



HOME Investment Partnerships Program

American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

Allocation Plan



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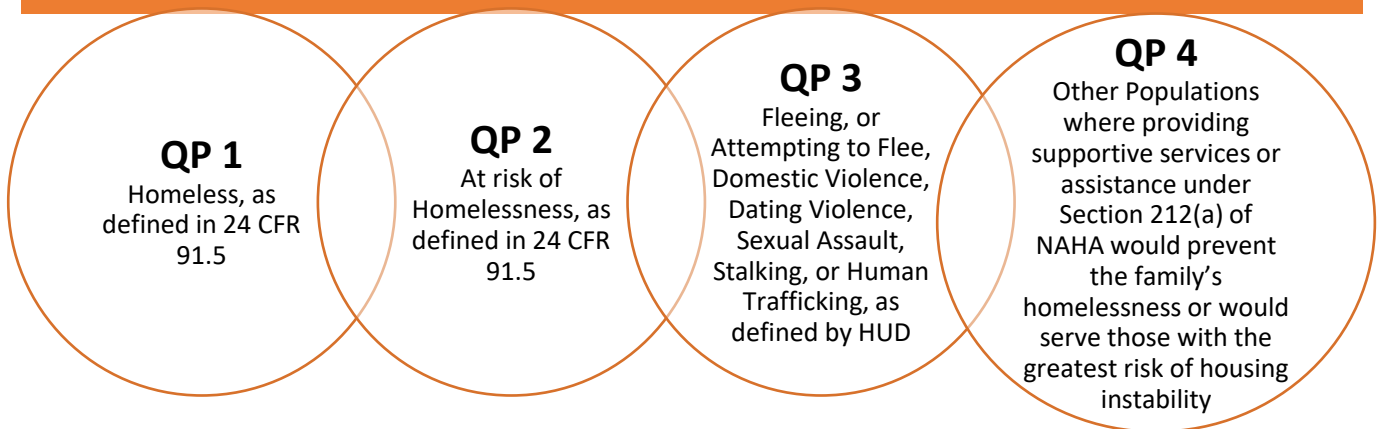
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provided fiscal relief to address the continued impacts of COVID-19. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appropriated \$5 billion of its ARP allocation to address homeless assistance and supportive services related to the ongoing epidemic. HUD developed the HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program, defined in CPD-21-10 notice, 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. The program's goal is to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

The City of McAllen, as a HOME Program Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), was awarded a one-time allocation of \$2,126,569 in HOME-ARP funds via correspondence dated April 28, 2021 from HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development. The allotment is 3.6 times the FY 2021 allocation of HOME Funds.

CPD-21-10 Notice requires HOME-ARP funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in the following specified "qualifying populations." Any individual or family who meets the criteria for these populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria (e.g., additional income criteria). Assistance will be provided based on the placement of the individual or family on a chronological waitlist, until such time as all funds are expended or encumbered.

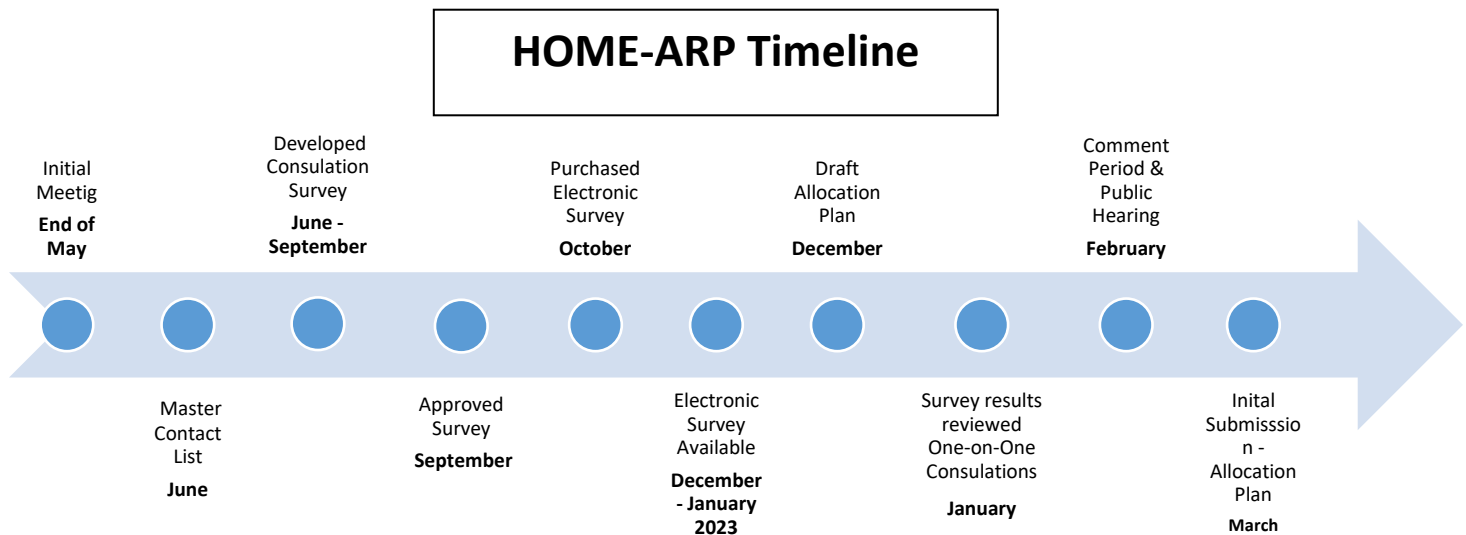
QUALIFYING POPULATIONS



In an effort to reduce homelessness and appropriately address eligible activities, populations and other requirements, the City collaborated with Hidalgo County-Urban County Program, another local PJ in the composition of the Allocation Plan. Collaborations were undertaken to determine similar and dissimilar needs within the two jurisdictions while attempting to consult with appropriate stakeholders in a single event. The City will compose an independent Allocation Plan to serve the following functions:

- A summary of the consultation process and results of upfront consultation;
- A summary of comments received through the public participation process and a summary of any comments or recommendations not accepted and the reasons why;
- A description of HOME-ARP qualifying populations within the jurisdiction;
- An assessment of unmet needs of each qualifying population;
- An assessment of gaps in housing and shelter inventory, homeless assistance and services, and homelessness prevention service delivery system;
- A summary of the planned use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities based on the unmet needs of the qualifying populations;
- An estimate of the number of housing units for qualifying populations the PJ will produce or preserve with its HOME-ARP allocation; and
- A description of any preferences for individuals and families in a particular qualifying population or a segment of a qualifying population.

The development of the Allocation Plan consisted of the following engagements.



The joint consultation results indicated a gap and an unmet need in the provision of affordable rental housing as well as supportive services such as financial and wellness (trauma) counseling, transportation, job training and increased case management to access mainstream resources. In order to address the gaps identified during the consultation process, the City is proposing to fund Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Supportive Services with its HOME-ARP allocation. However, should a viable proposal for the development of rental housing be remitted while funding remains otherwise uncommitted, the City may determine a substantial amendment for the reallocation of available funds is necessary.

The table listed below summarizes HOME-ARP eligible activities. The City proposes to distribute its funding to the eligible activities in the following manner.

Eligible Activity	Funding Amount
Supportive Services	\$ 750,000
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 1,057,584
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	
Non-Profit Operating	
Non-Profit Capacity Building	
Administration and Planning (15%)	\$ 318,985
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,126,569

In addition, the City estimates assisting 125 households (qualifying populations) which will be supported through its HOME-ARP allocation.

Should an amendment to this document be necessary, the City will follow its Citizen Participation Plan as detailed in the Consolidated Plan Amendment §91.105(c) section.

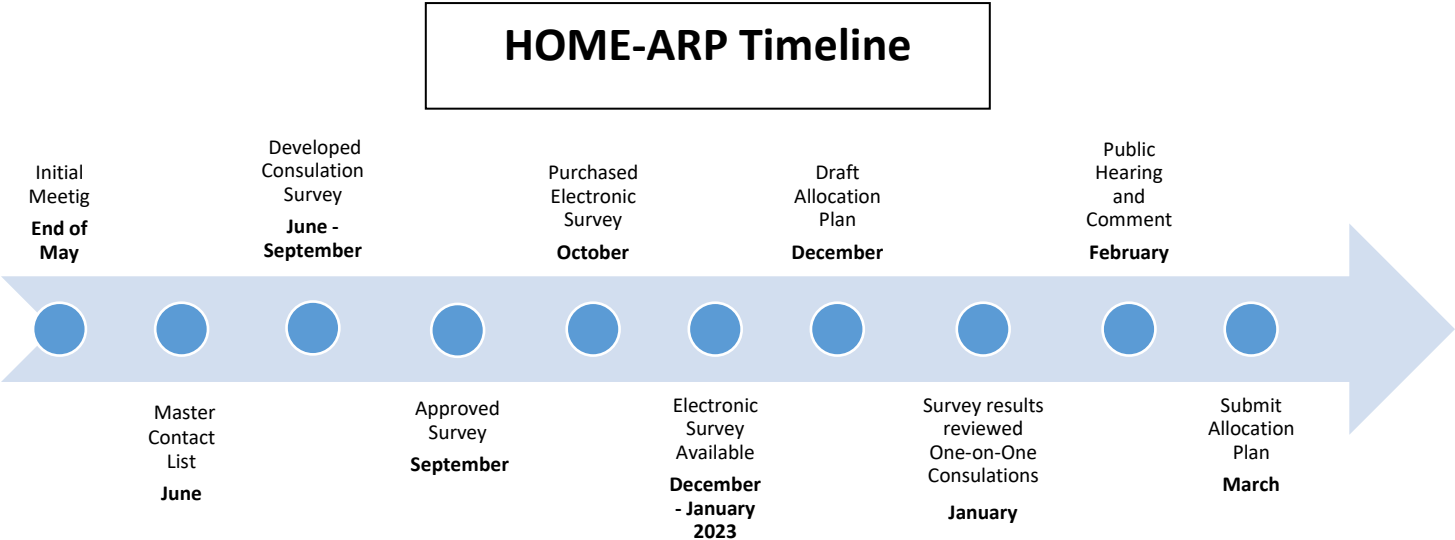
CONSULTATION

Before developing its plan, a PJ must consult, at a minimum, with the CoC(s) serving 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. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Consultation Process Summary

During the preliminary process of developing the Allocation Plan, staff outlined the necessary steps to have fruitful consultations with stakeholders and interested parties. Due to a continual working relationship with Hidalgo County - Urban County Program (UCP), the only other Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) recipient of HOME-ARP in the County, an initial meeting was scheduled. As had been done over the last three Consolidated Plan and Strategy submissions, the City and UCP executed an interlocal agreement to undertake the criteria necessary for consultation and other measures to assess the region’s homeless needs.

The consultation planning began early summer 2022 with staff from the City of McAllen’s Grant Administration Office and UCP discussing broad actions regarding the development of the document. During this period, the team worked closely to strategize and create consultation tools which would ultimately develop a framework for the Allocation Plan. Staff also participated in online HUD trainings and reviewed resources dedicated to the development and submission of the Allocation Plan. The City and UCP staff developed and modified, as necessary, its consultation planning by creating a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Timeline.



Then, the team created a master contact listing of more than 150 local and regional stakeholders, public agencies, and elected officials who could assist in determining needs and unmet gaps while also identifying services currently available for the qualifying populations. The team also created a consultation plan to effectively coordinate discussions with stakeholders. In order to broaden input, a region wide survey was made available to the community at large as well as those identified in the master contact listing. In McAllen, the survey was specifically made available to the Community Development Advisory Committee, appointed by the Mayor and City Commissioners, who oversee the implementation of the Community Development Process. This fourteen-member panel assists the Department with meeting its Citizen Participation requirement. Of note, the survey was available to the general public from mid-December 2022 through January 27, 2023.

In an effort to broaden participation:

- The City and UCP notified neighboring cities of the community-wide survey.
- Due to the high number of Spanish speakers in the region, a Spanish version of the survey was made available
- For persons without access to online resources, hard copies were made available by request
- Survey link was emailed to city management of 8 communities, all school districts, and over 57 agencies located in Hidalgo County
- City and UCP staff conducted beta testing to assure the product was an easily readable and engaging

Although the two entities continued to adhere to their Citizen Participation Plan requirements and other efforts to broaden citizen participation, feedback was limited. It is important to note that participation is generally low despite multi-faceted efforts that encourage participation. Still, utilizing a general dual-language community-wide survey and individualized consultation meetings have resulted in the most advantageous means of gathering data.

The local consultation plan allowed the City and UCP staff to divide the list of agencies with whom consultation was mandated by HUD. As had been done in the development of previous Consolidated Plan and Strategies, a practice to reduce duplicative efforts was employed. McAllen and/or UCP staff held a comprehensive consultation meeting with individual agencies. This meeting would entail discussion of the needs and gaps for each PJ. The reduction in duplicative meetings had the added benefit of limiting contact, a best practice for mitigation efforts.

City and/or UCP staff held one-to-one consultation meetings with entities and organizations listed in CPD Notice 21-10. Consultation sessions were held with approximately 32 agencies, including The Salvation Army, Women Together Foundation, Inc., Catholic Charities of the RGV (all local homeless service providers) and 2-1-1 Texas (the local information and referral system created and managed by the State of Texas) . The consultations specifically included the collection of regional or local data, demographics, priority needs, gaps in services, and suggestions of services to better assist qualifying populations. The consultation meeting formats included in-person, telephone conference, and video conference. Despite multiple attempts, the percentage of agencies participating in the City/UCP consultation meetings hovered at 50%.

To assure the consultation meetings were fruitful, HUD's consultation guide was tailored to discuss the services and facilities provided by the agencies, as well as facilitating a discussion of barriers and priority needs for the qualifying populations. In each consultation meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Hidalgo County Urban County and City of McAllen Allocations
- Qualifying Populations

- Eligible Activities
- Allocation Plan submission deadline
- Unmet shelter, housing, and services
- Supportive services
- Gaps in services
- Priority needs
- Characteristics of housing markets
- Demographics
- Recommendations and suggestions

The City and/or UCP staff were successful in consulting with at least one entity in each of the groups noted in CPD 21-10, including the CoC serving the jurisdiction's, 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.

While the City and Hidalgo Urban County Program approached the consultation collectively, each assessed their jurisdiction qualifying population's needs, gaps in services, recommendations and suggestions.

In addition to the consultation meetings and survey, the City utilized the annual Point-In-Time (PIT) study to support the development of its Allocation Plan. PIT is a one-night census of the homeless population, including unsheltered and sheltered individuals which can be dwindled to the City of McAllen's respondents. Census/ American Community Survey, Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data enhanced the City's demographic homeless profile.

Organizations consulted, method and feedback

The following section provides information on the qualifying populations that are eligible for the use of HOME-ARP funds as well as a summary of the consultation with stakeholder agencies.

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS			
QP 1	QP 2	QP 3	QP 4
Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5	At Risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5	Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD	Other Populations where providing supportive services or assistance under Section 212(a) of NAHA would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

For ease of readership, the qualifying populations are indicated using the QP enumeration; this designation is for information purposes only. It does not signify preference for project funding or prioritization of QPs.

