representing each of the required types of agencies for consultation feedback. Each of these contacts was sent an electronic and hard copy survey to complete. The survey asked detailed questions specifically targeted to the types of input required for the HOME-ARP plan. Macon-Bibb County ECDD published an online survey and sent notifications via email to over 300 individuals that represent organizations that serve Macon-Bibb County. The HOME-ARP survey was initially presented at the CDBG funding workshop on October 27, 2022. Since October 2022, a total of 57 responses have been completed, including multiple responses from a single organization in a few cases. A second request to complete surveys was presented to the Macon Coalition to End Homelessness at which time several of the agencies agreed to complete the survey. The responses, including email and phone consultation feedback, formed the basis for determining the County proposed HOME-ARP activities, uses of funds, and the composition of a of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Listed below are the organizations consulted:

<b>Agency/Org Consulted</b>	<b>Type of Agency/Org</b>	<b>Method of Consultation</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
<b>Atap Family Services</b>	Non-profit provider of family services	Survey	Provide more food distribution and family supportive services including after school programs to at-risk of homelessness.
<b>Georgia Department of Community Affairs</b>	Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care	Via Phone/Email	Agrees that funds should be used for affordable housing and non-congregate shelters with data obtained from Georgia 152 counties Balance of State.
<b>The Butterfly House Effect</b>	Domestic Violence Service Provider	Survey	Macon needs a non-congregate shelter for families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking as it will provide privacy and growth.
<b>Georgia Legal Services Program</b>	Public Agency providing legal services of Civil Rights & Fair Housing	Survey	Need more affordable housing and supportive services including legal needs, resources for domestic issues for seniors and veterans.
<b>Crisis Line &amp; Safe House and One Safe Place Macon</b>	Domestic Violence Service Provider	Survey	Transitional housing is severely needed in Macon-Bibb for individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking and to provide more security at shelters. I believe that the funds could be used for new construction/rehabilitation of current vacant properties as well as assistance with rent and/or utilities, that gradually decreases to a client paying fully over a 6-month time span.
<b>Depaul USA Daybreak</b>	Homeless Day Services Provider	Survey	Suggested housing for sex offenders and focus on mental health, substance abuse services, employment assistance and job training.
<b>VOA Southeast</b>	Homeless Service Provider for Veterans	Survey	To have more temporary placement for at risk homeless and provide more RRH and prevention services.
<b>The Southern Center for Choice Theory, LLC</b>	Mental Health Service Provider	Survey	More mental health services to at-risk of homelessness and experiencing.

<b>Brookdale Resource Center</b>	Temporary Homeless Emergency Shelter	Survey	Individuals and families experiencing homelessness needs more affordable housing.
<b>Macon Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.</b>	An incorporated, private, non-profit break the cycle of poverty by coordinating available resources to improve economic welfare	Survey	More non-congregate shelter space is needed so that people can keep their dignity and allow for families to have some privacy.
<b>Centenary Community Ministries, Inc.</b>	Non-profit who develops sustainable communities' revitalization	Survey	Factors like extreme weather conditions, community conflicts, and limited resources, emergency shelters can be really hard for women, mothers and children to stay in. NCSs would allow families access to temporary shelter while maintaining integrity and safety. Paired with case management and direct client services, this could be a huge asset to the community we serve.
<b>The Mentors Project</b>	Mentoring Program for Middle and High School Students	Survey	Need more group homes and a place for single mothers while providing case management, mental health and transportation.
<b>River Edge Behavioral Health</b>	Servicer for mental health, substance abuse disorder, intellectual and developmental disabilities.	Survey	More affordable housing such as permanent supportive housing while providing case management and transportation services. Non-Congregate shelter will limit the spread of Covid-19 among people experiencing homelessness.
<b>The Society of Saint Andrew, Inc.</b>	Non-Profit Faith Based Hunger Relief	Survey	Families need permanent & reasonable residential rental property.
<b>North Central Health District</b>	Public Health Agency who monitors and protects the health and well-being of residents of the 13-county health district.	Survey	Need more permanent supportive housing and affordable rental housing.
<b>In-Fill Housing, Inc.</b>	Non-profit housing development for affordable housing	Via phone	Addressing the population of families living in sub-par rental housing by providing a better affordable alternative.
<b>Royal Science</b>	Public Service Organization with a	Survey	There should be more affordable housing. Most families that have or at risk for losing homes cannot afford the rent plus other

	focus on education for young people		expense. A home is a place of peace & serenity. Once the peace & serenity is broken, there is chaos.
<b>Keryx Ministries</b>	Non-profit serving community needs	Survey	Non-congregate shelters due to people do not have credit to get utilities.
<b>Family Counseling Center</b>	Non-profit offering affordable professional counseling services.	Survey	Non-congregate shelter will provide private space provides the individual with respect & dignity.
<b>Home Port Veterans Transition Home</b>	Veteran Homeless Shelter	Via Phone	Needs assistant with renovation of non-congregate shelter to occupy more veterans' individuals.
<b>Big Brother Big Sisters</b>	Public Service Agency with mentoring programs for children	Survey	Non-congregate shelter provides a means of support without a financial burden when in crisis.
<b>Macon-Bibb Land Bank Authority</b>	Public Development Authority	Via Phone/Survey	Would love to utilize HOME-ARP funds to develop affordable housing on parcels currently acquired by land bank Authority.
<b>Macon Housing Authority</b>	Public Housing Agency	Via email/Survey	Providing Appropriate Levels of Development Fees to incentivize the production of more affordable housing. Higher FMRs for Section 8 Landlords considering inflation.
<b>National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)</b>	United States Civil Rights Organization	Via Phone/In-Person	There is a great demand for affordable housing but have faced challenges with land acquisition in Macon-Bibb and surrounding counties for development. HOME-ARP funds will be essential in cultivating the support of homeless population as well.
<b>Home First</b>	Non-profit offering fair housing counseling services.	Survey	We need more affordable housing development for those at-risk of homelessness.

## CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

### *Statements from participants:*

*“Housing needs to be affordable, building a community (or housing/apartment, etc.) that is focused on this. And then, once those become stable, they would move to a more permanent housing solution. There needs to be a “housing first” system in place. Funding would provide salaries for social worker(s) to assist those individuals with qualifying for housing, and weekly check-ins to ensure the individual is maintaining their living situation.”*

*“There is very little affordable rental housing available for qualified populations. Elderly people need help with supportive services for wellness checks, and to do household chores and provide personal assistance to cook meals and do other tasks.”*

*“Transportation assistance for doctors’ appointments, grocery shopping, etc. is essential in rural areas.”*

*“The HOME ARP funds could and should be used for all three categories. Construction/Rehab is the most expensive at this point in time. In Macon-Bibb, land is not too much of a barrier (as compared to Atlanta, for example), but construction price increases make it difficult in this market.”*

*“Affordable housing is needed. Landlords have dramatically increased rents. The inventory of affordable housing is low and decreasing. Even moderate-income, employed individuals have difficulty finding available rentals.”*

*“There will need to be diligent case management attached to the program to ensure residents are assisted in moving toward permanent housing, thereby making the HOME-ARP units available for other residents in need.”*

*“The biggest gap is the supportive service gap for those that might have too many challenges to retain affordable housing on their own. This community works very well together, and there are a lot of great partnerships. “*

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Section V.B of the Notice (page 13), Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. Macon-Bibb County must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

- The amount of HOME-ARP the PJ will receive, and
- The range of activities the PJ may undertake.

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, Macon-Bibb County followed its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

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

Macon-Bibb County invited members of the public to participate in the HOME-ARP planning process by reviewing and commenting on a draft of the Allocation Plan. The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was made available for public review and comment for a 15-day period beginning February 15, 2023 until March 2, 2023 through the Macon Telegraph, Macon Black Pages Eblast, and the Macon-Bibb County website, [www.maconbibb.us](http://www.maconbibb.us) and a Public Hearing Notice was published on February 7, 2023 in the Macon Telegraph and on Macon-Bibb County website and social media to notify residents of the opportunity.