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>The Salvation Army of McAllen</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Regional Non-Profit Homeless Service Provider</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Homeless Service Providers</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, December 20, 2022</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2</i>
Comments	<i>Office Manager and Social Services Coordinator provided information on shelter resident's and other clientele's needs. Families and single men represent the agency's highest underserved groups, due in part to space/capacity. Need for the shelter increased during and after COVID-19. The shelter is almost always at capacity and resources cannot keep up with demand. The organization refers to other community agencies when their funds are depleted. Rental assistance is a high priority but the low Fair Market Rent limitation reduces the units available under HUD programs; landlords have become hesitant to work with third party programs/assistance and have developed "zero" tolerance for late rent. The agency does not maintain a wait list; it is first come-first served.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Regional Non-Profit Low-Income Housing Provider</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, December 27, 2022</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 2, QP3, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Assistant Director indicated the biggest gap in services includes access to affordable housing, increased construction cost, and increase in overall costs of living. Agency's clients' occupations do not usually provide increases in pay rates to account for inflation. Agency's clientele demographics are incomes between 50% - 80% AMI, Hispanic, and consist of 3-4 members. Since COVID-19, potential homeowners and rehab clients have been burdened with rising construction costs. Funding is limited for rehab projects. Persons are referred to other community agencies. Agency does not currently have anyone on wait list. Agency serves veterans, women fleeing domestic violence (usually post transitional housing stays), public housing clients ready for permanent housing and rehab programs may focus on elderly households and persons with disabilities</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Silver Ribbon Community Partners</i>
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Type of Agency/Org	<i>Countywide Non-Profit, partners with Adult Protective Services (State Agency)</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>-Homeless Service Providers -Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying population -Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, December 28, 2022</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Executive Director stated clientele is primarily elderly and disabled residing in Hidalgo and Starr Counties. Most requested supportive service is utility assistance followed by rental assistance. COVID-19 increased the need for supportive services. Agency assistance is limited to one time per year and no more than two consecutive years. Some programs have an age requirement of 62+ with a few funding sources requiring ages 65+. Assistance is most frequently provided to those with no income or fixed income (SSI) (0-30% AMI), female-headed households who are Hispanic. Their clientele notes home repairs (ramps) as a large gap in services. Affordable housing needs continue, particularly as rents exceed \$800 and are unaffordable. If agency is unable to provide assistance, clients are referred to community agencies and local churches. Agency does not maintain a wait list but has an internal tracking system (Excel spreadsheet). Homeless seniors are more reluctant to go to shelters than other groups; they usually do not have transportation and face more limitations including physical disabilities and mental health concerns.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Texas Workforce Commission - Workforce Solutions (WFS)</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>State Government Agency</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>-Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations -Organizations that address the civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>State</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, December 29, 2022</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 3</i>
Comments	<i>Community Liaison provided information on services, gaps, and priority need for job training or continuing education. They provide services to Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties. Services needs vary throughout the year with the youngest applicants (16+) requesting assistance during summertime; Clientele is mostly Hispanics with many applicants receiving SSI/SNAP/TANF. Rental and utility assistance is needed for people who are unable to sustain a job while completing their education or job training. Agency noted COVID-19 strengthen their dependence on these services.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Supportive Service and Rental/Utility Subsidies</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>United Way of South Texas</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Regional Non-Profit</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>

Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 4, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>President/CEO provided information on agency and services that receive funding from the organization; emphasized supportive services as their priority need. Top three groups which show largest gaps in services include elderly, disabled, and single-parent households. While TBRA is temporary solution, the priority is making housing affordable for all. COVID-19 decreased numbers for agencies participating in UYST programs. While there was an increase in domestic violence needs, some refused shelter citing COVID-19 concerns. Reiterated changing needs of the qualifying population when providing permanent affordable housing.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Support of Affordable Housing and high need of Social Services (increased case management to ensure success)</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Endeavors - McAllen</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Statewide Non-Profit focused on veterans' benefits</i>
HUD – Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Homeless Services Providers</i> <i>-Veterans' groups</i> <i>-Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i> <i>-Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>State</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 4, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 3</i>
Comments	<i>Director discussed the needs of homeless veterans and how barriers limited those discharged dishonorably or those who have criminal backgrounds. Their experience shows it easier to work with private property owners' than with corporate owners. Providing supportive services in the areas of education, employment, health care, and mental health is necessary to decrease the number of homeless veterans. Clientele are mostly single males, ages 45-70, with an income less than 35% AMI. Priorities should address limited shelters, access to transportation for those residing outside of city limits, and utility assistance. Increases in cost of living is hindering the already vulnerable population. COVID-19 waived rules to allow more assistance but internally the fund 60% rapid rehousing and 40% homeless prevention. Agency uses HMIS, database to monitor clients</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Tropical Texas Behavioral Health</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>State Agency for Mental Health/Behavioral Services</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>State</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 4, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>

Comments	<i>The participating Directors provided feedback on homeless individuals who suffer from mental illness. In order to receive the agency's supportive and housing services, they need to be patients. Agency services Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy County with Hidalgo having the highest number served. Staff does a lot of community outreach in the park and local shelters. Staff saw growing problem of depression, particularly as COVID-19 furthered isolation. Another concern is people who suffer from mental illness are challenging to place in a shelter or housing unit. Gaps in services include limited shelters that force (overflow) clients to be referred to Cameron County, especially for their day program. Agency offers PATH, an internal program offered to clients who need short-term rental assistance, furniture, and supportive services. Program attempts to reduce homeless, including homeless veterans. Additional challenges include FMR increases, housing with low-barriers have a long wait list, and issues for homeless persons arise in trying to get in-person appointments, transportation and government issued IDs.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>McAllen Housing Authority</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Public Housing Authority</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Housing Authority</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 4, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Director and Assistant Director described the priority needs, gaps, and COVID-19 impact. They service income groups between 30%-60% AMI. Eighty-nine public housing units are occupied by “QP 4” households, 54 units are occupied by emergency at risk homeless households (QP2); 21 vouchers have been distributed to veterans (QP 4). Agency vouchers have a 99% utilization rate. Gaps in services include need for additional housing units, more resources, and engaging additional landlord partnerships. They continue to advocate for more vouchers. Have seen a rise in housing requests for households with incomes between 0- 30% AMI. The waitlist is open every month with a maximum of 100 households and it is purged every other month. The numbers on the waitlist have remained steady; average time of assistance is up to one year. There has been a steady increase in the difference between current FMRs and rents in the City (further limiting the number of eligible units available for their clientele)</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Hidalgo County Community Service Agency</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Countywide Non-Profit Low-income and Homeless Housing and Support Service Provider</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>-Homeless Service Providers -Public Agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying population</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>

Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Zoom Meeting, January 4, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Director discussed the different services provided to each qualifying population. Gaps in housing include transitional housing and affordable housing. Largest gap affects single-parent (mostly female-headed) households. Reports indicate that teen pregnancy is at its highest and is double the national average in Hidalgo County. They represent a group of underserved at-risk subpopulations. Veterans are also in a high need for housing services. Director reiterated the need to incorporate supportive services that include education, job training, health care, and counseling to help those at risk of homelessness. Agency has seen an increase in number of victims of domestic violence during and post COVID -19. Barriers to providing services include lack of access to technology, immigration status, lack of trust in the system, and informing individuals of available assistance. Agency is limited in capacity and cannot serve the high number of people in need. Director supports a “one-stop shop” where all-around services are available, with a goal of increasing their socioeconomic status.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance and Support Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Emily’s Meals</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Local Non-Profit; Food Distribution</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Homeless Service Providers</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>In-person meeting, January 4, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2</i>
Comments	<i>The seven-year old agency delivers 40 meals to 40 homeless people every day (weekends and holidays included). Barriers to housing stability include lack of transportation services to take clients to the closest shelter as well as supportive services. Demographics of homelessness are changing to include persons of all different backgrounds and ethnicities. The homeless population is mainly composed of Hispanics, but there is also a number of white males migrating from the North. Agency also sees individuals and single parent households. Agency struggles with capacity and is in need of volunteers to continue their mission. Stated there is a high need of a “one-stop shop” where all supportive services are available. Most service providers are scattered and their location may be a barrier to obtain services. Transportation and access to technology/cell phone to request assistance is limited.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Legal Services</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>-Publics Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations -Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Zoom Meeting, January 5, 2023</i>

Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Agency representative specified the population they most service is persons at-risk of homelessness. Agency has focus on eviction, family law, court registry, resident rights, rental assistance, housing services, and outreach. The pandemic increased need for rental assistance requests from at-risk population, among the most affected groups are the elderly, people with disabilities, and single parent households. The gaps also include supportive services such as counseling, education, job training, and health care,</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Non-Profit Low-Income and Homeless Housing and Service Provider</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>-Homeless Service Providers -Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Zoom Meeting, January 12, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 3, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Executive Director described varied needs for each qualifying population. She explained how human trafficking is highly invisible, and therefore, limits resources. There is an inherent need to quickly address those at-risk of homelessness; due to increases in cost of living and low wages, these households cannot sustain self-sufficiency, i.e., providing basic needs such as groceries; large gaps in services are seen for families and single parents. Agency also relies on community referrals to ensure services are provided. Highlighted focusing on unmet housing and supportive services need as critical to area stability</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>C.A.M.P. University</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Local Non-Profit with a focus on adult disabilities and life skills education</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/ needs of people of disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 12, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Director explained how the organization provides post high-school services to disabled adults to continue enhancing their cognitive skills. Services are provided year-round to approximately 25 campers. Although they charge to attend, cost has not increased since 2017 and family are charged less than 1/3 of the actual costs. Campers are considered “presumed” low-income due to their disability status. COVID-19 caused severe stress due to clientele’s health conditions and loss of one camper. Priority need is development and support of affordable housing.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>McAllen Independent School District</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Government - School District</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 12, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1</i>
Comments	<i>MISD McKinney-Vento Liaison explained how they provide supportive services to the students and parents identified under the Act. They rely on community agencies for emergency shelters and hotel vouchers. Students are provided to different supportive services depending on the need in an effort to reduce the time student is out of school/away from their campus. Example included bus vouchers issued to students to facilitate a return to school. Internal efforts among staff is essential to provide supplemental support. However, she reiterated the need for emergency assistance (hotel vouchers); these students need services available to them the same day, being on a waitlist or following the application process that can take a few weeks does not help the student but further distract them from attending school. Shelters are always at capacity increasing family units would definitely help. Overall, the goal and mission is to ensure students graduate by providing the necessary resources.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Easter Seals - RGV</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Non-Profit agency that provides services to persons with special needs</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Organization that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 16, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Executive Director described how they provide services to young individuals with disabilities. Agency recently opened a Family Resource Center to assist families that do not have access to technology or WIFI, a food and diaper pantry, free counseling, nursing room and staff assists with informational searches. Monthly, an average of 25 families receive assistance. Gaps in services include reliable transportation to complete in-person applications such as housing services. They see a need for temporary, safe and clean housing as well as ensuring integration is available in neighborhoods.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>2-1-1 Texas</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Regional Information and Referral Services/State-supported Agency</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Zoom Meeting, January 12, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 3, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>2-1-1 Emergency Management Coordinator described the unmet housing needs in Hidalgo County and stated affordable housing and rental assistance</i>

	<i>are their top priorities/requests for assistance. Also near the top are requests for food and utilities assistance. Staff maintains daily, weekly, biweekly, monthly, and annual reports of calls requesting services. Agency concerns are lack of awareness of their service and the number of public service agencies not listed on their directory/have not updated their contact information. The biggest barrier is the lack of transportation, especially for persons residing outside of MSA. The number of calls for rental assistance and of people looking for jobs increased after COVID-19. Networking and massive outreach were recommended strategies to increase access to support services</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing including Rental Assistance and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Continuum of Care – Texas Homeless Network</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Statewide Homeless Advocacy Non-Profit</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Continuum of Care (COC)</i>
Regional/State	<i>State</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, January 20, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>THN Director of Engagement, the lead agency in the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, explained how their annual reports Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, Housing Inventory County (HIC), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data captures the number of people experiencing homelessness. PIT reports includes people living in unsheltered situations, people living in sheltered situations as well as a cumulative count. HIC shows what shelter and housing is available to people experiencing homelessness (emergency shelter and transitional housing) and people exiting homelessness (rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing). The need to (re-) establish a homeless coalition was expressed, a method to strengthen the community network and provide additional resources</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Women Together Foundation, Inc.</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Countywide Non-Profit focused on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention, Services and Housing</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Victims Service Providers</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Zoom Meeting, January 23, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 3</i>
Comments	<i>Director explained agency relies on state, federal, and local funding to sustain their budget. They operate a 16-unit apartment complex (only transitional housing in Hidalgo County) and an emergency shelter. Services include counseling, legal, educational, a men's program (those charged with domestic abuse), and other services to keep clientele safe and stabilize their life. Agency staffs 2 outreach offices in McAllen. Stated transportation is a barrier, especially for families living outside of city limits and need exists for long-term trauma counseling</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Fair Housing Council of Greater San Antonio</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Regional Non-Profit with focus on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, February 22, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 3, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Executive Director discussed their mission to eliminate housing discrimination, provide equitable housing opportunities, and reduce housing disparities. Their highest form of discrimination is disability; not only regional but nationwide. Housing problems are in issue. The stakeholder has a Testing Program, comparable to a mystery shopper, testers are sent to different sites, the results are evaluated to determine if discrimination is occurring.</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>The Housing Authority of the County of Hidalgo</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Countywide Public Housing Authority</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Housing Agencies (PHA)</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, March 15, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2 and QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>The organization identified a need for permanent support services and rental assistance. The organization has 55 units located in Weslaco and 20 units in San Juan; both have a 100% utilization rate. They manage 29 emergency housing vouchers. Their waitlist is 1.5 to 2 years with 85 families currently on the combined waitlist for the two sites. The agency has a low turnover rate for their units. The size of units most needed by QPs are 3 bedrooms. They indicated job training and budgeting education is needed for all QPs; a significant barrier that prohibits their residents from moving into permanent housing (becoming self-sufficient) is their lack of financial literacy. They highlighted the gaps in service to include: financial education, housing counseling, and budgeting</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Rental Assistance and Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Park and Recreation – City of McAllen</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Local Government</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, May 26, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP 2, QP 4</i>
Comments	<i>Deputy Director Operations & Maintenance discussed the need to assist the homeless population. Staff have run-ins with QP1 at the parks and community centers, specifically the one located near the Salvation Army. They occasionally go for free lunch offered to senior citizens. Unfortunately calls are made to the McAllen Police Department to detain homeless individuals that become combative. The deputy director role is to ensure clean and safe parks but one</i>

	<i>the biggest issues is defecation since restroom parks are closed at night. She currently found in the recent week's belongings of an individual in a used irrigation pump, this situation is yet to be resolved. Her time working in the community centers provided her the opportunity to inform those struggling with homelessness of different community services.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>McAllen Police Department</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Local Government</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Email, May 30, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP3, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>Chief Rodriguez reiterated concerns for individuals who lack nighttime residency. He acknowledges providing the homeless population shelters and supportive services would aid in decreasing calls his department receives regarding safety issues. He did note opposition to a one-stop center which had previously been proposed by another service provider</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Texas Department of Health and Human Services</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Health and Essential Human Services</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>State</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, May 31, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP3, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>The Public Health Liaison Officer discussed their income-based programs to assist families in the regions at any of their seven clinics. They work closely with other community agencies such as Unidos Contra La Diabetes, Community Service Agency, and Texas A&M Healthy South Texas. The Liaison Officer explained the decrease of applications coming through due to fear of jeopardizing citizenship. Any housing inquiries are referred out to Community Service Agency. The end of Title 42 also slowed office traffic; crossing illegally can push back application up to 7 years. A step further in assisting the homeless population is to provide services and tenant-based rental assistance. He also encourage an intervention for drug and alcohol abuse to help homeless individual suffering from substance abuse.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>McAllen Public Library</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Local Government</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, May 31, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP4</i>

Comments	<i>The Library Director has been instrumental in providing brochures to homeless individuals who congregate at the Library. She noted that a few individuals have set up camp in the parking lot. She explained how staff receives library services & homelessness sensitivity training. She acknowledged the need to establish a one-stop shop including health, therapy, and medication that can further assist the homeless community. She also stated that during the pandemic, an agency was delivering meals to homeless individuals who congregate at/or near the library. Barriers to accessing shelter stays, lack of proper identification, drug/alcohol abuse have been noted as troublesome by homeless persons. More specifically, she found that few understand the trauma homeless persons endured which have lead them to become homeless.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and support of affordable housing; including rental assistance</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	McAllen Code Enforcement
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Local Government</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, June 1, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>Code Enforcement Supervisor and managers discussed their experience with homeless individuals in the city. They provide verbal shelter information and resources in the community. Homeless individuals seek shelter in substandard houses. The department collaborates with Public Works and Animal Control. Unfortunately, Homeless individual's pets are picked-up and sent to the shelter if the owner is arrested. There have been incidents of homeless individuals being cited for not having pet vaccinated or off the leash. Most congregation occurs in the downtown area.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	Hidalgo County WIC Program
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Supplemental Nutrition Services</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>State</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, June 2, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP 1, QP2, QP3, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>Hidalgo County WIC Program Coordinator explained the requirements to receive services from their supplemental nutrition program. Clinics can serve anyone that provides the acceptable method of documentation about 20 and live in Texas. The program absorbed Rio Grande and Roma 15 years ago now having a caseload of over 59,000 individuals. Legal status does not affect eligibility. The program is income-based; SNAP/TANF recipients automatically qualify for the supplemental nutrition program. COVID-19 did not impede services offered; curbside is still available and traditional courses every three months when benefits are renewed. Since 2000, they have only served five reported homeless families living at the time shelters, hotel vouchers, and respite center. They refer the community to 2-1-1 for additional services.</i>

High Priority Need	<i>Acquisition Development and Support of Affordable Housing</i>
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Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Council for South Texas Economic Progress</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Economic and Workforce Development</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, May 2 , 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP4</i>
Comments	<i>The Chief Executive Officer oversees the economic development in the South Texas Region by recruiting businesses to the area. COSTEP works with a private organization to offer higher education opportunities such as scholarships, GED, and certifications for trait jobs. No direct services provided to the QP's. Overall, enticing companies to the area can offer jobs and increase salaries for QP's 4.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Adult Protective Services</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Regional Services for Senior Citizens</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations</i>
Regional/State	<i>State</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, June 2, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>The Adult Protective Services Program Administrator discussed how they service adults 65+. A case is open when an allegation is made of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. There are 4 different levels determining the level of action needed to remedy the allegation. She addressed the limited funding the agency receives which hinders their ability to service. Legal actions takes place when the homeless individuals are unable to make decisions for themselves due to medical reasons. They never closed during COVID-19 and visited homes since they are required to see the alleged victim. There 10% clientele that released by hospitals that are improperly released. There limited services for the elderly. Due to the demand they unable to prioritize elderly with no citizenship. They work closely with Silver Ribbon another consulting agency that focuses on senior citizens.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Pharr Housing Authority</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Public Housing Authority</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Housing Authority (PHA)</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, June 6, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>The Executive Director and Chairman for the Prosperity Task Force - Housing Sub-Committee discussed the ongoing projects and future projects to develop multi-family and senior units. They receive 845 vouchers, all distributed. Most</i>

	<i>recently, they received 5 stability vouchers for VAWA. They do not have VASH vouchers. Due to the out state requests, they have imposed a preference for applicants whose zip codes are within the city limits. They review every 100 applications but they about 3,000 pending applications. On average, it takes about a 1-year get off the wait list. He explained how HUD approved admin fees to charge landlord incentives including repairs up to \$2,500 for any damage caused by the tenant. The need for vouchers have remained consistent despite COVID-19. However, the need for more rental units increased as did the cost of rental units. He explained that funding is expected to deplete before the funding cycle ends. For this reason, they submitted a request for additional funding to cover the difference.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Edinburg Housing Authority</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Public Housing Authority</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Housing Authority (PHA)</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, June 9, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP3, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>The Executive Director and Executive Assistant oversee 325 housing units, over 1,000 vouchers provided in Edinburg. A total of 35 emergency vouchers for DV and at-risk households. Public Housing has 485 families and Section 8 has 938 families. In order to keep up with high demands waitlists are purged daily successfully issuing 50 vouchers monthly. Families are able to receive assistance within 6-9 months.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Valley Association for Independent Living</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Services for Independent living skills</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities</i>
Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, June 13, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP 3, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>The Peer and Transition Services Coach explained during the consultation the different services offered to their consumers. The organizations goal is to prepare and provide skills for independent living. Services offered include physical therapy, medical equipment, and medication. They work closely with other community agencies including Texas Workforce Solutions and Area Agency on Aging. She also mentioned the different counties they serve are Hidalgo, Zapata, and Jim Hogg with two different satellite offices in McAllen and Laredo.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Supportive Services</i>

Agency/Org Consulted	<i>Mission Housing Authority</i>
Type of Agency/Org	<i>Public Housing Authority</i>
HUD – Agency	<i>Public Housing Authority (PHA)</i>

Regional/State	<i>Regional</i>
Method/Date of Consultation	<i>Telephone Conference, June 14, 2023</i>
Affected QP	<i>QP1, QP2, QP3, QP4</i>
Comments	<i>The Executive Director explained the dire need of affordable housing in the region. The increase in rent in the last two years has increased by \$150 monthly. This new cost of rents exceed eligibility under HUD's standards making it difficult for families to find affordable housing. He discussed the needs to provide services that would cover cost such as deposits for utilities and first month of rent. Mission is in the process of building affordable units. Due to the substandard units available in the Mission families are unable to find units within the 120 days vouchers are issued. The utilization success rate for issued vouchers is at 44%. He prioritized building of affordable housing to further assist the community and to ensure vouchers are utilized successfully.</i>
High Priority Need	<i>Development and Support of Affordable Housing</i>

While the participants/stakeholders/interested parties are delineated above, staff attempted to schedule consultations via phone and/or email with the following agencies. Staff either did not receive a return call/email or declined to participate. Additional information regarding their attempted dates is located in the Appendix.

Valley AIDS Council (VAC)	Hidalgo County Emergency Management	Children Advocacy Center Hidalgo and Starr Counties
El Milagro Clinic	CASA of Hidalgo County, Inc.	Texas Department of State Health Services
Community Hope Projects, Inc.	Nuestra Clinica del Valle - Pharr	Access Esperanza Clinics, Inc.
South Texas Civil Rights Project	ARISE Support Center	American Red Cross McAllen
Mercedes Housing Authority	Edcouch Housing Authority	City of Alamo
City of Donna	City of Edcouch	City of Elsa
City of Granjero	City of Hidalgo	City of La Joya
City of La Villa	City of Mercedes	City of Palmhurst
City of Palmview	City of Penitas	City of Progreso Lakes
City of Sullivan City	City of Weslaco	Hidalgo County Precinct No 2 Office
Alamo Housing Authority	Donna Housing Authority	
Elsa Housing Authority	La Joya Housing Authority	
San Juan Housing Authority	Weslaco Housing Authority	

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation:

During the consultation, participating agencies ranked the four eligible activities based on the priority needs in the community. The highest ranked priority need for the qualifying populations is development and support of affordable housing, including rental and utility assistance. The agencies often highlighted the affordability in the area was unreasonable for the qualifying population to sustain much less with the rising cost of living. They also indicated HUD's Fair Markets Rents (FMR) were too low in comparison to the rents found within the region; this differential limited the number/availability of units eligible to receive HUD's program assistance.

Supportive services to assist the qualifying populations was the second highest ranked need. The agencies expressed how supportive services can be utilized to prevent incidences of homeless and/or break the cycle of homelessness. Many indicated financial literacy/counseling and budgeting were needed in order to sustain or stabilize housing.

Of note, no agency prioritized acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters. However, the consultation process solidified the notion that community agencies are proactively working on delivering quality services to individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations while acknowledging that additional fiscal resources are necessary to fill gaps.

We successfully consulted with all three primary service providers serving the qualifying population; The Salvation Army of McAllen, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, and Women Together Foundation Inc. Our region is a cluster of communities, the services available to the qualifying populations is limited. McAllen is the community's hub for resources since the only two shelters in the county are located within city limits. Notably, all consulting agencies work with all primary agencies for supportive and housing services to assist individuals and families in the qualifying populations.

Consultation feedback from the additional twelve agencies did not defer from the previously noted rental assistance and supportive services to bridge the unmet gap needs. Significantly, the City has identified the cost of rent and landlord resistance has increased since COVID-19. For this reasons, the City will provide the necessary resources to ensure services are available to decrease housing instability.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- Dates of Public Notice: Wednesday, February 8, 2023
- Public comment period: Wednesday, February 15, 2023, through Tuesday, March 7, 2023
- Public hearing: Monday, March 6, 2023

Additional solicitation includes/will include:

- Date of Public Notice: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 (El Periódico) and Thursday, June 1, 2023 (The Monitor)
- Public Comment Period: Wednesday, May 31, 2023 through Tuesday, June 20, 2023
- Public Hearing: Monday, June 19, 2023 at 10:00 McAllen Housing Authority – Family Development Center (2501 Jasmine) and 3:00 P.M. at City Hall – Conference Room #2A

Describe the public participation process:

As an entitlement community, a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) has been adopted. The CPP mandates a minimum 15-day notification prior to holding a public hearing. The City placed an advertisement in El Periódico, a Spanish language newspaper, on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 advising of the availability of the draft document on February 15, 2023 through Thursday, March 2, 2023 and a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 5:30 in the City Commission Chambers. The notice indicating the February 23, 2023 public hearing was also posted in the City's outside bulletin board, which is readily accessible 24-hours a day.

Due to a publishing error, The Monitor, the newspaper of largest general circulation, advertisement was placed on Friday, February 17, 2023. It also announced the availability of the draft document but extended the comment period until Tuesday, March 7, 2023 and added an additional public hearing for Monday, March 6, 2023. Both notices

encouraged interested parties to make their views known as well as indicated persons with disabilities, non-English speaking or limited English proficient could receive interpreter services with notice to the City. Further, it allowed for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing to utilize 7-1-1 in order to participate in the HOME-ARP process.

Due to an emergency evacuation at City Hall, the public hearing of February 23rd was cancelled. Still, the second hearing was held; no one appeared to make their views known. The comment period sunset the following day, Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the close of business without any comments made or received. The comment period of the draft document ran from Wednesday, February 15, 2023 until Tuesday, March 7, 2023, allowing for the minimum 15-day period as prescribed by CPD Notice 21-10.

El Periódico published the advertisement of the draft availability on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. The Monitor advertisement was placed on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Similar to the previous publication, the notice also announced the availability of the draft document for a comment period that would expire on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 as well as two additional public hearings on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 10:00 McAllen Housing Authority – Family Development Center (2501 Jasmine) and 3:00 P.M. at City Hall – Conference Room #2A. Both notices encouraged interested parties to make their views known as well as indicated persons with disabilities, non-English speaking or limited English proficient could receive interpreter services with notice to the City. Further, it allowed for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing to utilize 7-1-1 in order to participate in the HOME-ARP process.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation

To begin the public participation process, a countywide survey was made available from mid-December through late January. It was available in English through an online link and, in paper format in Spanish, available upon request. While the survey was a joint effort between the City of McAllen and the Hidalgo County-Urban County Program to engage a large number of interested parties, survey participants were able to select whether their services were available to City and/or County residents. This collaboration helped extend public participation.

In order to further broaden participation, an email blast introducing the HOME-ARP process as well as the link to the survey was sent to City/County leadership, school district personnel, non-profit organizations, and police departments. The City also included its Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) in the distribution of the survey. The CDAC is a fourteen-member board which is appointed by the City Commission in order to facilitate the Community Development process inclusive of citizen participation, recommendation of project funding and oversight of project milestones.

In addition, the City announced the survey availability during the four technical assistance seminars it held in conjunction with its annual application process. Approximately sixty individuals attended the session, representing twenty local non-profit organizations who provide varied services to low- and moderate-income individuals.

Also, efforts to engage citizen participation were also made through traditional means such as publications in the newspaper and postings outside City Hall which announced the availability of the draft document. Less traditional means included online/internet postings and notices of the public hearings and draft document availability. Notices included the ability to remit comments in-person at the public hearing, orally through telephone calls to the Grant Administration office and via email.

Lastly, the City attempted to engage new participants in the redevelopment of this document. Contact was initiated with the following public agencies.

- McAllen Police Department
- McAllen Fire Department
- City of McAllen Health & Code Enforcement
- McAllen 311
- McAllen Public Library
- Metro McAllen
- McAllen Parks and Recreation
- McAllen Public Works
- Office of the Attorney General
- Texas Adult Protective Services
- Texas WIC
- Health and Human Services
- Texas State Independent Living
- Council for South Texas Economics Progress
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council
- Pharr Housing Authority
- Edinburg Housing Authority
- Mission Housing Authority
- VAIL Center for Independent Living

Further, the City held two public hearings in different locations. In an attempt to engage additional consultations, one of the hearings was scheduled at the McAllen Housing Authority – Family Development Center.

During the development of this document, the City was actively working on Consolidated Plan and 2023 Annual Action Plan with other public jurisdictions including UCP. A survey link was accessible on City's website to receive feedback for the implementation of CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. In order to receive further input, the City hosted an open meeting for community stakeholders and service providers to discuss priority needs including homelessness in the region. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan assesses homelessness by strategizing measures to effectively provide shelter to each homeless person and assist in providing supportive services to regain independence.

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

While comments were actively received during the consultation process, the reverse was true during the solicitation of comments regarding the draft document. Although solicited online, through English and Spanish-written newspapers as well as noted on draft documents placed at the public library and branch libraries, no comments were received in writing, at the public hearing or via regular mail or email.

Any comments received during the 15-day comment period beginning May 31, 2023 and ending June 20, 2023 will be incorporated into the final version of this document.

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

Even though no comments were received during the comment period, the City acknowledges the items brought forth during the consultation process have merit. Rental assistance and supportive services are required for housing stability.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAPS ANALYSIS

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations

The City of McAllen utilized the information gathered during its consultation process as well as resources provided by the Texas Homeless Network, the McAllen Independent School District, U.S. Census Bureau, and local and state reports in development of this section.

As noted above, the City and Hidalgo Urban County Program approached the consultation collectively, each assessed their jurisdiction qualifying population's needs, gaps in services, recommendations and suggestions. For ease of readership, this section begins with an overall description of the City's demographics. It is then followed by third-party data (chart or tabular) that is subsequently followed by a brief narrative of the data results and its use/applicability to the descriptive characteristics of qualifying populations.

The Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Census estimates the City's population is more than 142,000. This represents a significant increase over the 2010 Census. The jurisdiction is predominately white (single race, 34%) with a Hispanic ethnicity of approximately 87%. As reported in the 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, the number of veterans residing in McAllen represents nearly 4%.

ACS 1-Year Estimates also state:

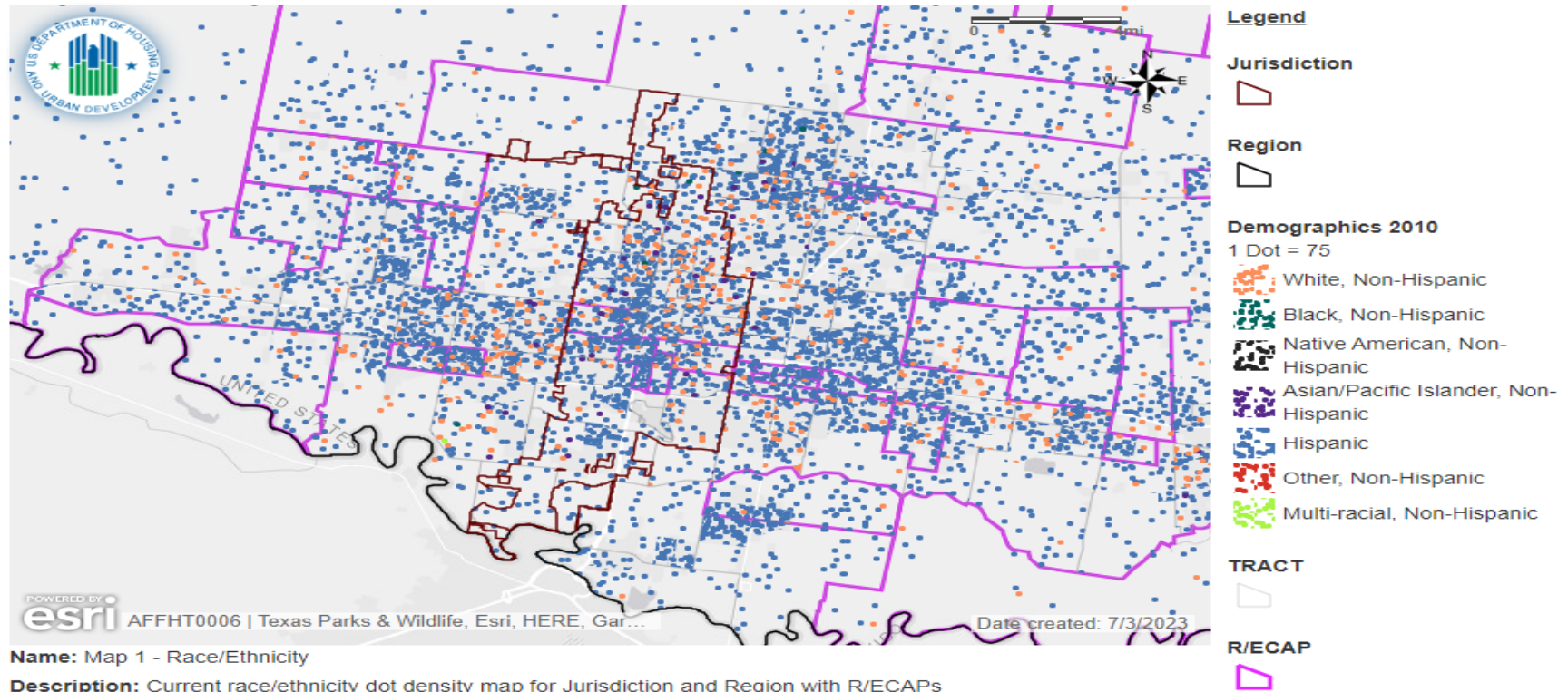
- Median household income of McAllen residents is 86% of the State of Texas' median household income, \$57,359 and \$66,963, respectively.
- City data shows a poverty rate of 16.6% compared to the State's 14.2%.
- Median gross rent in McAllen is \$906

The utilization of mapping tools were necessary to best visualize the size and demographics in the City.

Mapping tools captured social and economic factors featuring income levels, health disparities, ethnicity/race and other groups. FEMA Risk Index identified group clusters, which further support the need to provide rental assistance and supportive services to all the qualifying population.

The maps below exemplify the demographics for the City providing numerical data of race, national origin, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and disability type. The cost of transportation and job accessibility in the region is critical since it limits individuals to surrounding areas which may not have the necessary resources within walking distance.