- *Date(s) of public notice: 2/3/2023*
- *Public comment period: February 15, 2023, through March 3, 2023*
- *Date(s) of public hearing: 2/13/2023*

**Describe the public participation process:**

Macon-Bibb County held two separate public hearings for the public, including sub-recipients and local supporting organizations that serve all populations. The hearings were held on February 13, 2023, at 10:00AM at Macon-Bibb Government Center at 700 Poplar Street. A second public hearing was held virtually on February 13, 2023, at 5:30P.M. Macon-Bibb County ECDD offered

a variety of avenues for members of the public to participate by commenting on the draft plan. These included both mail and email options for written comments, and the opportunity to comment orally at the scheduled public hearing. At the end of the public hearing Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department will submit the allocation plan to Macon-Bibb commissioners for approval of allocated funds on March 14, 2023.

**Describe efforts to broaden public participation:**

Macon-Bibb County used many platforms in advertising to attract the public to attend the public hearing through local outlets such as Macon Black Pages, Macon Telegraph, Macon-Bibb County Consolidated Government website, and the Macon-Bibb County communication team displayed flyers on various media circuits. The second public hearing was provided by the Zoom video conferencing platform to increase citizen access. Virtual meetings showed an increase in attendance as they reduced barriers, such as transportation and childcare, often met by interested citizens. The Macon-Bibb Government Center, ADA compliance facility served as the in-person hearing location.

All participants in attendance, advertisement for the HOME-ARP consultation meetings, and others were invited by email to read the draft Allocation Plan and to attend the public hearing.

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

Before developing this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the County consulted widely with a variety of agencies and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations. The comments and recommendations received through these processes are summarized in the preceding “Consultation” section of this plan. Listed below are the questions from participants received at public hearings.

I. **Q&A:**

**Question:** How far would the program cover?

**Answer:** It will cover only Macon-Bibb County.

**Question:** For the developments of the homes, how would we know about contractors, proposal, & program?

**Answer:** An announcement will be in the newspaper along with emails sent out to contractors and non-profit organizations regarding the application process as well as funding workshops and other criteria.

**Question:** What will be the interest rate?

**Answer:** The interest rate will be dependent on the project, though it will not be over 2%.

**Question:** Based on the allocation of affordable rental housing, will it be done internally or come out later for contractors?

**Answer:** It will come out later after the plan has been approved?

**Question:** 30 days after?

**Answer:** It must be turned to Economic and Community Development Department. which could be 30-45 days, therefore, typically 90-120 days before the project is advertised.

**Question:** Can the funding be made retroactive?

**Answer:** I will have to look that up, but funds cannot be used until the project has been approved and signed off.

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

Upon completion of a draft of the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the draft plan was made available for public comment for a 15-day period beginning February 15 - March 3, 2023. The County did not receive any comments or recommendations during the public comment period.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT and GAPS ANALYSIS

In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of **all four** of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

Macon-Bibb County does not have its own CoC within its jurisdiction but participates in Georgia's Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS), administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). As a member of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care, Macon-Bibb County consults regularly with the BoS to coordinate solutions to end homelessness in Macon-Bibb County. Also, data was collected from the 2020-2024 Macon-Bibb Consolidated Plan performed by county, US Census Bureau's American Community Survey, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), New World Record Management System (NWRMS), Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), Georgia Human Trafficking Data Clearing House, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Macon-Bibb County 2040 Comprehensive plan, 2022 CoC Housing Inventory Count (HIC) & Performance Data and 2019 Georgia Point-In-Time (PIT) count addresses all qualifying populations.

Data from the DCA: 3,058 persons who started supervision during FY 2022 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022) had an unstable residence or were homeless during the first 180 days of starting supervision. (Department of Community Supervision, Reentry Services Division, 2022)

The following criteria were used to collect the data:

**Table 2** reflects the current information provided by the 2022 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count Report provided to Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The data is limited to the beds available at the time the count was taken. Gap Analysis was configured using data for the need of permanent housing from homeless counted.

## 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	88	22	118	n/a	0								
Transitional Housing	25	5	110	n/a	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	163	85	230	n/a	21								
Other Permanent Housing	99	30	44	n/a	49								
Sheltered Homeless						86	163	23					
Unsheltered Homeless						19	122	12					
<b>Current Gap</b>										105	52	257	

**Data Sources:** 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) & Performance Data for the Georgia BoS Continuum of Care Macon-Bibb County, GA

**Table 3** reflects the current information provided via HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) and National Low Income Housing Coalition Out of Reach Report 2022.

<b>Non-Homeless</b>			
	<b>Current Inventory</b>	<b>Level of Need</b>	<b>Gap Analysis</b>
	# Of Units	# Of Households	# Of Households
Total Rental Units	<b>31,398</b>		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	<b>8,370</b>		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	<b>4,570</b>		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		<b>13,965</b>	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		<b>8,220</b>	
<b>Current Gaps</b>			<b>5,745</b>

**Data Source:** 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Macon-Bibb County, GA National Low Income Housing Coalition Out of Reach Report 2022

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s (NLIH) “Out of Reach” 2022 Annual Report estimates that a fulltime worker in Macon-Bibb County must earn at least \$16.27 per hour to rent a modest two-bedroom home. These amounts are far higher than many Americans including seniors, people with disabilities, and working families can spend on housing. The average monthly fair market rent for a one-bedroom or two-bedroom rental home is \$941 or \$1,090, respectively which is much higher than what many renters can afford, assuming they can manage to spend as much as 30% of their income on housing consistent with the federal standard of “affordability” spent on rent and utilities. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities without paying more than 30% of income on housing a household must earn \$3,635 monthly or \$43,618 annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly housing wage.

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

The needs assessment and gap analysis must evaluate the “demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. The qualifying populations, generally, are as followed:

- Homeless
- At-risk of Homelessness
- Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- Other Populations (Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness and Households at Greatest Risk of Instability)

There are several demographic overlaps of these discreet qualifying population categories as defined in the HOME ARP Guidance.

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

Macon-Bibb County is part of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), which conducts an annual Point-in-Time count (PIT) of people who are homeless during the last ten days of January each year. In the even years, a non-sheltered count is conducted. In the odd years, the sheltered count is collected. According to the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care 2019 Point-in-Time count Report, a total of 4,183 people in the 152 counties of the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care were identified as *Literally Homeless* by HUD definition on the night of January 28, 2019, which reflects a 13% increase from 2017, with 54% were unsheltered and the other 46% were in an emergency or transitional housing. The demographic composition of the qualifying populations represented was as follows:

- Approximately 57% of the total unsheltered homeless population identify as male.
- Black or African American individuals make up the greatest percentage of the racial distribution within the BoS homeless population at 50%.
- 92% of families (households with at least 1 child) were sheltered and 73% of individuals (households with no children) were unsheltered.
- 6% of the estimated homeless population identify as veterans and 7% identify as being chronically homeless.
- Domestic violence victims, mental illness, and substance abuse disorder were among the greatest represented.

- 8% of the youth population represents a total homeless population, which is also the BoS's fourth largest subpopulation.

The 2019 Point-in-Time count for Macon-Bibb County was 194 people experiencing homelessness, were categorized as unsheltered and 0 as sheltered. Sixteen people were categorized as chronically homeless (8.2% of all people experiencing homelessness). Note that these figures do not represent the entire population experiencing homelessness in Macon-Bibb County, but rather the number of people experiencing homelessness who were sheltered and unsheltered at the time of the 2019 Point-in-Time count. As the inventory of homeless facilities in the area shows, a considerable higher number of people who are homeless are assisted within the county than the (PIT) count reflects. Data was not available for families with children and unaccompanied youth in the Macon-Bibb County.

Of the 194 people experiencing homelessness counted in the Point-in-Time count, fifteen were unsheltered veterans (7.7%).

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

According to HUD 2015-2019 CHAS data, Macon-Bibb County has 10,740 households (owners and renters) with household incomes at or below 30% AMI. This reflects 18% of all Macon-Bibb County households' income distribution, with most of those households with incomes at or below 30% AMI being renter households. Table 3 shows that there are approximately 8,370 renter households that earn 30% AMI or under and have one or more housing problems, which may include overcrowding, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities. This housing cost burden, including the aforementioned housing problems, which places these households at a much greater risk of becoming homeless.

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

For HOME-ARP, as defined by HUD (Notice CPD-22-13; 24CFR Part 92), this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. Domestic Violence is a multifaceted issue that requires a well-coordinated community response that will address the immediate needs of those fleeing. This involves having immediate access to safe and stable shelter, intensive counseling, advocacy, and other supportive services, such as food, translation services for non-native-speaking persons, job training and placement services, and legal assistance. Additional short- and long-term subsidies

may also be required to assist with other expenses to help stabilize individuals and families financially.