AFFH Map 1A – Race/Ethnicity



Name: Map 1 - Race/Ethnicity

Description: Current race/ethnicity dot density map for Jurisdiction and Region with R/ECAPs

Jurisdiction: McAllen (CDBG, HOME)

Region: McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX

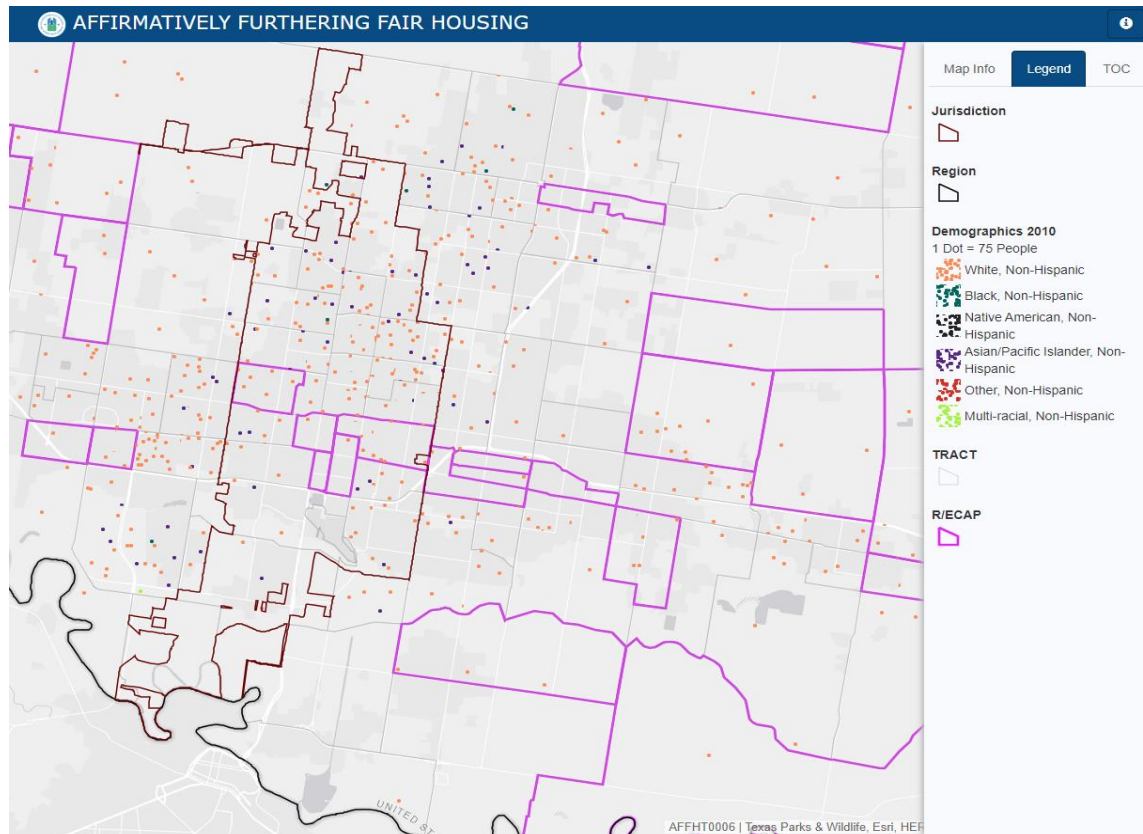
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Race/Ethnicity	McAllen, TX CDBG Jurisdiction		McAllen-Edinburg-Mission Region	
	Persons	Percentage	Persons	Percentage
White, Non-Hispanic	15,404	11.81%	60,553	7.82%
Black, Non-Hispanic	846	0.65%	2,777	0.36%
Hispanic	110,164	84.49%	702,206	90.63%
Asian or Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	3,336	2.56%	7,171	0.93%
Native American, Non-Hispanic	123	0.09%	524	0.07%
Two or More Races, Non-Hispanic	426	0.33%	1,190	0.15%
Other, Non-Hispanic	95	0.07%	348	0.04%

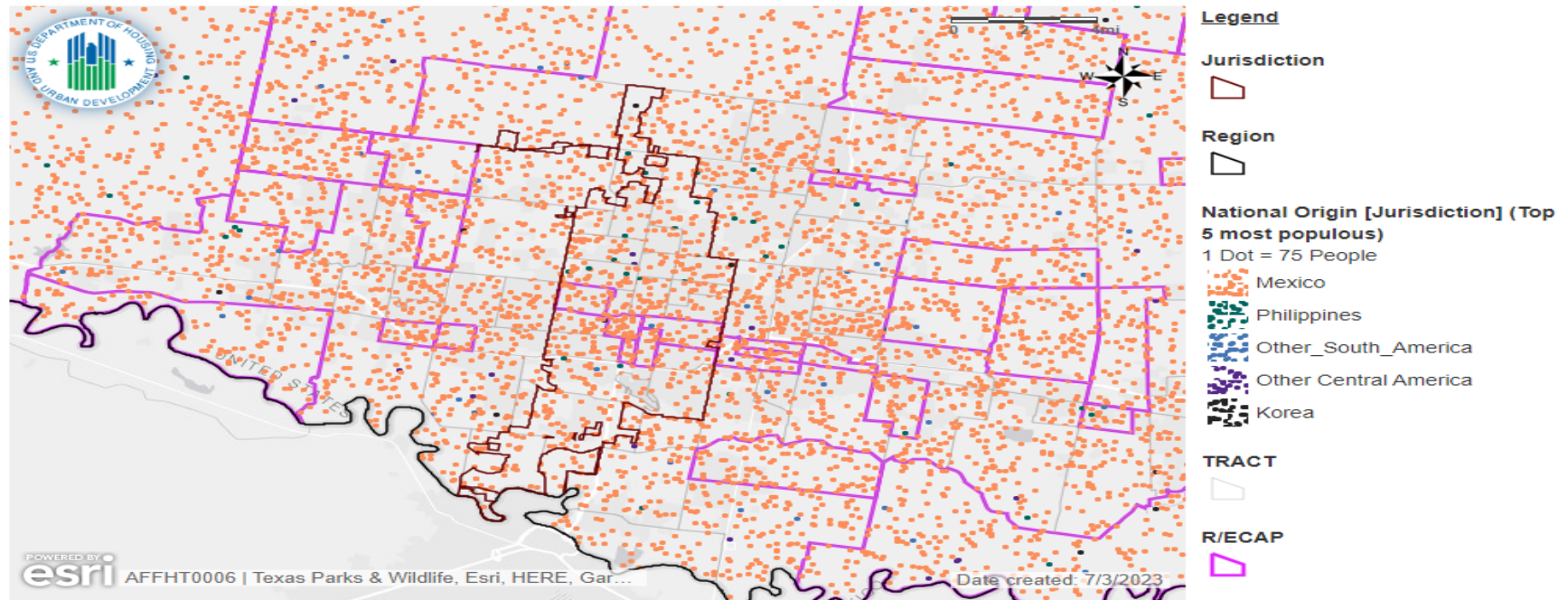
The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 1A – Race/Ethnicity depicts all races residing within the City boundaries. The coloration of blue is illustrates predominately Hispanics with a few White households living within the low-income R/ECAPs. Other races such as Asian and White were reported outside the R/ECAPs and further north where housing costs are higher and unaffordable for low-income families.

Map 1B removed Hispanic demographic to show the number of persons living within the R/ECAP's with few identifying as white race. The data supports majority are Hispanics living within the R/ECAPs potentially receiving housing and supportive services.

[AFFH Map 1B – Race/Ethnicity without Hispanic demographic](#)



AFFH Map 3A – National Origin



Name: Map 3 - National Origin

Description: Current national origin (5 most populous) dot density map for Jurisdiction and Region with R/ECAPs

Jurisdiction: Mc Allen (CDBG, HOME)

Region: McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX

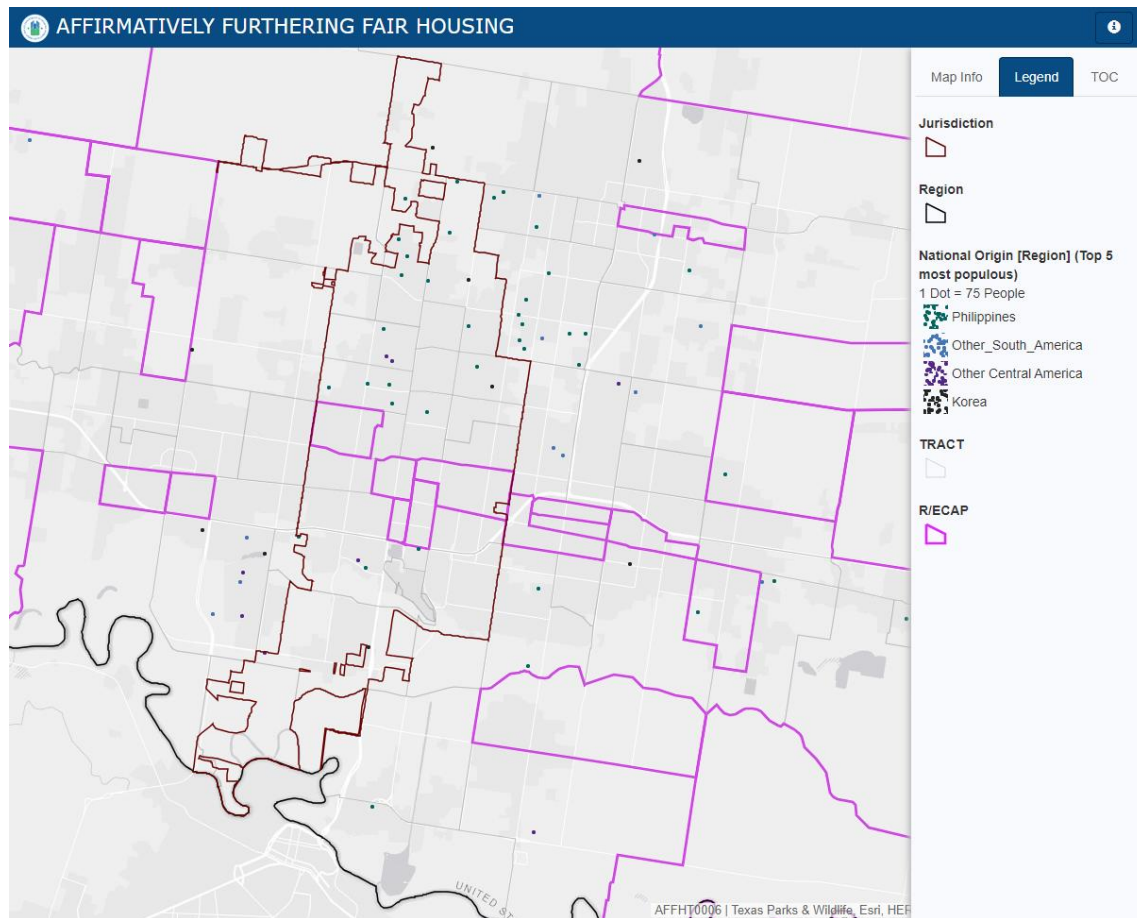
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National Origin	McAllen, TX CDBG Jurisdiction			McAllen-Edinburg-Mission Region		
	Persons	Percentage		Persons	Percentage	
#1 country of origin	Mexico	33,130	26.33%	Mexico	219,820	29.70%
#2 country of origin	Philippines	1,735	1.38%	Philippines	3,543	0.48%
#3 country of origin	Other South America	560	0.45%	Other Central America	2,246	0.30%
#4 country of origin	Other Central America	410	0.33%	Canada	1,749	0.24%
#5 country of origin	Korea	300	0.24%	Other South America	1,390	0.19%
#6 country of origin	India	265	0.21%	El Salvador	901	0.12%
#7 country of origin	El Salvador	225	0.18%	India	746	0.10%
#8 country of origin	Other Caribbean	205	0.16%	Korea	679	0.09%
#9 country of origin	France	200	0.16%	Other Caribbean	445	0.06%
#10 country of origin	Canada	165	0.13%	Colombia	392	0.05%

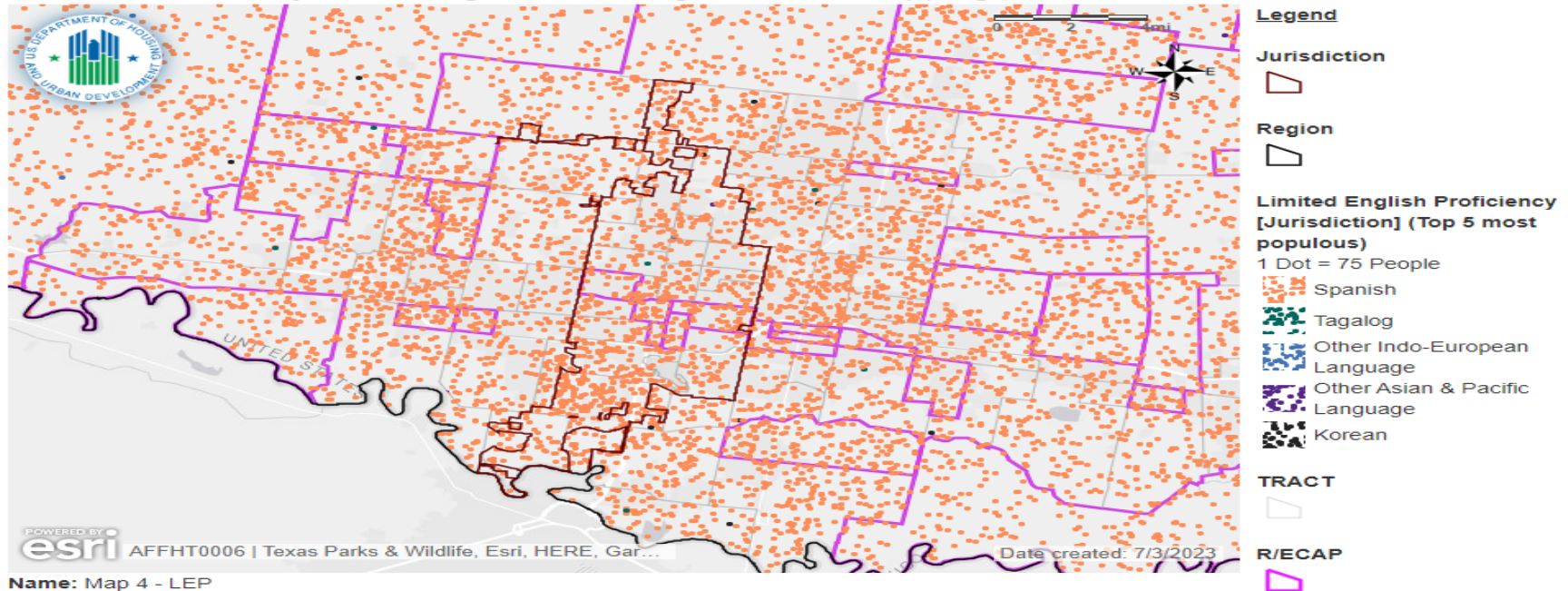
The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 3A – National Origin depicts all races residing within the City boundaries. As noted previously, we are a border town to Mexico having several international bridges including one that is operated by the City. The highest reported origin is from Mexico this data does not reflect any changes from previous report census tracts.

Map 3B data removes Hispanic data to show the second highest reported country is the Philippines. The 2nd high origin identified reside outside the R/ECAPs and north of the City where housing cost are more expensive.

[AFFH Map 3B – National Origin without Hispanic demographic](#)



AFFH Map 4A – LEP



Name: Map 4 - LEP

Description: LEP persons (5 most commonly used languages) for Jurisdiction and Region with R/ECAPs

Jurisdiction: McAllen (CDBG, HOME)

Region: McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX

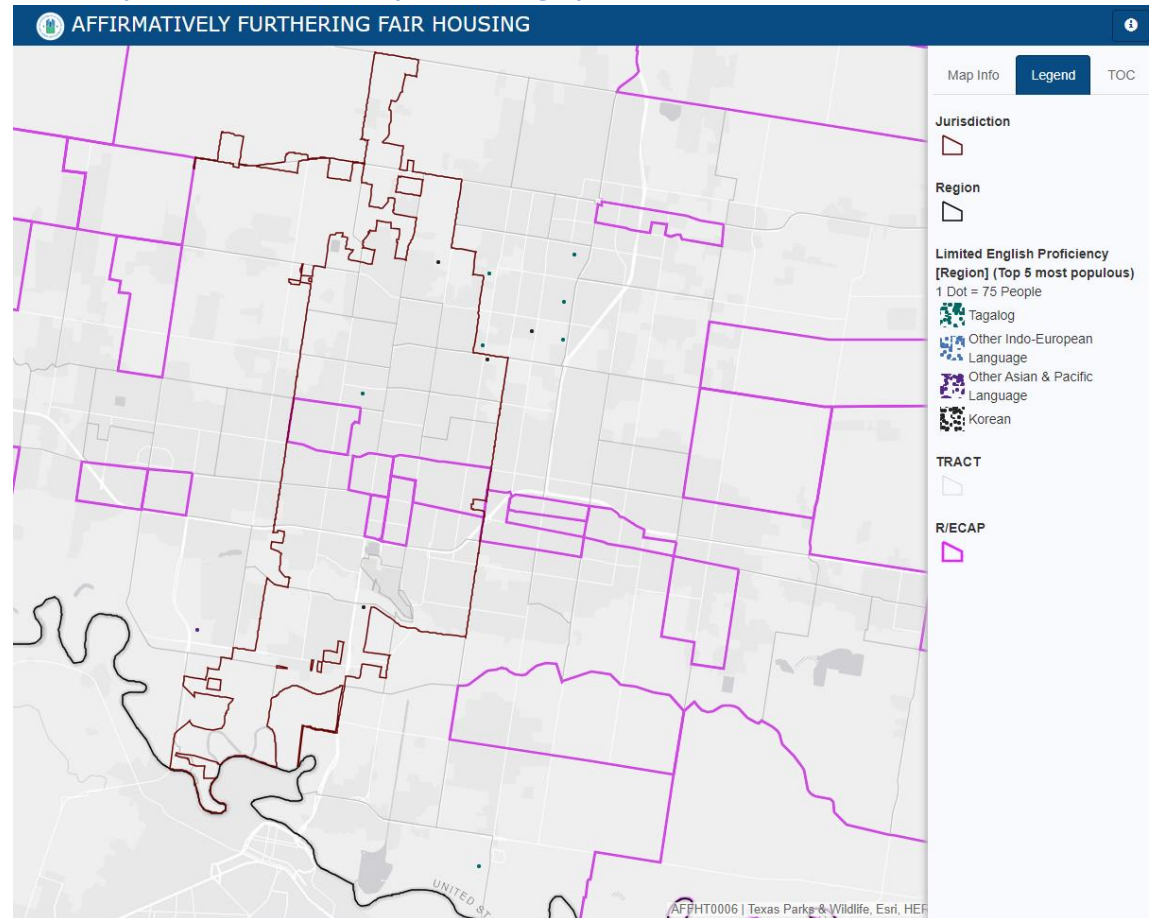
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Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Language	McAllen, TX CDBG Jurisdiction			McAllen-Edinburg-Mission Region		
		Persons	Percentage		Persons	Percentage
#1 LEP Language	Spanish	95,690	76.04%	Spanish	233,749	31.58%
#2 LEP Language	Tagalog	1,505	1.20%	Tagalog	685	0.09%
#3 LEP Language	Other Indo-European Language	490	0.39%	Other Asian & Pacific Language	535	0.07%
#4 LEP Language	Other Asian & Pacific Language	290	0.23%	Korean	452	0.06%
#5 LEP Language	Korean	250	0.20%	French	342	0.05%
#6 LEP Language	French	245	0.19%	Other Indo-European Language	238	0.03%
#7 LEP Language	Other & Unspecified Language	230	0.18%	Chinese	189	0.03%
#8 LEP Language	Chinese	175	0.14%	Vietnamese	114	0.03%
#9 LEP Language	Slavic Language	95	0.08%	Other & Unspecified Language	60	0.01%
#10 LEP Language	Vietnamese	90	0.07%	West Germanic Language	36	0.00%

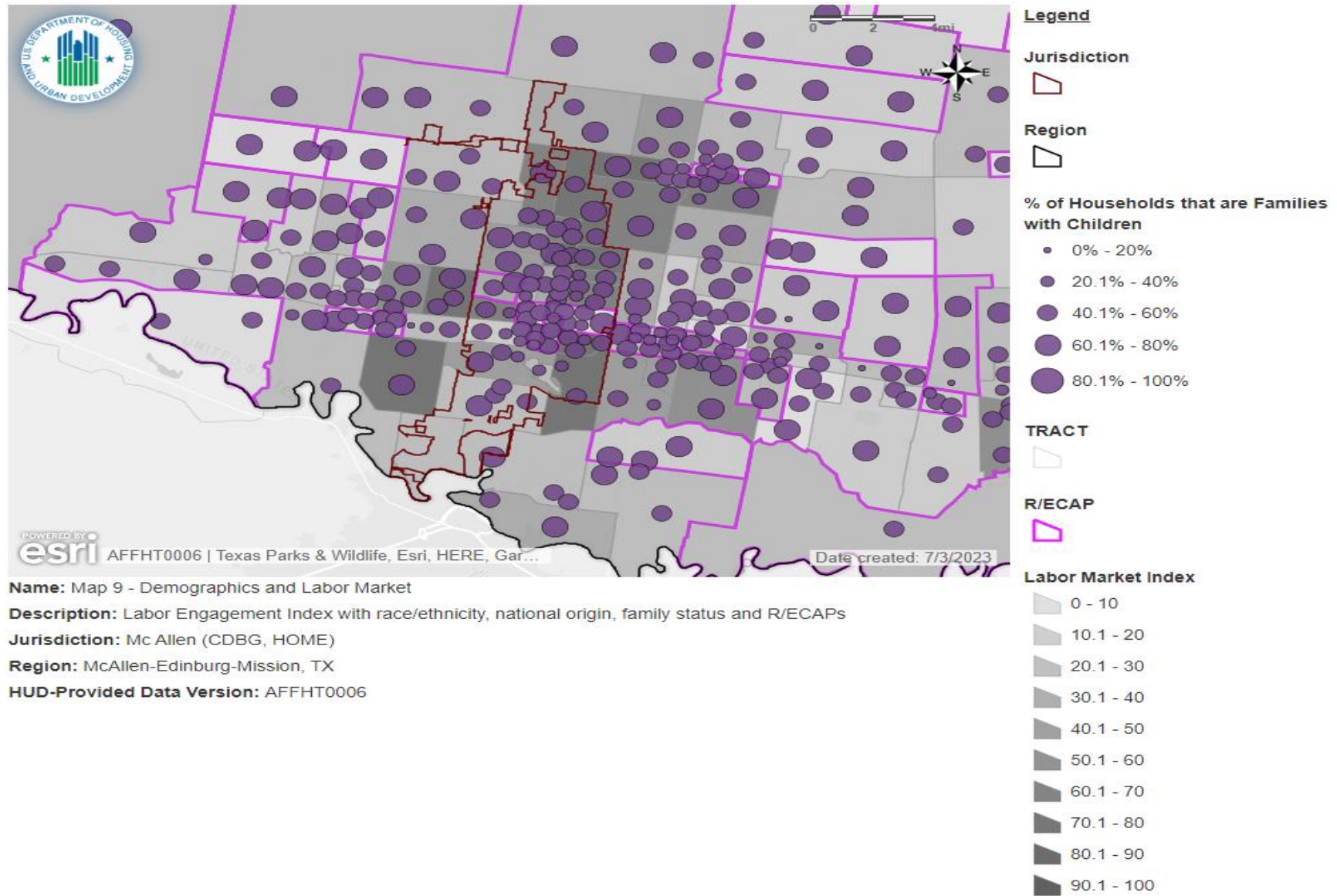
The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 4A – LEP depicts most commonly used language within the City boundaries with a reported of 96,690 person speaking Spanish. As a border town and with a Mexico being the highest reported national origin, the reported numbers of Limited English Proficiency does not decrease. We ensure all publication of projects is available in English and Spanish newspapers. During public participation a bilingual staff member is on-site to facilitate communication. Upon request, documents are available in Spanish.

Map 4B removes the Spanish language reflecting the 2nd highest spoken language is Tagalog with only 1,505 persons less than 2% percent of the population. These individuals are not reported within the R/ECAPs.

AFFH Map 4B – LEP without Hispanic demographic



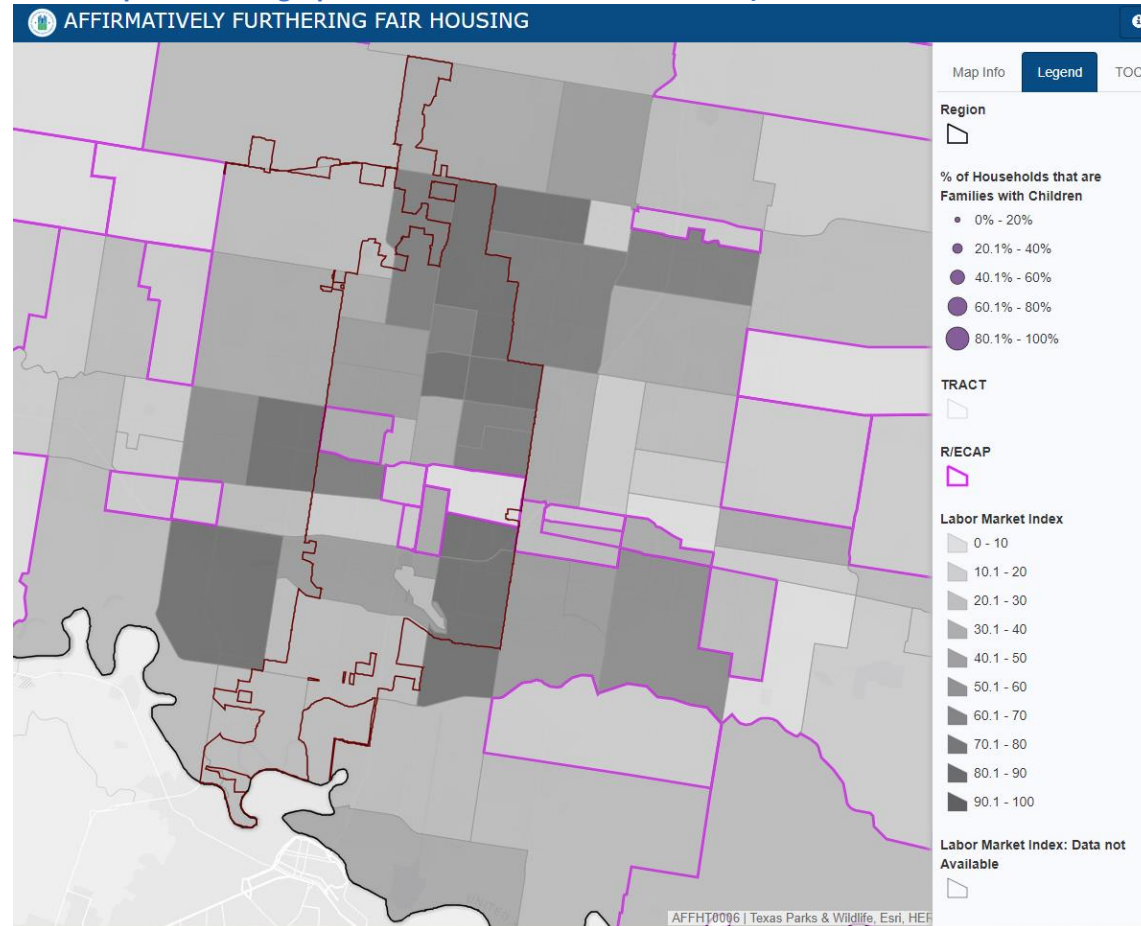
AFFH Map 9A – Demographic and Labor Market



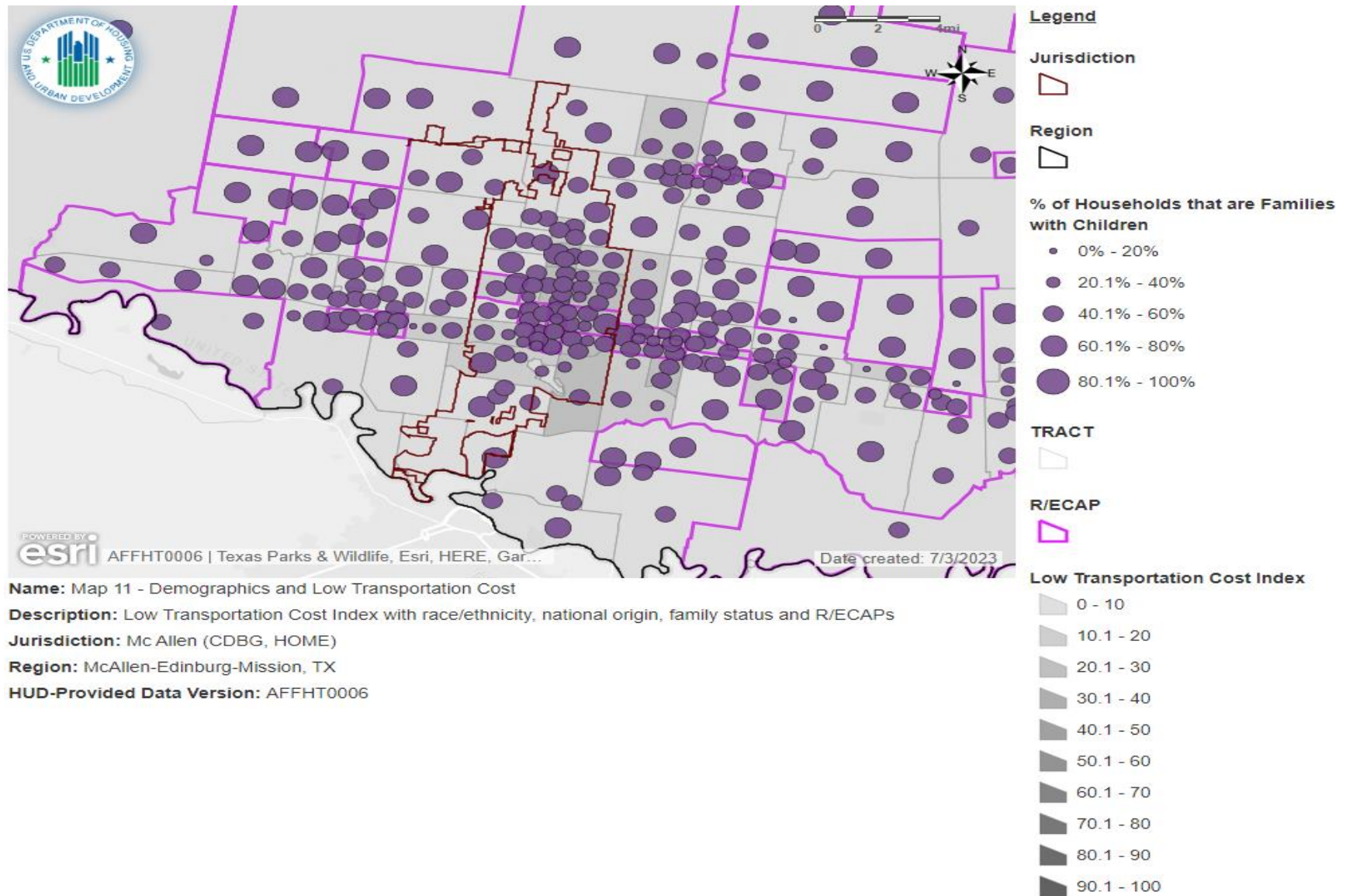
The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 9A – Demographic and Labor Market within the City boundaries. A higher percentage of families reside within the R/ECAPs. The labor market engagement reflect lighter shades within the four R/ECAPs, the utilization to provide job training to strengthen their opportunities in finding higher paying jobs.

Map9B removed families with children depicting all job market engagement in the City are reported outside the R/ECAPs boundaries hindering job opportunities for the residing low-income families.

AFFH Map 9B – Demographic and Labor Market without family and children



AFFH Map 11A – Demographic and Low Transportation Cost



Name: Map 11 - Demographics and Low Transportation Cost

Description: Low Transportation Cost Index with race/ethnicity, national origin, family status and R/ECAPs

Jurisdiction: McAllen (CDBG, HOME)

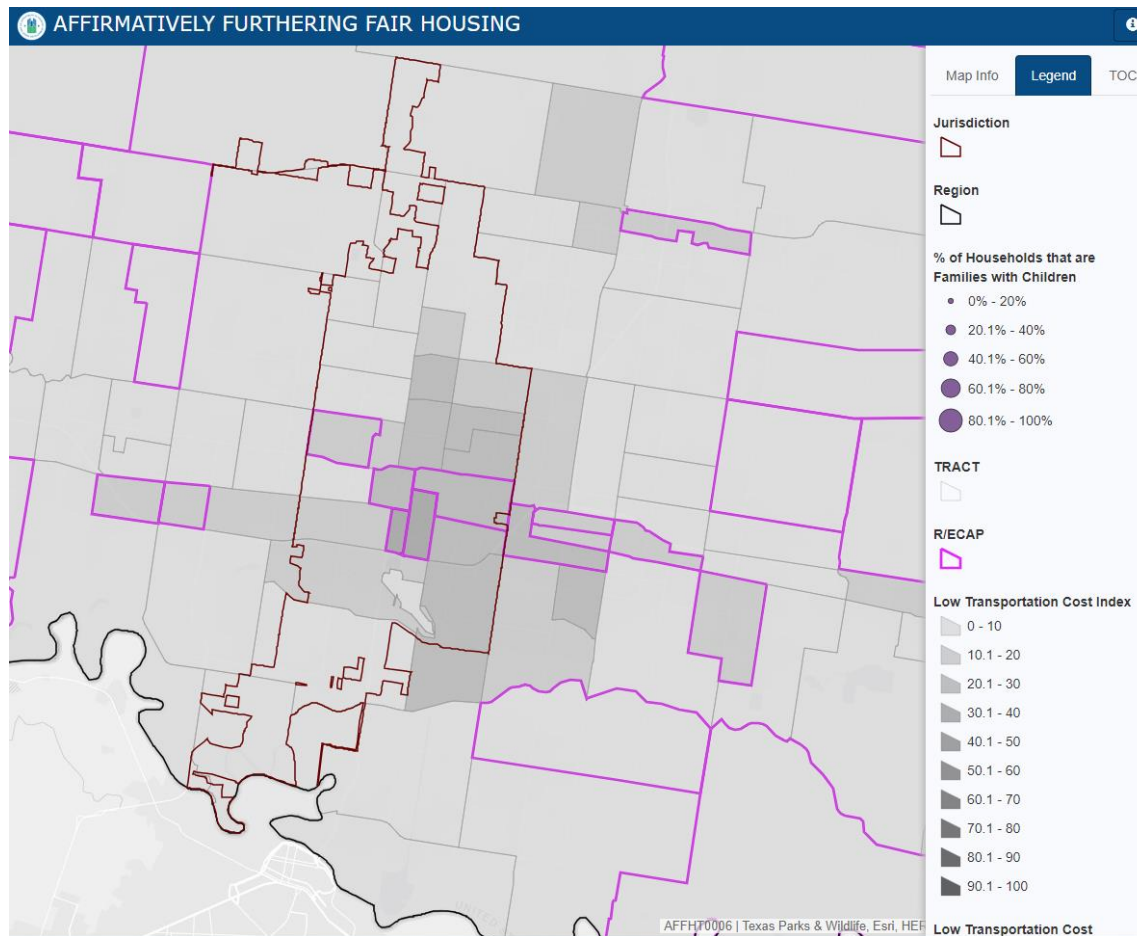
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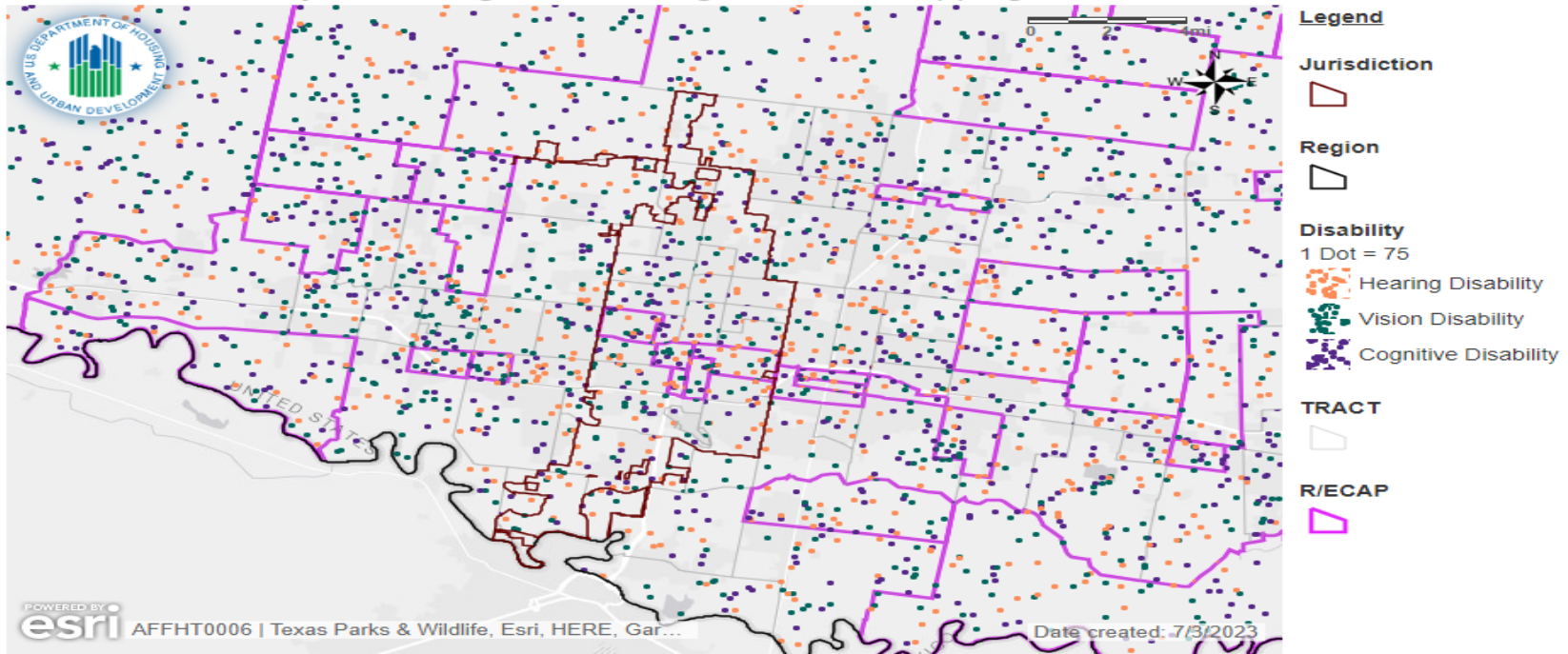
The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 11A – Demographic and Low Transportation Cost within the City boundaries. During the consultation one of discussed barriers for the QP’s included transportation services. The map reports within the R/ECAPs lighter shades with less than 30% of cost. Transportation is essential in a growing community and will hinder families struggling to find affordable transportation.