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), personal safety and economic security are connected. Victims experiencing domestic violence have concerns about their ability to provide for themselves and their families, which increases the need for remaining, or returning to, an abusive relationship. The NNEDV cited one study, which reported “women and men who experienced housing insecurity in twelve months had a significantly higher reoccurrence of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in that same time period compared to those who did not experience food or housing insecurity.” According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Georgia domestic violence shelters provided shelter to 7,214 victims of domestic violence in FY 2019. An additional 4,176 were turned away due to lack of bed space. We recognize the data on this subject is underreported and difficult to track. The New World Record Management System indicates for Macon-Bibb County there were only two arrests of Human Trafficking on March 9, 2021, and June 22, 2022. While there are more victims than arrests, population goes unnoticed because many times victims escape situation not notifying authorities of prior living arrangement. Image below reports 98 victims reside from Bibb County but all did not receive services local.

## CJCC | Victim Services Providers in Bibb County



- The list on the left is a list of agencies that serve victims of human trafficking in Bibb County that receive VOCA grants during federal fiscal year 2016-2022

County	Agency Name	
Bibb	Child Enrichment, Inc.	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">98</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-bottom: 10px;">Total Number of New Victims Served</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">11</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-bottom: 10px;">Number of Agencies Serving Victims</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">9</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">Ratio (HT Victims/#Agencies)</div>
Bibb	Crescent House - Navicent Health	
Bibb	Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Inc.	
Bibb	Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Inc.	
Bibb	Frontline Response (formerly Atlanta Dream Center)	
Bibb	Georgia Cares, Inc.	
Bibb	Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Inc.	
Bibb	Monroe County Board of Commissioners	
Bibb	Out of Darkness (Atlanta Dream Center)	
Bibb	The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corp (Safe House)	
Bibb	Wellspring Living, Inc.	

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

The increase cost of living and low vacancy rates are conditions that point to the critical shortage of affordable housing available to low-income households, particularly extremely low-income households, and those with special needs. Families and individuals experiencing homelessness,

also require assistance finding and maintaining affordable housing including wrap-around supportive services. Finally, resources are critically needed to address temporary financial hardships experienced by those households to prevent them from becoming homeless.

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

According to the CHAS data for Macon-Bibb County, there is a gap of 5,745 affordable housing units for households earning less than fifty percent of area median income (AMI). It is expected that the true gap is higher based on increased demand for housing in the last few years. The lack of affordable housing is consistently the number one unmet need in recent planning studies. This includes shortages of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds, long term affordable housing, and housing for seniors and persons with disabilities.

**Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.:**

Macon-Bibb County has four emergency shelters that are provided to the homeless population with a total of 206 beds for adults with or without children. We have an array of services being offered to the homeless that provides meals to individual that does not have a place to stay. At Point-In-Time of 2022 these emergency shelters were at 62% occupancy for this population. Preventing unsheltered homelessness is much more complicated than just providing shelter. Connecting people to permanent affordable housing and the right level of specialized services can help increase the chances of becoming self-sufficient.

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

Individuals and families at risk of homelessness may need housing assistance that could vary from eviction assistance, diversion assistance, or rent and utility assistance in addition to other types of supportive services. Households who need assistance with maintaining or regaining housing to prevent homelessness will benefit from targeted services such as diversion assistance. Diversion assistance requires specialized outreach and engagement services targeted to high-risk populations to ensure people and communities at highest risk for homelessness are engaged with housing supports before experiencing being homeless. Services that Macon-Bibb use to assist individuals and families at risk of homelessness include:

Short-term subsidies for rent and utility arrears for families that have received eviction or utility termination notices or are experiencing a hardship that may lead to homelessness through our Homelessness Prevention Program.

Security deposits and future month's rent are some of the services offered to homeless individuals/families to move into stabilized housing through our Rapid Rehousing Programs.

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

There is currently one domestic violence and abuse shelters and programs in Macon, GA with a hotline and offering emergency shelter.

At this shelter, individuals learn to recognize and identify healthy versus unhealthy relationships, understand how these behaviors lead to toxic relationships that drive to drug and alcohol dependency, develop life management skills including spiritual training, personal growth, healthy living, and life preparation.

After graduating from the life-recovery program, transitional housing is made available for three to six months. This allows women to obtain employment, reintegrate into the community with our support and guidance, and save money towards obtaining their own residence. This final component of restoration and hope is essential to their long-term success.

Human trafficking is on the rise since Covid-19, we will need support shelters and increase permanent place for survivors to live and feel safe from their abuser.



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

HUD defines other populations as households that do not qualify under any of the aforementioned populations but are receiving support services or assistance preventing the family’s homelessness or at the greatest risk of housing instability. Those households must meet one of the following criteria.

Households who have been previously homeless or are currently receiving assistance may require recurring support for a duration of time. Providing ongoing support, such as rental and utility assistance, access to mental health and healthcare services, and viable employment can help stabilize housing situations. Funding existing support services and affordable housing assistance programs can help minimize the likelihood of these individuals and families returning to homelessness.

Macon-Bibb County lacks quality affordable housing available for residents in need causing cost burdens leading to housing instability. There is also a need to assist residents living in unstable housing situations increase their income, build savings, and acquire assets through additional supportive services in the community.

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

Georgia Balance of State collaborates with non-profit organizations to analyze the existing needs to assist identifying gaps in services. Some of the gaps in services are due to the lack of transportation, job training, rental assistance, and security at shelters. The biggest gap is the supportive service gap for those that might have too many challenges to retain affordable housing of their own. This community works very well together and there are a lot of great partnerships.

Macon-Bibb County needs more shelter beds for families, and respite beds. The current shelter beds do not have the capability to assist anyone with an on-going (or new, continuous care) medical need. Mental Health: there is not a shelter dedicated to individuals with extreme mental health diagnosis.

Service delivery system gaps include workforce staffing for case management, connecting individuals with employment opportunities with sufficient income to afford housing, lack of transportation, move-in assistance, and medication assistance for persons with disabilities.

The gaps analysis in this plan identifies a gap of 105 beds needed to meet the needs of the county homeless population for permanent housing with 52 units as two bedroom housing. Additionally, 5,745 low-income renter households with one or more severe housing problems are at risk of homelessness.

**Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:**

Data obtained from Macon-Bibb County 2040 Comprehensive plan addresses that the cost of housing and the availability of housing for all segments of all qualifying populations. These are perspectives that county leaders and housing agencies should evaluate to address affordable housing. Realizing that providing housing for a diverse population is one of the major challenges facing communities, community leaders are continuously striving to create a place where citizens can live, work, learn and play. This is the reason why there is an enormous need for housing that

is affordable for all four qualifying populations. Population growth, or the lack thereof, tends to have the greatest impact on the conclusions that will be reached on in reference to the needs of housing in Macon-Bibb County as a whole in the years to come. While the population changes of the past and future are important indicators of projected needs of housing, in addition to housing conditions, equal attention must be given to issues such as existing age and cost. Although we are addressing homeless for all qualifying populations there is a need for wrap around services to support homeless shelters (ex. additional security, housing counseling, transportation, more equipment for clients to receive more services) to existing. Non-congregate shelter will improve a more covid free facility for those in need of placement of stay due to homeless. The county has a veteran homeless shelter that operates as a NCS but needs major improvements to be more efficient for services.

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

We utilized several data resources to determine the needs of housing, shelter and services including reports from the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), US Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (ACS), 2019 (BoS) Point-In-Time Count data, and consultation with members of Continuum of Care, Department of Community Affair, and local agencies providing services for Macon-Bibb County. Also, the consultation with our supporting agencies was essential in the assessment of what could be more successful of leveling the gap.

## HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

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

Macon-Bibb County has adopted the Request for Proposal process whereby eligible activities are announced publicly via a posting method. The posts indicate the proposed opportunities for bid and contractors, agencies and /or developers are invited to submit their respective bid proposals according to their interest by the deadline.

Through the RFP process, the activities will be defined by the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), for agencies/sub-recipients. It will summarize the goals, the scope of the activity being undertaken, and the criteria for evaluating entries and the organization that is sponsoring it and outlines the bidding process and contract terms.

Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department host pre-bid workshops (public hearings and advertisements) which advise bidders on how to prepare proposals, with specific guidance on how the bids should be formatted and presented. These workshops also include instructions on what information the bidder must include and the desired format.

Bidders review the solicitation and submit suggestions and/or concerns. After implementing feedback, the final request for proposal is issued. Bidders then submit their proposals.

The committee narrows the selection down to a small group of bidders based on the capacity of the organization and pricing and technical details. The committee may ask the remaining bidders to submit a best and final offer before awarding a contract. The contract is then presented to the Macon-Bibb Commissioners to concur regarding the project that provides the best solution to the activity that needed.

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

All local Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) funded projects are in continuation through the Request for Proposal process.

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

Macon-Bibb has not allocated any funds to sub-recipients or contractor prior to acceptance of HOME-ARP funds.

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 1,045,613.45		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$746,866.75		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,045,613.45		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 149,373.35	5 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 2,987,467.00</b>		

### Use of HOME-ARP Funding

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

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provided \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021, HUD awarded the Macon-Bibb County **\$2,987,467.00** in HOME-ARP funding. Through successful consultations and the results of the needs assessment, the County has identified the following eligible activities that will primarily benefit those individuals and families who meet the criteria under HOME-ARP’s qualifying populations. According to the research and consultation with the supporting agencies that services all qualifying populations the need is for supportive services for existing shelter for homelessness, a non-congregate shelter or renovation of existing shelter to adhere to serve as non-congregate living arrangement, and more affordable housings for those leaving the shelter. Table 4 illustrates how the County will distribute HOME-ARP funds based on the priority needs identified:

#### Supportive Services

HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. Supportive services may include housing programs, case management, mental health, and substance use programs, eviction prevention, and employment and education programs. The County will allocate **\$1,045,613.45 (35%)** to this eligible activity for supportive services that will be provided in a HOME-ARP-funds.

### **Administration and Planning**

HUD allows grantees to utilize up to 15% of the award allocation for HOME Administration and Planning activities. The County will allocate **\$149,373.35 (5%)** for HOME-ARP Program Administration costs to provide day-to-day management of the programs and ensure compliance, including activity oversight, reporting, and monitoring as required by HUD.

### **Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters**

A non-congregate shelter (NCS) is one or more buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelters to individuals and families and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. HOME-ARP funds may be used to acquire and develop HOME-ARP (NCS) for individuals and families in qualifying populations. Eligible activities may include but are not limited to the acquisition of land and construction of HOME-ARP (NCS) or the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing structures such as motels, hotels, or other facilities to be used for HOME-ARP (NCS). Acquisition of vacant land or demolition of existing structures may be undertaken only as part of a HOME-ARP (NCS) project. HOME-ARP (NCS) units acquired and/or developed with HOME-ARP funds must meet the requirements to be used as HOME-ARP (NCS) or used as an emergency shelter under ESG for the restricted use period established by HUD. The County will allocate **\$746,866.75 (25%)** for project. There is a need for non-congregate shelter here in Macon-Bibb County due to the rise of homeless population. If funding is given to develop such, it may be difficult for an organization to adequately staff shelter as they may not have the capacity to operate the facility to provide the services.

### **Development of Affordable Rental Housing**

Housing affordability continues to be a top priority in cities throughout Georgia based on the needs assessment. HOME-ARP funds will be used to address these needs by acquiring and rehabilitating such structures into HOME-ARP rental housing. HOME-ARP rental housing includes "housing" as defined at 24 CFR 92.2, including but not limited to: manufactured housing, single room occupancy [SRO] units, and permanent supportive housing. HOME-ARP funds awarded will be used to develop affordable rental housing by an eligible CHDO/For-Profit/Nonprofit vetted sub-recipient. The County will allocate **\$1,045,613.45 (35%)** to projects that will provide a total of 27 affordable housing units that will be primarily used for occupancy by households in all qualifying population.

**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:**

Service delivery system gaps including workforce staffing for case management, connecting individuals with employment opportunities with sufficient income to afford housing, lack of transportation, move-in assistance, and medication assistance for persons with disabilities.

We need more shelter beds for families, and respite beds. The current shelter beds do not have the capability to assist anyone with an on-going (or new, continuous care) medical need. For mental health: there is not a shelter dedicated to individuals with extreme mental health diagnosis.

## 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:**

In reference to the Production Housing goal calculation worksheet, Macon-Bibb County anticipates producing (27) affordable housing units that will support all of HOME-ARP's qualifying populations.

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

The County hopes to acquire, rehabilitate, and construct affordable rental housing for all qualifying populations. The goal is to support homeless providers as they address the need to acquire, construct and rehabilitate rental housing for occupancy of both individuals and families they serve by providing housing units not limited to manufactured housing, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and permanent supportive housing.

A lack of quality affordable rental housing remains a challenge in Macon-Bibb. However, the County is committed to prioritizing affordable housing needs through the rehabilitation, acquisition, and production of affordable housing for all qualifying populations. The County housing goal includes: (1) Providing housing for the qualifying populations - to connect these populations to existing housing resources and create new housing resources; (2) Support to homeless populations – by providing support facilities, housing, and services for homeless populations; (3) New affordable housing opportunities – to increase the numbers of affordable housing units to insure access to affordable housing by low and moderate income persons and families; and (4) Affordable housing preservation – to preserve and enhance existing affordable housing units to ensure that low- and moderate-income persons and families retain housing.

## PREFERENCES

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

HOME-ARP requires that funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in the specified qualifying populations. Individuals or families who meet the criteria for these populations are eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria. Additionally, preferences that are made through referral methods will comply with all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Macon-Bibb County will not establish any preferences among all qualifying populations but prioritize applicants who are eligible for assistance to participate in all HOME-ARP funded activities such as non-congregate shelter, rental housing, and supportive services. Sub-recipients will determine the eligibility of each case, including the level of need of each client, and the appropriateness of their participation in the assistance and services being offered.

Although, we are using the Request for Proposal process no additional points or preference will be given to one qualifying population. HOME-ARP funding will be awarded to the most vetted proposal submitted during open bid solicitations of funds to potential investors, developers, and sub-recipients with the capacity to successfully complete project.

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

We will not establish any preference for any of HOME-ARP allocation funds.

**SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D**

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

<b>* 1. Type of Submission:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	<b>* 2. Type of Application:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	<b>* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):</b> <input type="text"/> <b>* Other (Specify):</b> <input type="text"/>
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<b>* 3. Date Received:</b> <input type="text" value="03/10/2023"/>	<b>4. Applicant Identifier:</b> <input type="text"/>
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<b>5a. Federal Entity Identifier:</b> <input type="text" value="MC-13-0005"/>	<b>5b. Federal Award Identifier:</b> <input type="text"/>
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**State Use Only:**

<b>6. Date Received by State:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>7. State Application Identifier:</b> <input type="text"/>
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**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

<b>* a. Legal Name:</b> <input type="text" value="Macon-Bibb County"/>	
<b>* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</b> <input type="text" value="463992371"/>	<b>* c. UEI:</b> <input type="text" value="TVNBHEU6LLY9"/>

**d. Address:**

<b>* Street1:</b>	<input type="text" value="700 Poplar Street"/>
<b>Street2:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>* City:</b>	<input type="text" value="Macon"/>
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<b>* State:</b>	<input type="text" value="GA: Georgia"/>
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<b>* Zip / Postal Code:</b>	<input type="text" value="31201-2033"/>

**e. Organizational Unit:**

<b>Department Name:</b> <input type="text" value="Macon-Bibb ECDD"/>	<b>Division Name:</b> <input type="text"/>
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**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

<b>Prefix:</b> <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	<b>* First Name:</b> <input type="text" value="Wanzina"/>
<b>Middle Name:</b> <input type="text" value="N."/>	
<b>* Last Name:</b> <input type="text" value="Jackson"/>	
<b>Suffix:</b> <input type="text"/>	

<b>Title:</b> <input type="text" value="Manager, Economic &amp; Community Development"/>
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<b>Organizational Affiliation:</b> <input type="text"/>
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<b>* Telephone Number:</b> <input type="text" value="478-751-7190"/>	<b>Fax Number:</b> <input type="text" value="478-751-7390"/>
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<b>* Email:</b> <input type="text" value="wjackson@maconbibb.us"/>
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**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