Map 11B removed the families with children data to clearly showcase the low transportation cost within the four R/ECAPs located in the City. As per the cost index, less than 50% of those living within the R/ECAPs have affordable transportation available in their area. It is important to note, no area has a 90-100% of low transportation cost. Further expanding available routes making it accessible to rural parts of the City.

[AFFH Map 11B – Demographic and Low Transportation Cost without families and children](#)



AFFH Map 14A – Disability by Type Hearing, Vision, and Cognitive



Name: Map 14 - Disability by Type

Description: Dot density map of the population of persons with disabilities by persons with vision, hearing, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living difficulties with R/ECAPs for Jurisdiction and Region

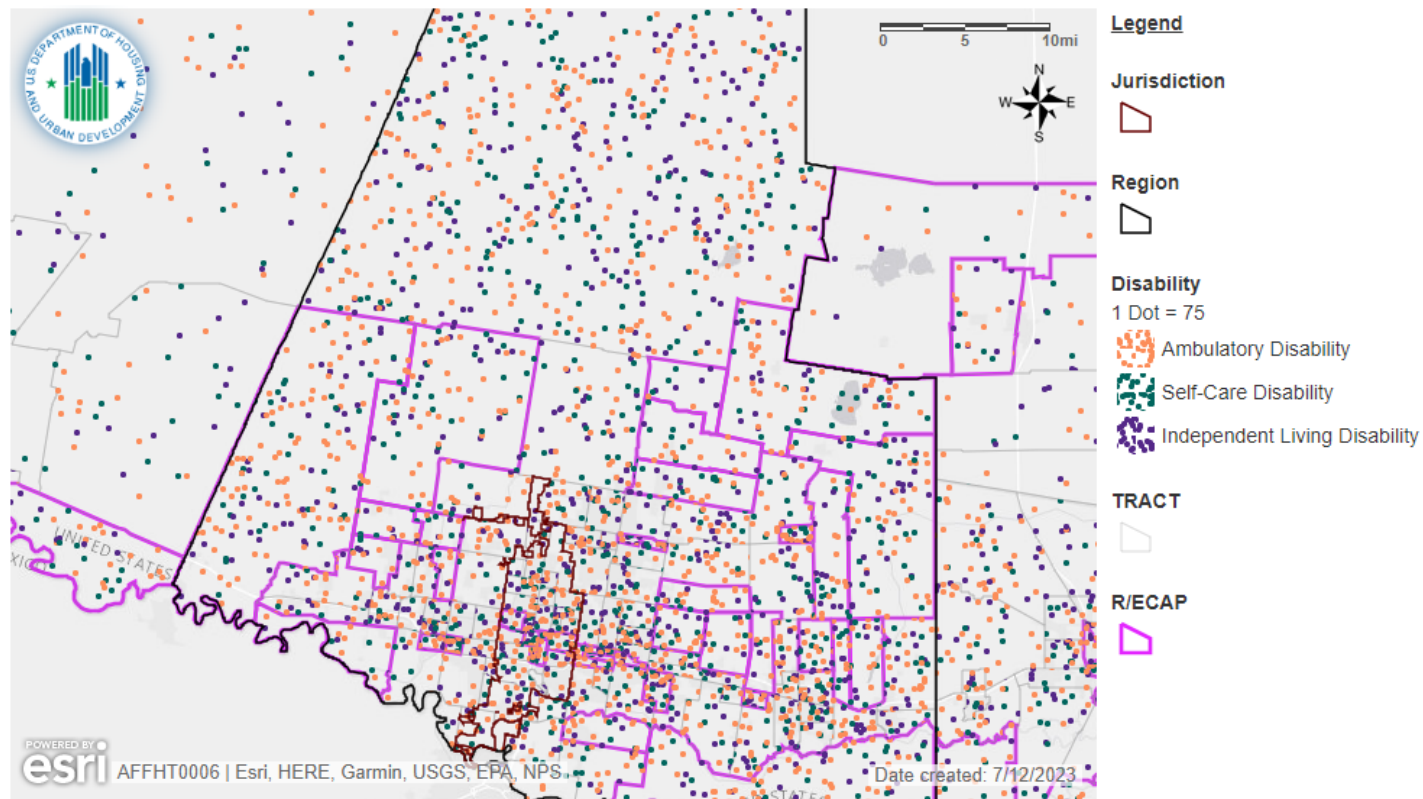
Jurisdiction: Mc Allen (CDBG, HOME)

Region: McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX

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Disability Type	McAllen, TX CDBG Jurisdiction		McAllen-Edinburg-Mission Region	
	Persons	Percentage	Persons	Percentage
Hearing difficulty	5,425	4.35%	30,871	4.22%
Vision difficulty	4,930	3.95%	35,458	4.84%
Cognitive difficulty	6,175	4.95%	39,166	5.35%
Ambulatory difficulty	8,880	7.12%	53,611	7.32%
Self-care difficulty	5,175	4.15%	30,559	4.17%
Independent living difficulty	6,145	4.92%	34,215	4.67%

AFFH Map 14B – Disability by Type Ambulatory, Self-Care, and Independent Living



Name: Map 14 - Disability by Type

Description: Dot density map of the population of persons with disabilities by persons with vision, hearing, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living difficulties with R/ECAPs for Jurisdiction and Region

Jurisdiction: McAllen (CDBG, HOME)

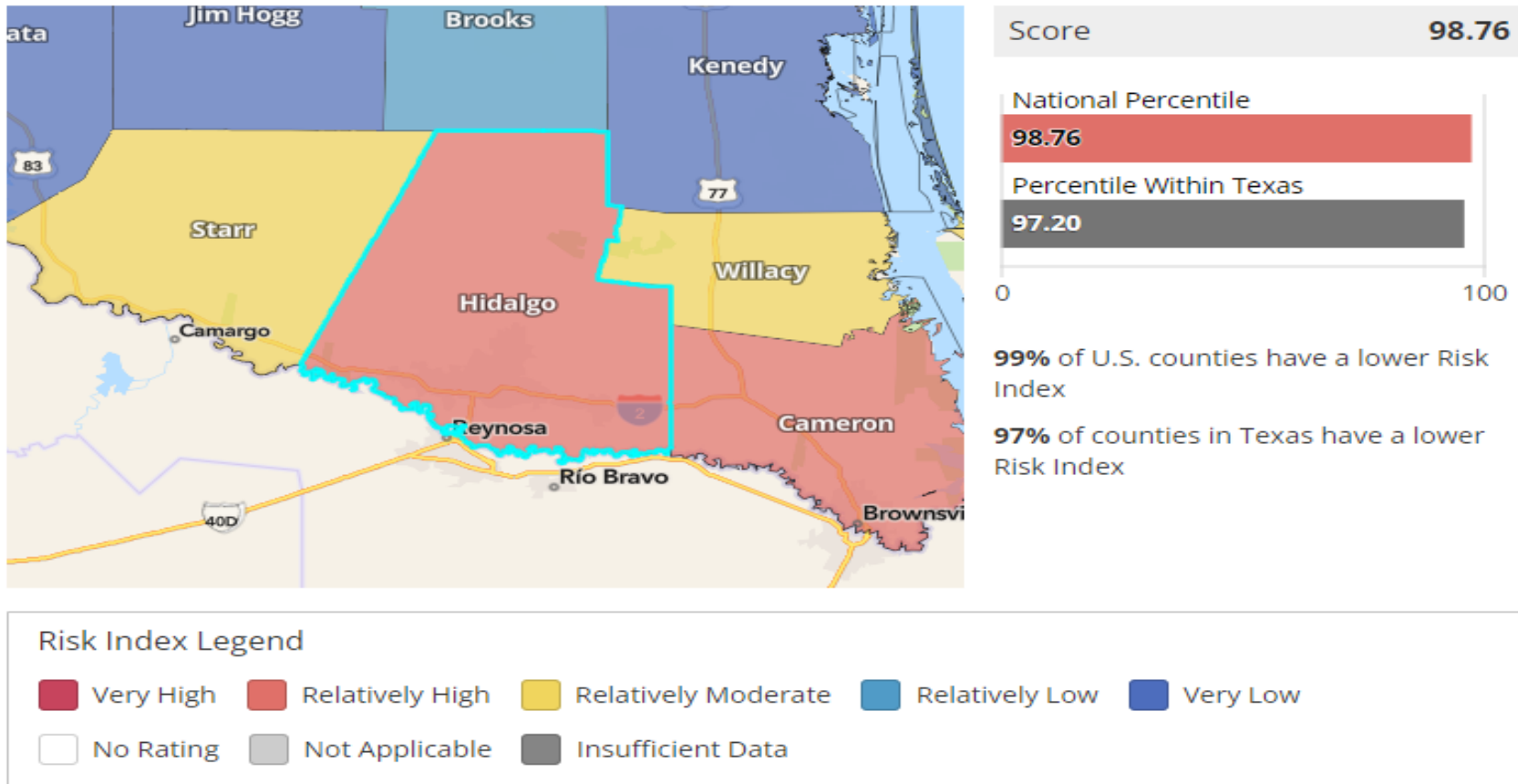
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FEMA National Risk Index A1

Risk Index

The Risk Index rating is **Relatively High** for **Hidalgo County, TX** when compared to the rest of the U.S.

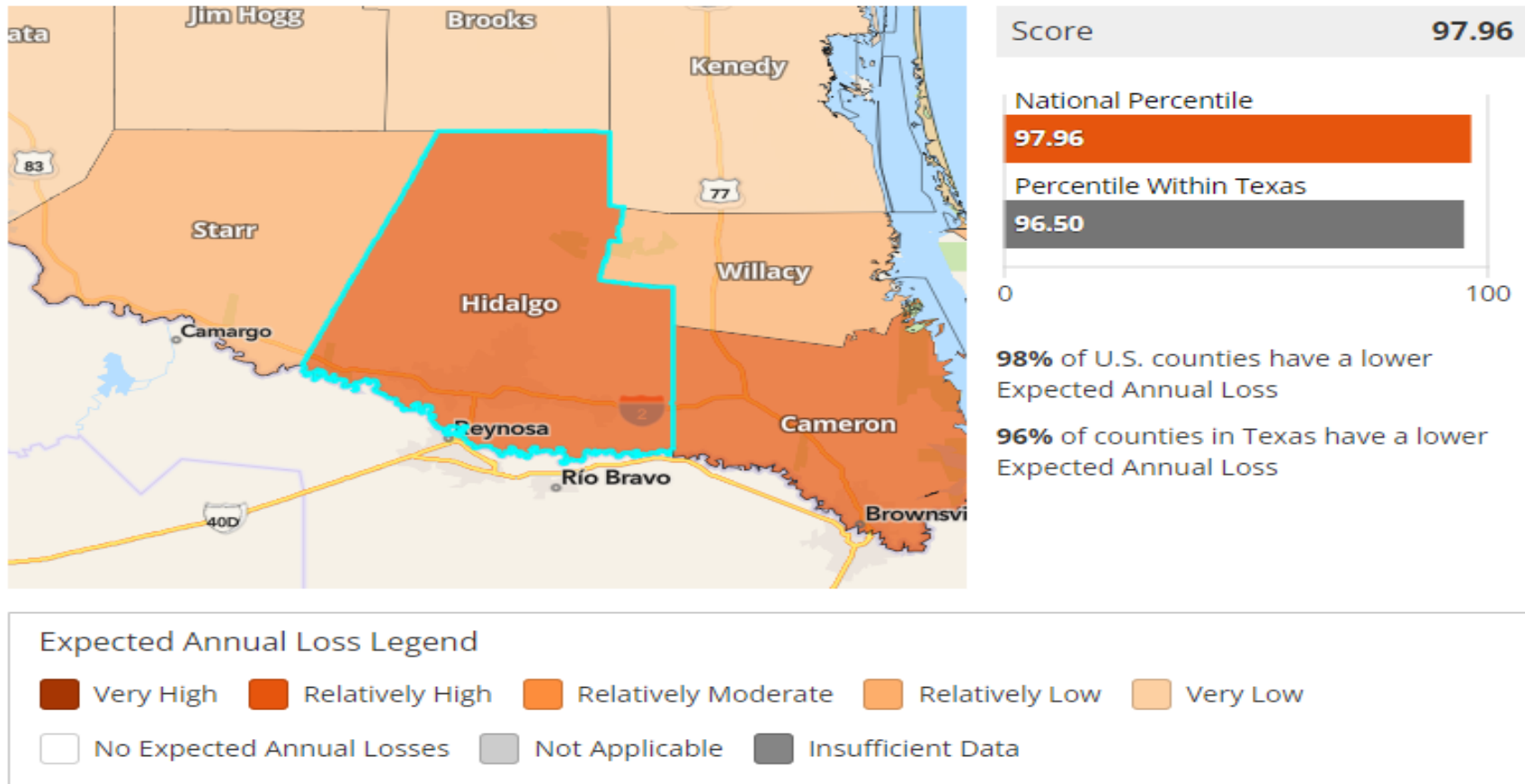


The FEMA National Risk Index A1 – identifies nationally that Hidalgo County rates very high in the Risk Index closed to a 100% with a 98.76. QP's are not prepared to take on cost due to natural disaster. In the last three years, declarations of natural disasters have occurred due to heavy flooding and severe cold weather storms. Natural disasters with further hinder this vulnerable population.

FEMA National Risk Index A2– Expected Annual Loss

Expected Annual Loss

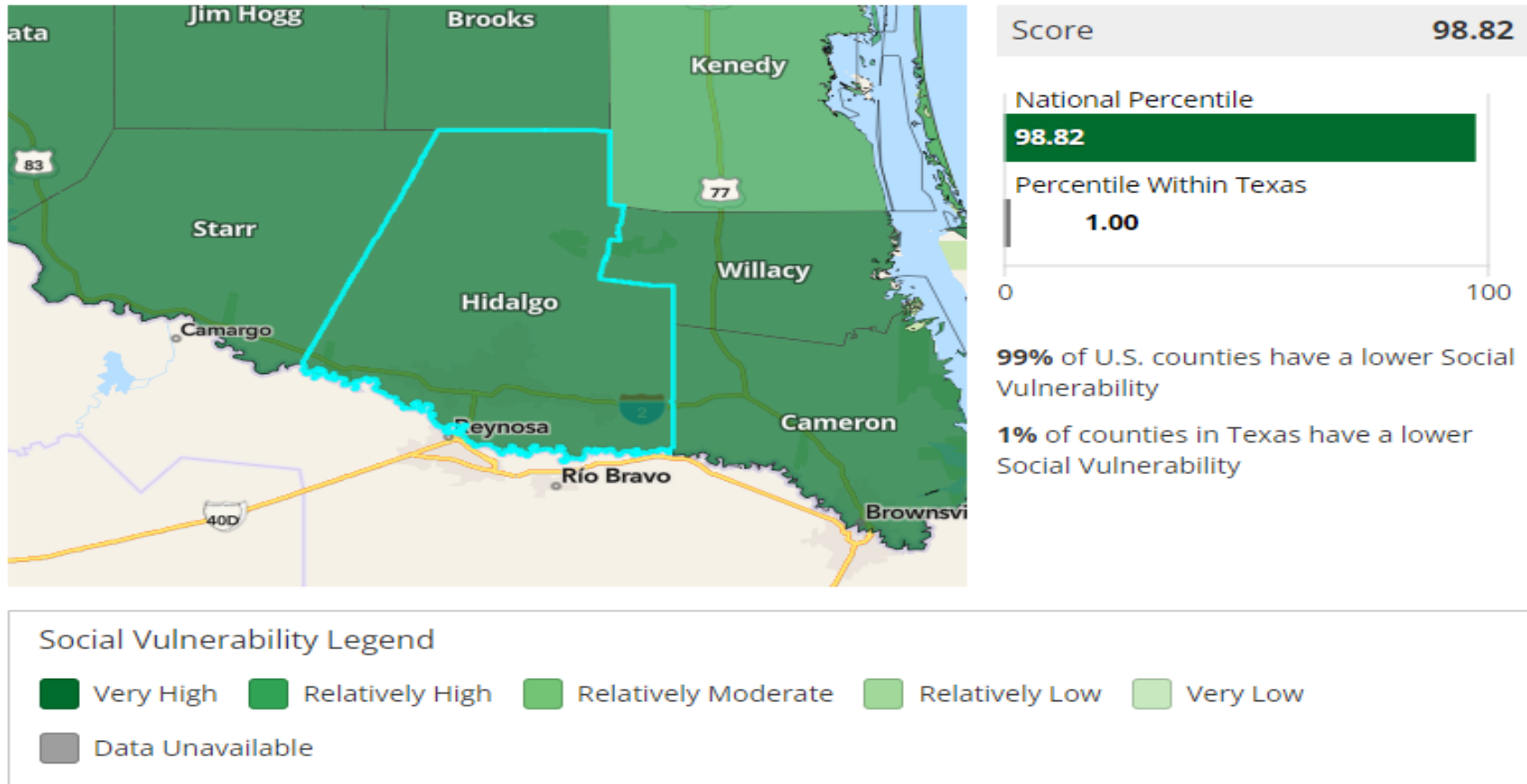
In **Hidalgo County, TX**, expected loss each year due to natural hazards is **Relatively High** when compared to the rest of the U.S.



The FEMA National Risk Index A2 – identifies nationally that Hidalgo County rates very high in the Expected Annual Loss closed to a 100% with a 97.96. Our region, including McAllen has identified high levels of poverty. Natural hazards with impeded the QP's in covering additional cost to cover any losses including personal and property damages.

Social Vulnerability

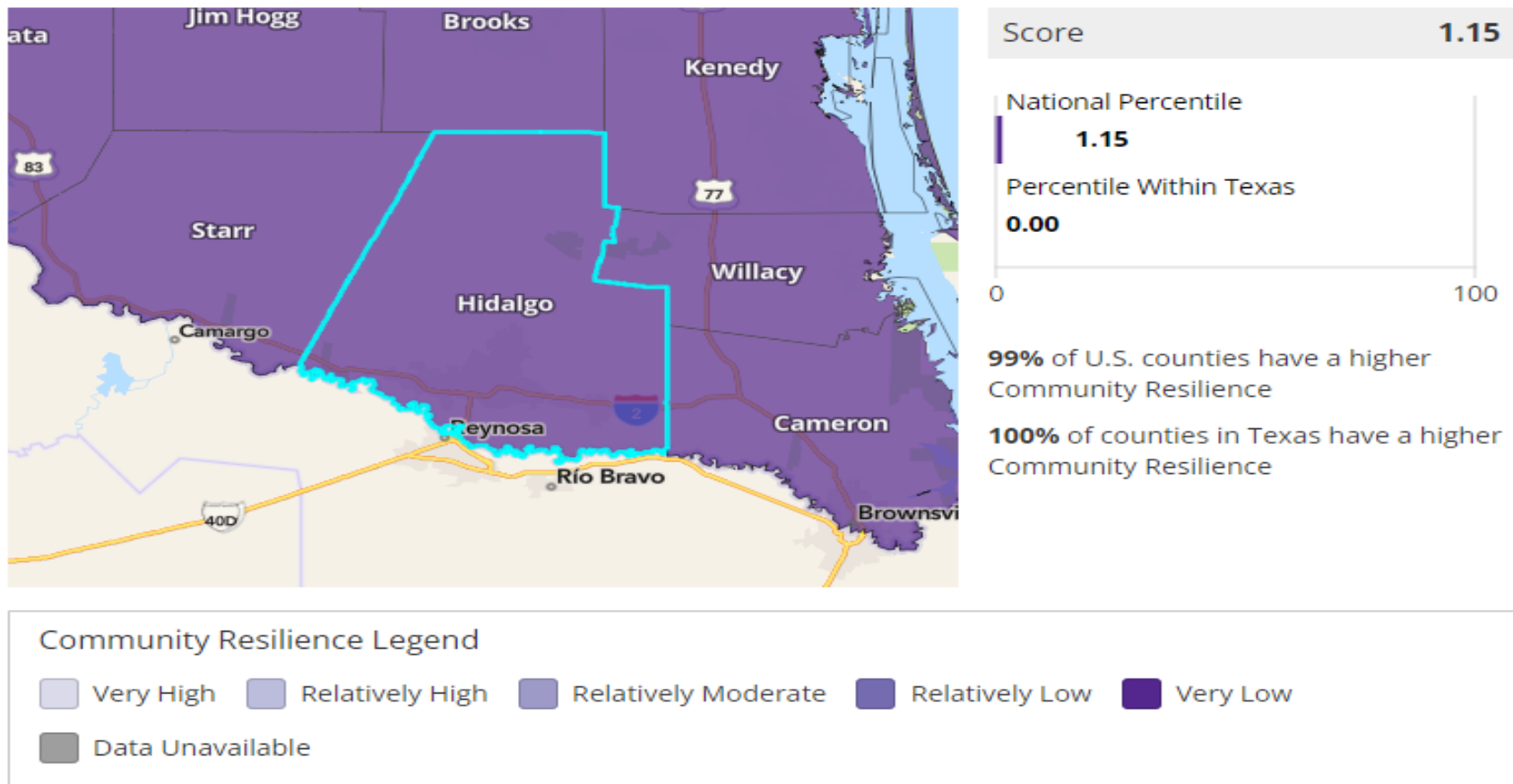
Social groups in **Hidalgo County, TX** have a **Very High** susceptibility to the adverse impacts of natural hazards when compared to the rest of the U.S.



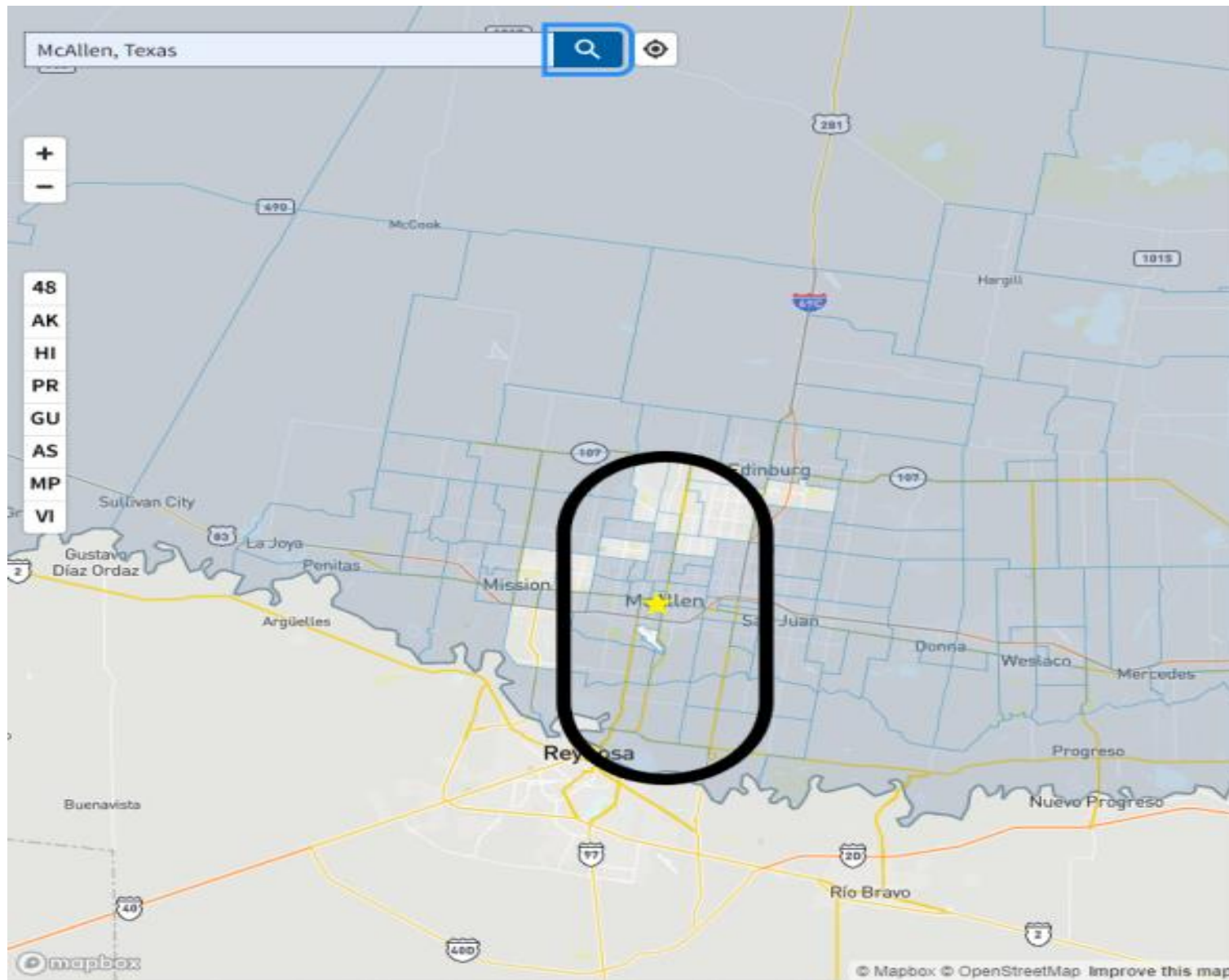
The FEMA National Risk Index A3 – identifies nationally that Hidalgo County rates very high in the Social Vulnerability closed to a 100% with a reported number of 98.82. Social vulnerability is the impact caused by natural hazards to disproportionate death, injury loss, or disruption of livelihood. The reported number of disabled person in McAllen is high, these individuals are likely to be greatly affected if they do not have access to medical services in the event of natural disasters.

Community Resilience

Communities in **Hidalgo County, TX** have a **Very Low** ability to prepare for anticipated natural hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions when compared to the rest of the U.S.



The FEMA National Risk Index A4 – identifies nationally that Hidalgo County rates very low in the Community Resilience. Community Resilience identifies communities' ability to prepare for anticipated natural hazards, and adjust to evolving weather conditions. Most importantly withstand and recover from disruptions soon after, as such McAllen prepares for natural disasters by strategizing methods of facilitating rapid changes that occur during these disruptions. Notably, the QPs is one of the most vulnerable populations requiring emergency services.



Communities that are disadvantaged live in tracts that experience burdens.

These tracts are highlighted on the map.

Table 1: Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Report

 Source: <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/data/pit-count-and-hic/>

Project Type	Organization Name	Project Name	Community	Housing Type	Beds (HH w/ Children)	Units (HH w/ Children)	Beds (HH w/o Children)	Beds (HH w/ only Children)	Veteran Beds (HH w/ Children)	Youth Beds (HH w/ Children)	Chronic Homeless Beds: (HH w/ Children)	Veteran Beds (HH w/o Children)	Youth Beds (HH w/o Children)	Chronic Homeless Beds (HH w/o Children)	Chronic Homeless Beds (HH w/ only Children)	Total Beds (Year-Round+ Temp)	Utilization Rate (%)
Rapid Re-Housing	Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley	ESG-CV RRH Hidalgo County	Hidalgo County	Tenant-based – scattered site	0	0	4	0	0	0		0	0			4	100
Other Permanent Housing	Edinburg Housing Authority	PH EHV Edinburg Housing Authority	Edinburg	Tenant-based – scattered site	10	10	25	0	0	0		0	0			35	14
Rapid Re-Housing	Endeavors, Inc.	McAllen RRH SSVF	Mc Allen	Tenant-based – scattered site	0	0	2	0	0	0		2	0			2	100
Other Permanent Housing	Hidalgo Housing Authority	PH EHV Hidalgo Housing Authority	Hidalgo County	Tenant-based – scattered site	24	24	5	0	0	0		0	0			29	59
Other Permanent Housing	Housing Authority of McAllen	PH EHV McAllen Housing Authority	Mc Allen	Tenant-based – scattered site	29	29	25	0	0	0		0	0			54	26
Permanent Supportive Housing	Housing Authority of McAllen	VASH-McAllen	Mc Allen	Tenant-based – scattered site	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	21	67
Other Permanent Housing	Mission Housing Authority	PH EHV Mission Housing Authority	Hidalgo County	Tenant-based – scattered site	15	15	15	0	0	0		0	0			30	47
Emergency Shelter	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together ES	Mc Allen	Site-based – single site	45	3	0	0	0	0		0	0			45	33
Transitional Housing	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together TH	Mc Allen	Site-based – single site	14	4		0	0	0		0	0			14	64
Other Permanent Housing	Pharr Housing Authority	PH EHV Pharr Housing Authority	Hidalgo County	Tenant-based – scattered site	27	27	9	0	0	0		0	0			36	42
Rapid Re-Housing	The Salvation Army of McAllen	ESG/CC/RRH	Mc Allen	Tenant-based – scattered site	0	0	4	0	0	0		0	0			4	100
Emergency Shelter	The Salvation Army of McAllen	Red Shield Shelter ES	Mc Allen	Site-based – single site	0	0	32	0	0	0		0	0			32	100

The above table was derived from the Texas Homeless Network's 2022 Housing Inventory Count Report. It serves to enumerate the number of beds available for homeless individuals and families as well as indicate their capacity (Utilization Rate). The highlighted agencies are located in within the City limits. The agency that is bolded is the area's Domestic Violence Service provider.

The information indicates that, in McAllen, beds are available for household with children, households without children, veteran households without children (through the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Program). Of the service providers listed above, Endeavors and The Salvation Army are at their capacity. The McAllen Housing Authority and Women Together have some ability to provide housing services.

Table 2: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Source: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html>

Income by Housing Problems (Renters only)	Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	3,750
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	3,255
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	1,365
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	530
Household Income >100% HAMFI	455
Total	9,350

Income by Cost Burden (Renters only)	Cost burden > 30%	Cost burden > 50%
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	3,565	3,020
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	3,120	1,200
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	960	60
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	260	10
Household Income >100% HAMFI	115	0
Total	8,020	4,290

CHAS data indicates that households whose income is less than 30% of HAMFI have the greatest incidence of at least one of the four major housing problems. Similarly, they also show the most frequent incidences of being cost overburdened or severely cost overburdened, paying more than 30% or 50% of their income on housing costs, respectively. This information is critical because this subpopulation tends to have the greatest housing needs as well as the most fragile housing stability scenarios. It can be inferred that these individuals most likely will seek some type of housing assistance.

Table 3: HUD Point in Time Report – Combined, Texas Balance of State 2022 PIT Count

Source: <https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Final-Hidalgo-Report.pdf>

	McAllen	Hidalgo County
Total Persons	255	448
Adults (age 18 or older)	179	317
Young Adults (age 18 to 24)	16	25
Children (under age 18)	76	131
Unknown Age	0	0
Unknown Age- Believe to be Adult	0	0

Unknown Age - Believe to be Young Adult (18-24)	0	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult (25+)	0	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0	0
Chronically Homeless	0	2
Veterans	6	8

The above table enumerated the individuals identified during the 2022 Point-In-Time Count conducted on January 27, 2022. The City opted to compare the numbers of individuals identified in McAllen to the total number of individuals noted in the Hidalgo County report. This comparison demonstrates that more than half of the reported persons are found in McAllen, a single jurisdiction, versus the nearly twenty other municipalities located in the County. This analysis remains true for all categories save the number of chronically homeless individuals.

**Table 4: HUD Point in Time Report, Texas Balance of State 2022 PIT Count
Geography: McAllen**

	<u>Sheltered</u>	<u>Unsheltered</u>
Total Persons	53	202
Adults (age 18 or older)	34	145
Young Adults (age 18 to 24)	1	15
Children (under age 18)	19	57
Unknown Age	0	0
Unknown Age- Believe to be Adult	0	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Young Adult (18-24)	0	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult (25+)	0	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0	0
Chronically Homeless	0	0
Veterans	2	4

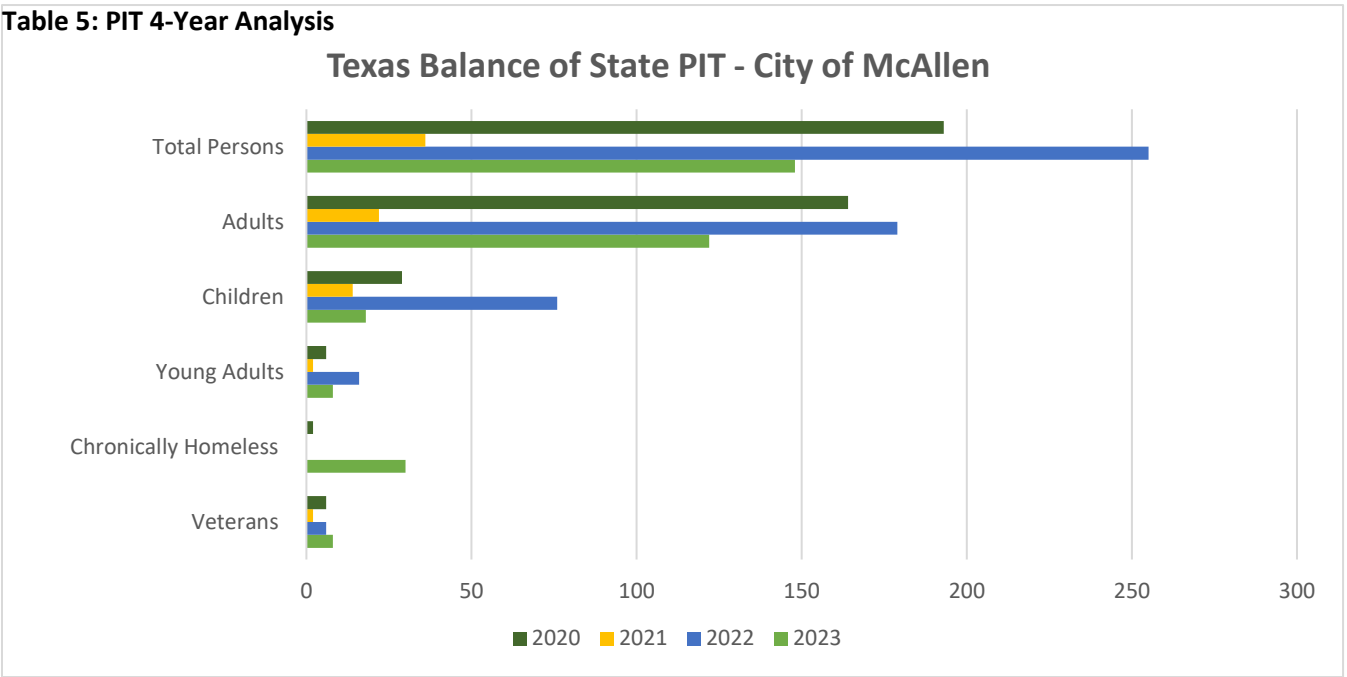
The Point-in-Time Count for McAllen shows the unsheltered population is four times greater than the sheltered count. Within the sheltered enumeration, one third of the individuals were noted as children, under the age of 18. However, in the unsheltered count, one-quarter of the individuals noted were children. While only one young adult was sheltered during the Count, fifteen were noted as unsheltered. This information correlates with the antidotal information provided by non-profit organizations; they have indicated that they are providing services to an increasing number of children and young adults facing homelessness due to drug and alcohol abuse, mental health care concerns and disconnects with family members. The complete report is attached in the Appendix.