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

M-21-MP-13-0202

\* Title:

Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

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

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

HOME-ARP funding in the sum of \$2,987,467 will be allocated to develop affordable rental housing, NCS and provides supportive services to all qualifying populations.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

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

**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

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

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="2,987,467.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,987,467.00"/>

**\* 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

**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:

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Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:

\* Date Signed:



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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for 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).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. 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.
7. 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 or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with 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.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, 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.
11. 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).
12. 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.
13. 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.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. 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.
17. 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."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. 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 Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Macon-Bibb County	DATE SUBMITTED 3/10/2023

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Macon-Bibb County	3/10/2023

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# **HOME-ARP CERTIFICATION**

## HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

  
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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



# **HOME-ARP RESOLUTION**



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2021 ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAMS BETWEEN MACON-BIBB COUNTY AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTING THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN; AND ACCEPTING FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER THE HOME-ARP PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF 2,987,467.00 WITH NO LOCAL MATCH; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Macon-Bibb has been allocated \$2,987,467.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, The HOME-ARP funds are special funds for homelessness and supportive services assistance under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) ("NAHA"); and

**WHEREAS**, HOME-ARP can be used to provide rental assistance, fund supportive services, develop new affordable rental housing, and acquire and develop non-congregate shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, All participating jurisdictions must submit a HOME-ARP allocation plan in accordance with the HOME-ARP Notice to HUD on or before March 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be used for the following, as more fully described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference:

<u>HOME-ARP ACTIVITY</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>
Administration & Planning	\$149,37.35
Acquisition & Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	\$746,866.75
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$1,045,613.45
Supportive Services	<u>\$1,045,613.45</u>
<b>Total Proposed Allocation</b>	<b>\$2,987,467.00</b>

;and

**WHEREAS**, there is no match required in order to receive the funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to receive said funds, the County is required to submit a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft Allocation Plan was posted on the County website and made available for fifteen days on the website and at ECDD for public to review and comment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Macon-Bibb County Commission and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the Housing and Community Development Programs for Macon-Bibb County, Georgia in hereby adopted in substantially the same form attached Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference, thereby amending the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2021 Action Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Commission hereby grants the Mayor the authority to accept the funds, for the purposes set forth hereinabove, with no local match, and with funds to be used by the recipients in substantially the same way as described in the attached Exhibit A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Commission hereby declares that the foregoing preamble and whereas provisions set forth hereinabove constitute, and shall be, substantive provisions of this Resolution and are hereby incorporated by reference into this provision.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event scrivener's errors shall be discovered in this Resolution or in the Exhibits hereto after the adoption hereof, the Commission hereby authorizes and directs that each such scrivener's error shall be corrected in all multiple counterparts of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Commission grants the Mayor the authority to take any and all further actions necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this Resolution.

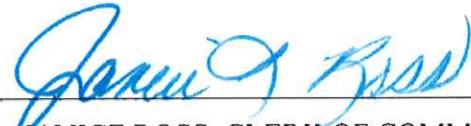
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that except as specifically provided herein, any and all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this Resolution shall be and the same hereby are repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event that this Resolution or part thereof is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be substantively more appropriately denominated an act of ordinance by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, it is the intent of this Commission that this Resolution or such portion thereof shall be considered to have been adopted as an ordinance of the Macon-Bibb County Commission. Where any law bearing on the subject matter of this Resolution calls for the taking of any legislative action by the governing authority of Macon-Bibb County, and such law specifies for such action to be taken by resolution or by ordinance, it is the intent of this Commission that this Resolution satisfy such requirement, and that this Resolution be construed accordingly.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by the Mayor or upon its adoption into law without such approval.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 7 day of March, 2023.

  
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LESTER MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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JANICE ROSS, CLERK OF COMMISSION



**HOME-ARP  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
HOME ARP GRANT FUNDING**

**Macon-Bibb County  
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**Monday, February 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**  
Macon-Bibb County Government Center, 700 Poplar Street, Macon, GA

**Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. (virtual)**

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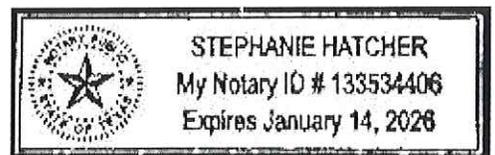
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*Willmenta Serrano*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of February in the year of 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs for HOME-ARP (American Rescue Plan) program, Macon-Bibb County has prepared a HOME-ARP Allocation plan that is being made available to the public through this notice.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the United States to provide affordable housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations who have had to endure the COVID-19 pandemic. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investments Partnership (HOME Program American Rescue Plan/HOME-ARP) has identified Macon-Bibb County as a potential recipient of HOME-ARP funding (\$2,987,467) to serve the Macon-Bibb community.

HOME-ARP can be used to provide rental assistance, fund supportive services, develop new affordable rental housing, and acquire and develop non-congregate shelters. HOME-ARP's flexibility, especially when paired with the other substantial resources for households experiencing homelessness or housing instability, presents a significant opportunity for communities to make critical investments that can build the long-term capacity of housing and homeless systems and dramatically strengthen efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for Macon-Bibb County is available for a 15-day public review and comment period from February 15, 2023 – March 2, 2023.

Activities funded by HOME-ARP must contribute to the goals and objectives of Macon-Bibb County's Consolidated Plan and meet all applicable federal requirements. A summary of the proposed activities to be funded with the HOME-ARP funds is provided below:

HOME-ARP ACTIVITY	Proposed Amount
Administration and Planning	\$ 149,373.35
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	\$ 746,866.75
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If a substantial change occurs in the funding during the fiscal year, an additional comment period will be required. The current definition of substantial change is the addition or deletion of projects and/or a decrease or increase of funding by more than 20%.

This plan is also available for review on the Macon-Bibb County Economic and Community Development Department (ECDD) website <https://www.maconbibb.us/economic-community-development/>. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may e-mail them to [wjackson@maconbibb.us](mailto:wjackson@maconbibb.us) or [cwoody@maconbibb.us](mailto:cwoody@maconbibb.us) by March 2, 2023 or by mail to the address below, postmarked no later than February 27, 2023. If you require special accommodations, or more information, address all calls to Wanzina Jackson, Charlotte Woody, or Antonio Simmons at 478-751-7190 between the hours of 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, Monday – Friday.

Citizens may call or write to:  
Wanzina Jackson, Director  
Economic and Community Development Department  
200 Cherry Street, Suite 100, Terminal Station, Macon, GA 31201  
478-751-7190

NOTICIA PÚBLICA

De acuerdo con 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) de las regulaciones federales relativas a la participación ciudadana para los Programas de Desarrollo y Planificación Comunitaria para el programa HOME-ARP (Plan de Rescate Estadounidense), el condado de Macon-Bibb ha preparado un plan de asignación de HOME-ARP que se pone a disposición del público a través de este aviso.

La Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARP por sus siglas en inglés) de 2021 asignó \$5 mil millones a comunidades de los Estados Unidos para brindar viviendas asequibles, servicios de apoyo y refugio a personas sin hogar y otras poblaciones vulnerables que han tenido que soportar la pandemia de COVID-19. El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) a través del Programa de Asociaciones de Inversiones HOME (HOME) Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (HOME-ARP) ha identificado al condado de Macon-Bibb como un receptor potencial de fondos HOME-ARP (\$2,987,467) para servir a la comunidad Macon-Bibb.

HOME-ARP se puede utilizar para proporcionar asistencia de alquiler, financiar servicios de apoyo, desarrollar nuevas viviendas de alquiler asequibles y adquirir y desarrollar refugios no colectivos. La flexibilidad de HOME-ARP, especialmente cuando se combina con otros recursos sustanciales para los hogares que experimentan falta de vivienda o inestabilidad en la vivienda, presenta una oportunidad importante para que las comunidades realicen inversiones críticas que pueden desarrollar la capacidad a largo plazo de los sistemas de vivienda y personas sin hogar y fortalecer drásticamente los esfuerzos para prevenir y acabar con la falta de vivienda.

El Plan de asignación de HOME-ARP para el condado de Macon-Bibb está disponible para un período de comentarios y revisión pública de 15 días desde el 15 de febrero de 2023 hasta el 2 de marzo de 2023.

Las actividades financiadas por HOME-ARP deben contribuir a las metas y objetivos del Plan Consolidado del Condado de Macon-Bibb y cumplir con todos los requisitos federales aplicables. A continuación se proporciona un resumen de las actividades propuestas para ser financiadas con los fondos HOME-ARP:

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<b>Total propuesto</b>	<b>\$2,987,467.00</b>

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Este plan también está disponible para su revisión en el sitio web del Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario (ECDD) del Condado de Macon-Bibb <https://www.maconbibb.us/economic-community-development/>. Los ciudadanos que deseen enviar comentarios por escrito durante la revisión pública y el período de comentarios pueden enviarlos por correo electrónico a [wjackson@maconbibb.us](mailto:wjackson@maconbibb.us) o [cwoody@maconbibb.us](mailto:cwoody@maconbibb.us) antes del 2 de marzo de 2023 o por correo postal a la dirección que figura a continuación, con mailse los no posterior al 27 de febrero de 2023. Si necesita adaptaciones especiales o más información, dirija todas las llamadas a Wanzina Jackson, Charlotte Woody o Antonio Simmons al 478-751-7190 entre las 8:30 am y las 5:30 pm, de lunes a viernes.

Los ciudadanos pueden llamar o escribir a:  
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### NOTICIA PÚBLICA

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La Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARP, por sus siglas en inglés) de 2021 asignó \$5 mil millones a comunidades de los Estados Unidos para brindar viviendas asequibles, servicios de apoyo y refugio a personas sin hogar y otras poblaciones vulnerables que han tenido que soportar la pandemia de COVID-19. El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) a través del Programa de Asociaciones de Inversiones HOME (HOME) Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (HOME-ARP) ha identificado al condado de Macon-Bibb como un receptor potencial de fondos HOME-ARP (\$2,987,467) para servir a la comunidad Macon-Bibb.

HOME-ARP se puede utilizar para proporcionar asistencia de alquiler, financiar servicios de apoyo, desarrollar nuevas viviendas de alquiler asequibles y adquirir y desarrollar refugios no colectivos. La flexibilidad de HOME-ARP, especialmente cuando se combina con otros recursos sustanciales para los hogares que experimentan falta de vivienda o inestabilidad en la vivienda, presenta una oportunidad importante para que las comunidades realicen inversiones críticas que pueden desarrollar la capacidad a largo plazo de los sistemas de vivienda y personas sin hogar y fortalecer drásticamente los esfuerzos para prevenir y acabar con la falta de vivienda.

El Plan de asignación de HOME-ARP para el condado de Macon-Bibb está disponible para un período de comentarios y revisión pública de 15 días desde el 15 de febrero de 2023 hasta el 2 de marzo de 2023.

Las actividades financiadas por HOME-ARP deben contribuir a las metas y objetivos del Plan Consolidado del Condado de Macon-Bibb y cumplir con todos los requisitos federales aplicables. A continuación se proporciona un resumen de las actividades propuestas para ser financiadas con los fondos HOME-ARP:

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Este plan también está disponible para su revisión en el sitio web del Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comunitario (ECDD) del Condado de Macon-Bibb <https://www.maconbibb.us/economic-community-development/>. Los ciudadanos que deseen enviar comentarios por escrito durante la revisión pública y el período de comentarios pueden enviarlos por correo electrónico a [wjackson@maconbibb.us](mailto:wjackson@maconbibb.us) o [cwoody@maconbibb.us](mailto:cwoody@maconbibb.us) antes del 2 de marzo de 2023 o por correo postal a la dirección que figura a continuación, con matasellos no posterior al 27 de febrero de 2023. Si necesita adaptaciones especiales o más información, dirija todas las llamadas a Wanzina Jackson, Charlotte Woody o Antonio Simmons al 478-751-7190 entre las 8:30 am y las 5:30 pm, de lunes a viernes.

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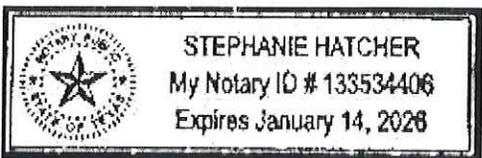
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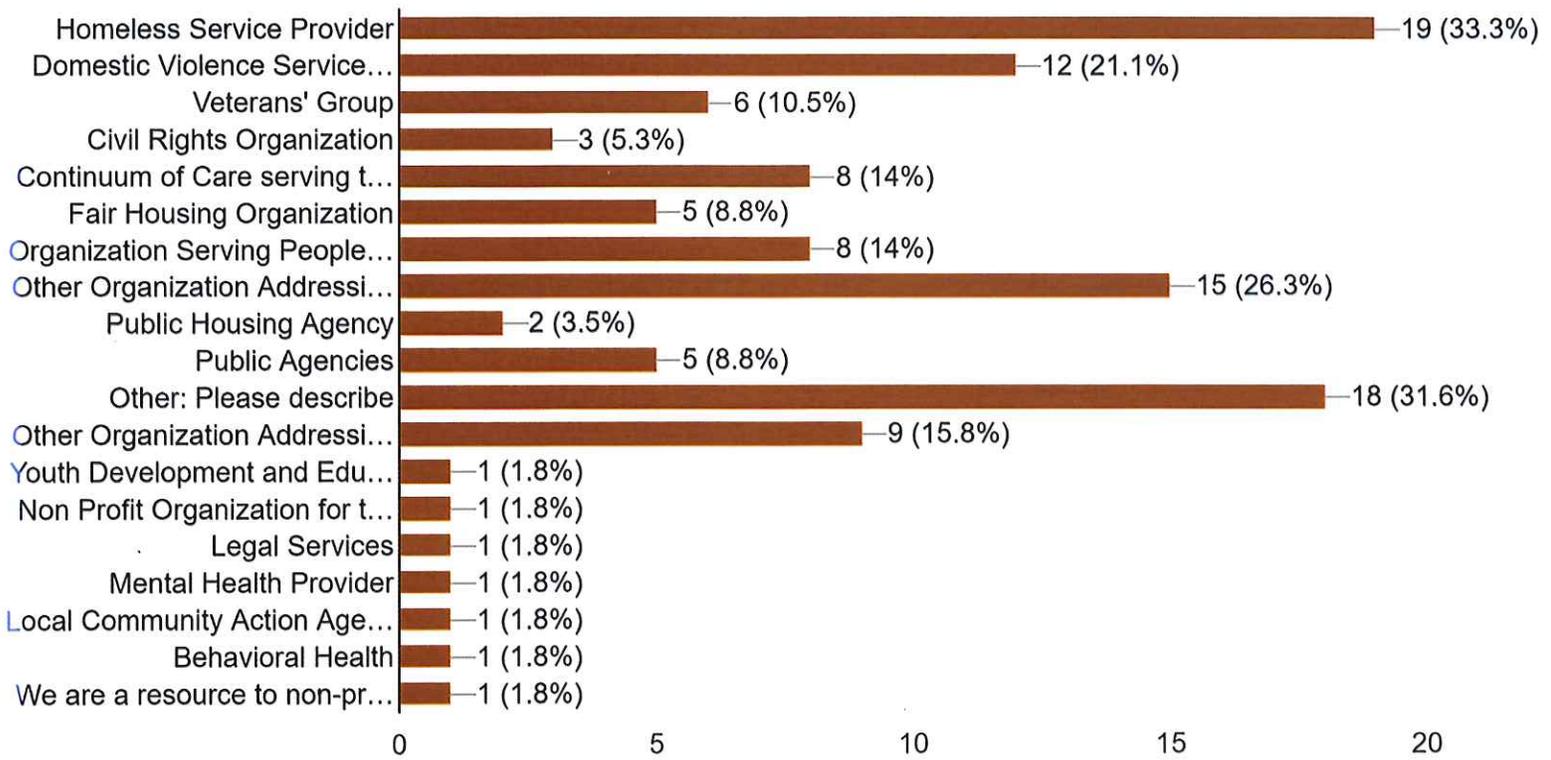
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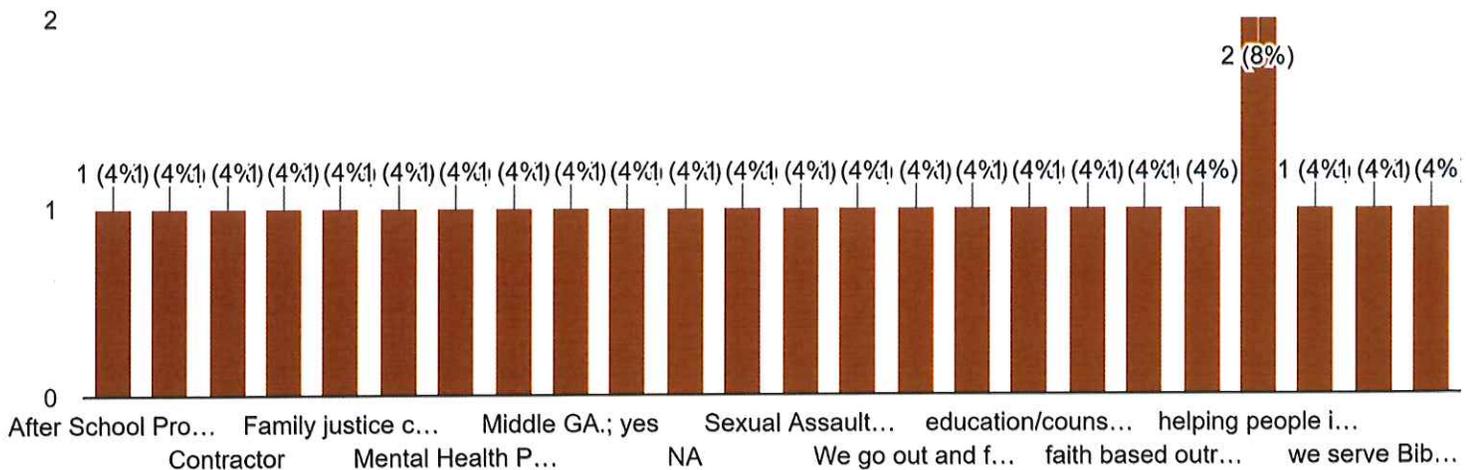
Which type of organization(s) below best describes the group with which you are affiliated (select as many choices as needed)?

57 responses

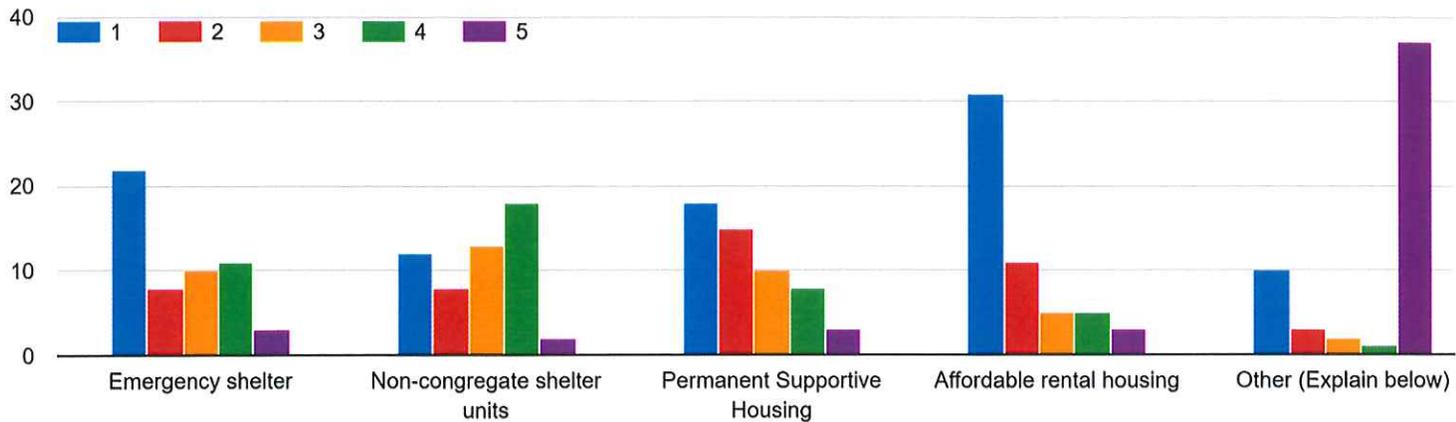


Other type of organization: Please describe

25 responses

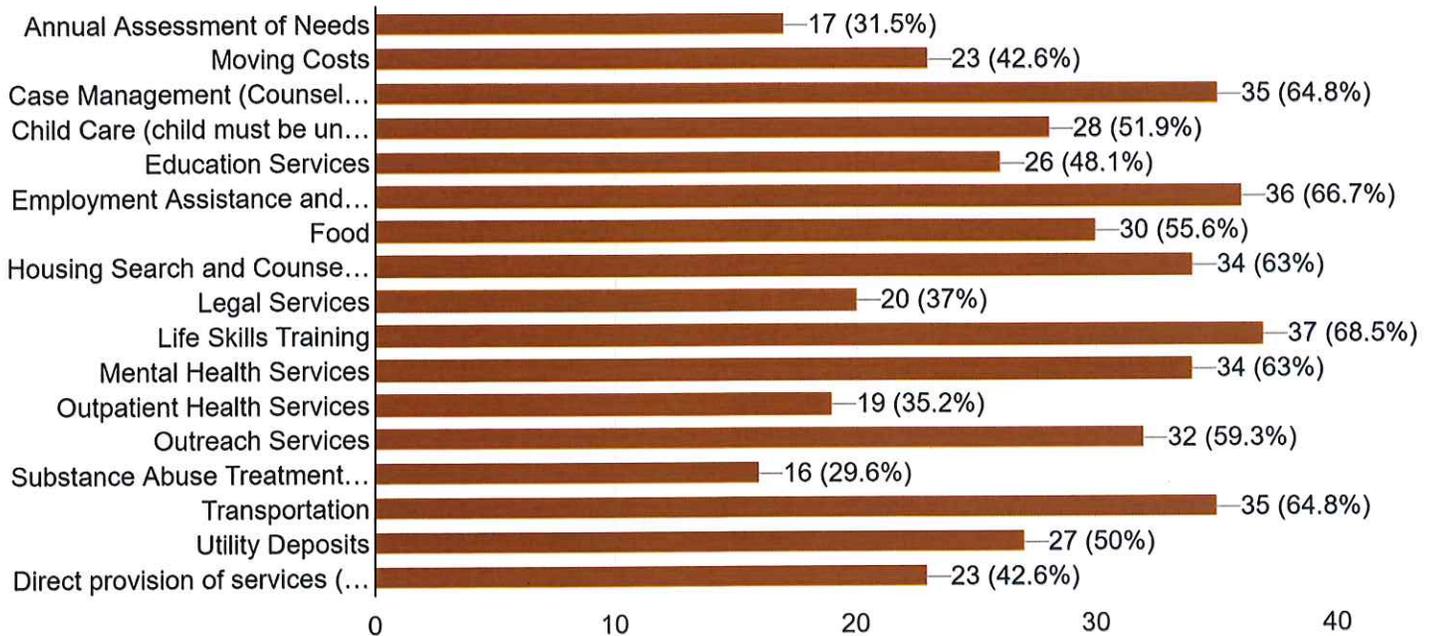


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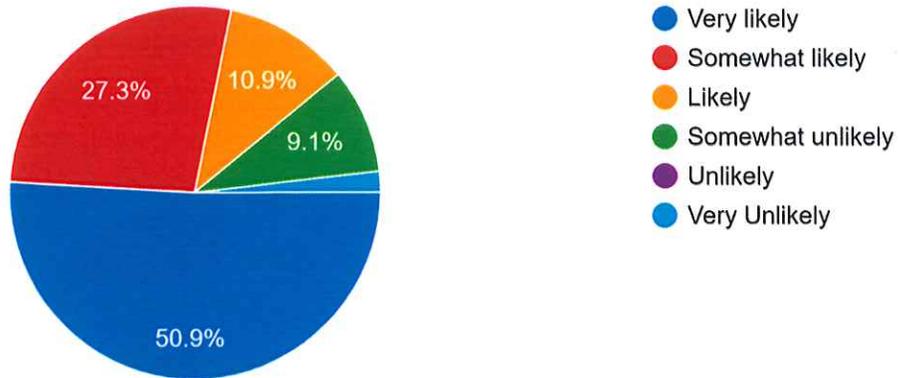
Of the services listed below, which supportive services would appeal to the clientele that you currently serve with your programs (check all that ... address the special needs of program participants:

54 responses

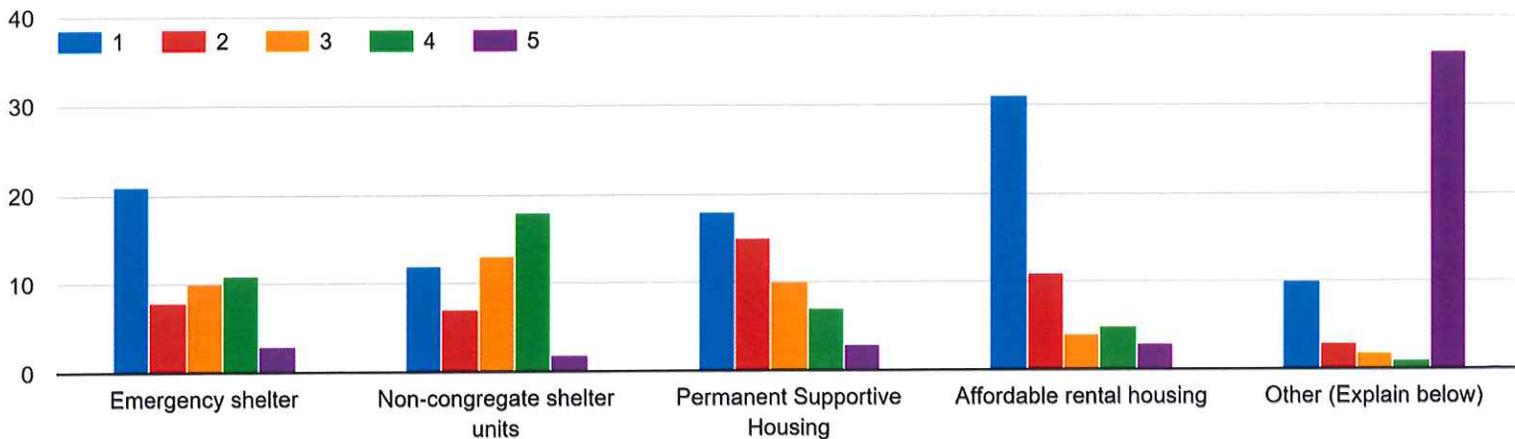


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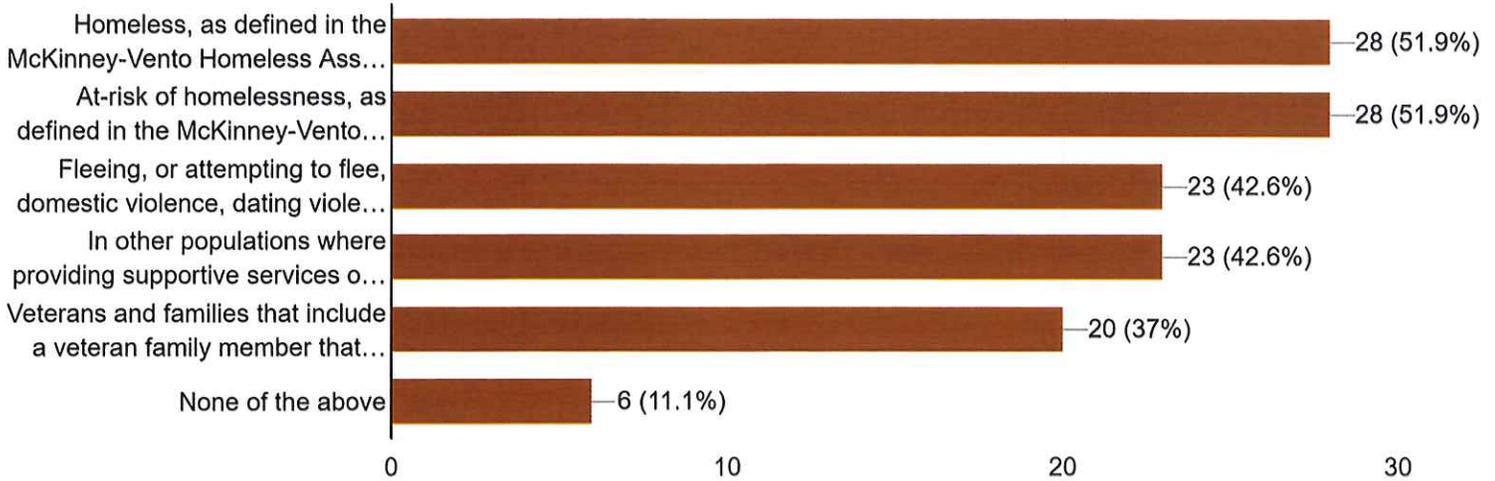


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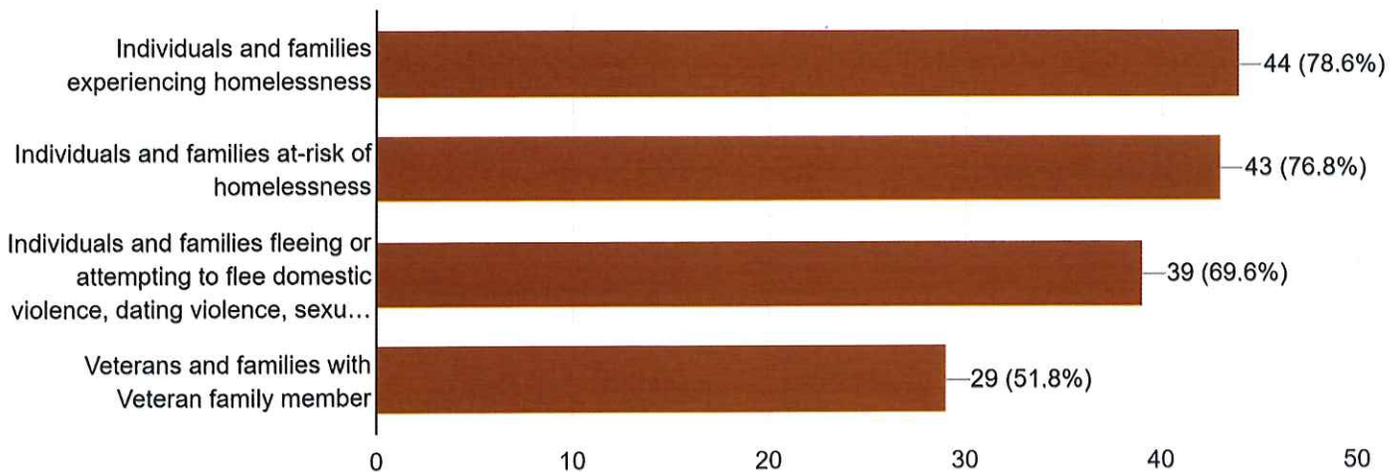
Your agency currently serves which Qualified Populations (QP). Check all that apply: \*The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal...rs to learning for homeless students as possible.

54 responses



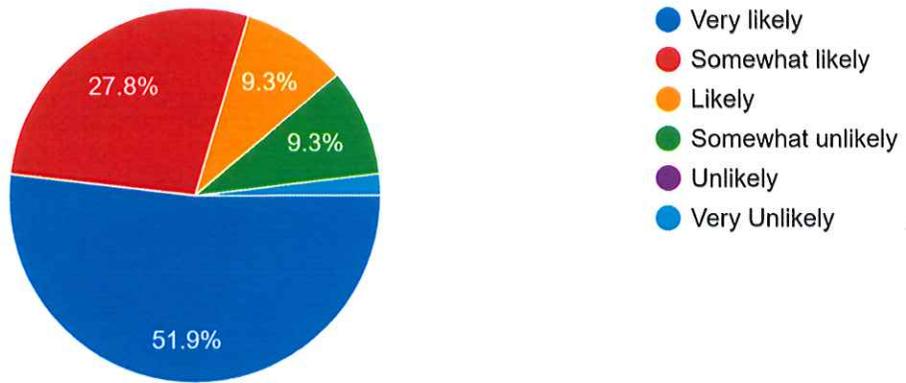
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56 responses



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If the development of a non-congregate shelter is identified as a high priority, where would you like to see the shelter opened in your community (provide ...rea. Put NA if it was not a high priority for you):

45 responses