The section below breaks down each qualifying population into subcategories the size and demographics within jurisdiction's boundaries. It is necessary to illustrate each population in depth to assess the unmet needs in the community. Recommendations and remarks during consultations are noted in the following subcategories. The information shed lights on firsthand experience servicing each qualifying population. As depicted in the Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count Data the number of individuals continue to rise. Each section extrapolates data from the tables and maps above.

Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

As noted above, the Texas Balance of State 2022 PIT Count reported a total of 255 persons experiencing homelessness in McAllen. The combined data showed 179 adults, 16 young adults, and 76 children experiencing homelessness. During the Count, the number of households with at least one adult and one child was 48 while households without children was doubled (108). The number of non-Hispanics was 38 while the preponderance was 174 individuals self-identifying as Hispanics. Among the 179 adults reported in the PIT Count, 30 adults disclosed diagnosis statuses, 11 indicated a serious mental illness, 10 confirmed having substance use disorder, and 9 are survivors of domestic violence. The PIT identified six unaccompanied youth households, ages 18 to 24, providing limited information - one male and one female with both reporting as non-Hispanic. No chronically homeless persons reported in the 2022 PIT Count within the City of McAllen.

Table 5: PIT 4-Year Analysis



The Texas Balance of the State PIT—City of McAllen combined sheltered and unsheltered reported homeless individuals. The four-year analysis represents the influx of reported homeless individuals in the City of McAllen. The only two shelters in the Hidalgo County include The Salvation Army of McAllen and Women Together located within City limits. McAllen generally reports a higher numbers compared to neighboring cities. It is important to note, weather conditions can alter data not accurately representing factual numbers. In the recent years, South Texas has been subject to Disaster Declarations due to evolving climate changes outside of the seasons.

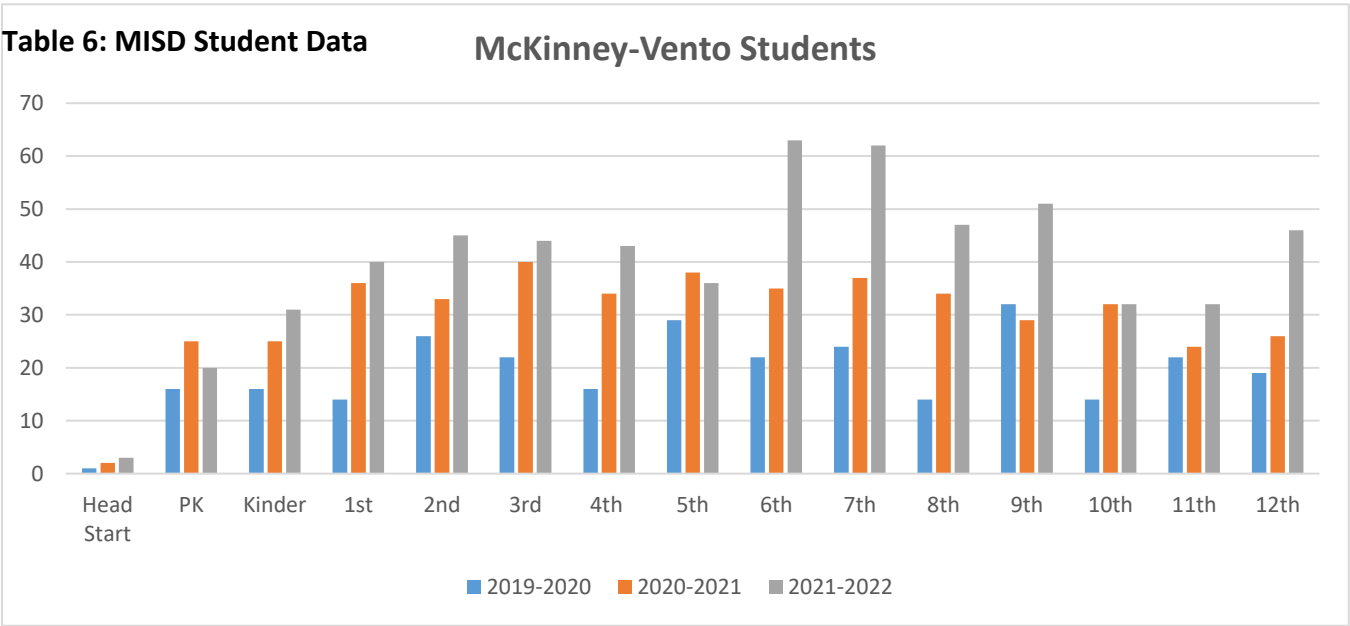
The 2023 PIT report was received after the submission of this document. The highest number of reported chronic homeless individuals was reported in 2023, with a total of 30. As participating members of the one-day census count, we assisted UPC as they lead the PIT in the region. Due to the high volunteer turnout, people were on the ground visiting every City in the Hidalgo County.

Environmental and Health & Code Department discussed their daily interactions with homeless individuals. They developed a congregating map to record the areas in the City highly trafficked by this vulnerable population. While

consulting, the Code Enforcement Supervisor explained during 2020-2022, 40 cases were reported of homeless individuals trespassing residential and commercial properties. The accumulation of trash and debris for residential, commercial, and public right-of-ways were also reported by Code Enforcement staff. They expressed supportive services and tenant-based rental assistance can reduce the number of cases trespasses reported.

The Social Service Case Manager for McAllen Independent School District (MISD) serves as the McKinney-Vento Liaison for students from all grade levels. Each student, meeting the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness, receives supportive services to continue attending classes with minimal disruption. The Case Manager discussed how unaccompanied youth ages 16 and 17 struggle the most since they are not old enough to sign legally binding contracts. Youth experiencing homelessness were identified in each grade level.

MISD identified a total of 287 students experiencing homelessness in school year 2019-2020. The grade level with the most frequently occurring students experiencing homeless instances was in the 9th grade, 32 students. In the 2020-2021 school year, the total of students experiencing homelessness was 450 students; 3rd grade was identified as the largest number of students experiencing homelessness at 40 students. The 2021-2022 school year showed an increase of students experiencing homelessness to a total of 595; 6th grade was the catalyst with 63 students. The most current school year, 2022-2023, reflects numbers similar to the previous school year.



At risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

In the FY 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and Strategy, the City of McAllen stated individuals and families who are "at-risk" of homelessness have fluctuating demographics due to evolving living/housing conditions. The persons identified as "at-risk" of homelessness stated their reasons as due to mental illness, alcohol or drug abuse, domestic violence, and overcrowded living conditions, because the household is earning less than 30% of the median income. Other more recent factors include the amount of household income spent on housing expenses (cost overburdened or severely cost overburdened), external economic factors such as rising housing costs or tighter job markets. The needs of extremely low-income families and formerly homeless families and individuals mirror each other. They may require supportive housing, often transitional housing, financial assistance with

utilities and other housing costs as well as ample number of bedrooms in their residences. These individuals and families not only face financial constraints, but they may also require supportive services not found near the available affordable housing stock.

During the consultations, staff of the McAllen Housing Authority expressed they have seen an increase in need for public housing units and/or housing choice vouchers from applicants whose income is under 30% AMI. Further, CHAS data documented 4,690 renters in McAllen with a household income of 0-30%. Of which, 3,785 (81%) have one of the four housing problems (incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room and/or are cost overburdened/severely cost overburdened).

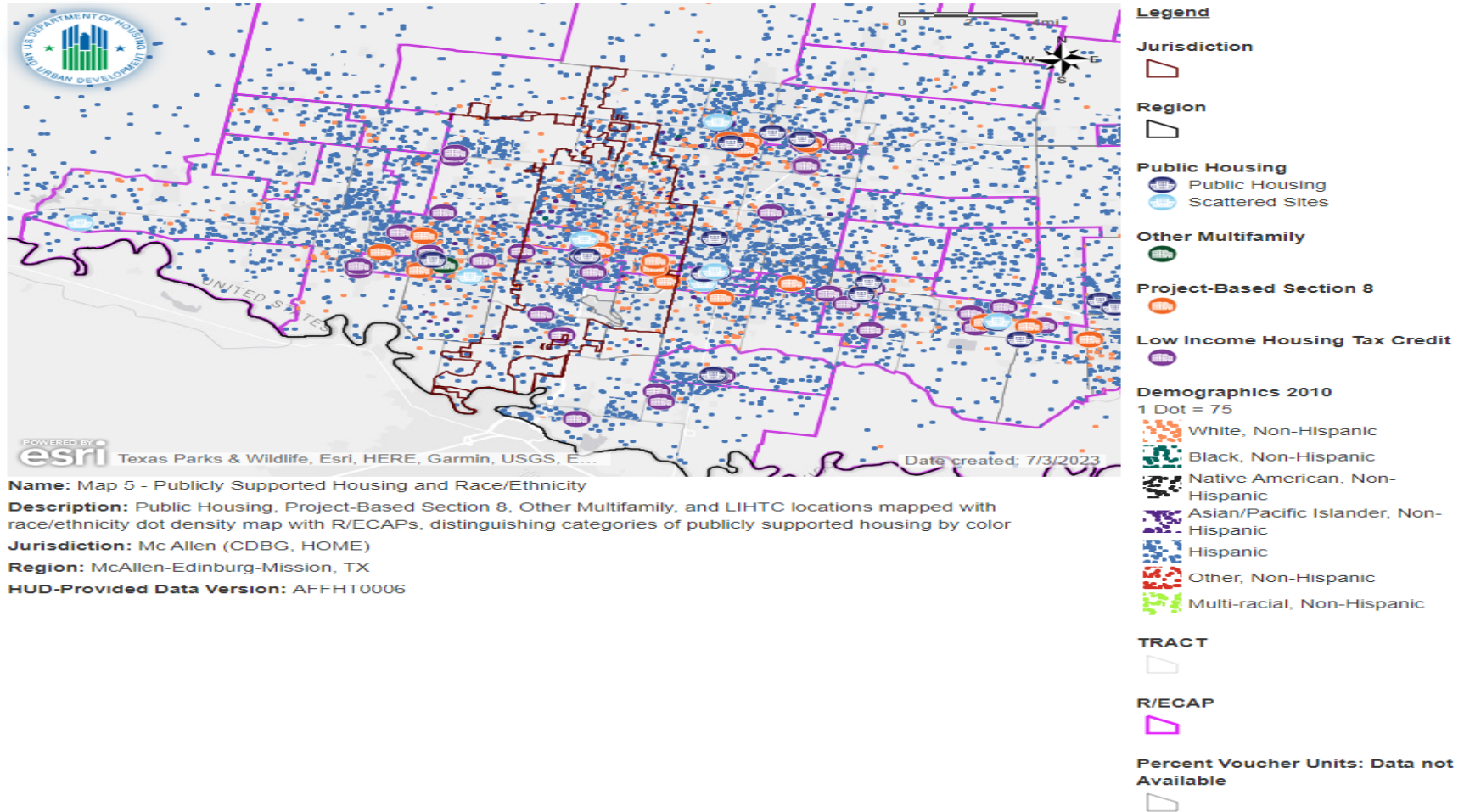
For the 0-30% AMI households, 3,570 households (76%) are cost burdened, and 3,145 households (67%) are severely cost burdened. For FY 2022, the uppermost limit that a 30% AMI household with a family size of 4 could earn is \$27,750. The maximum amount the household could pay without becoming cost burdened would be \$694 per month. The MSA's Fair Market Rent of a two-bedroom apartment is \$877 per month (FY 2023, huduser.gov). This differential shows the precariousness of housing stability for extremely low-income households.

As seen in the next two pages, The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 5A – Race/Ethnicity reports public supporting housing within the City boundaries. There are 46,125 units available in the City. Public housing includes a few scattered sites, 4 project based section 8, and one low income housing tax credit. The cluster groups represents Hispanics who are receiving housing services. Also identified is a cluster of individuals residing near a highly trafficked expressway likely to commute to neighboring cities within this region.

Map 5B removes Hispanic data to show public housing within and outside the R/ECAPs boundaries. The data further supports the need to provide housing services and supportive services to bridge the unmet gap in the community.

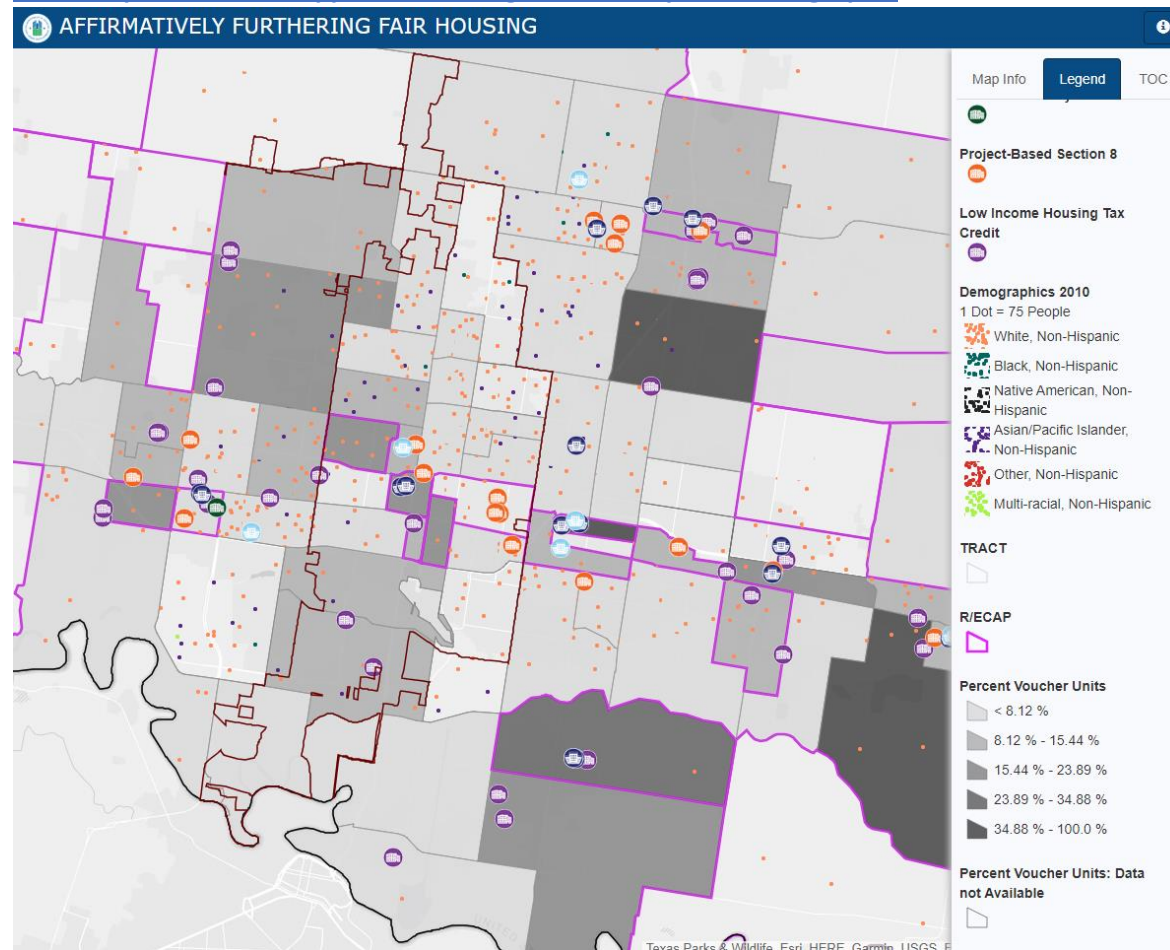
The cost of units are increasing making it unfordable to the QP2, the income limit for these persons is less than the 30%. Although public housing is available in the City, the ratio for families and available vouchers fails to cripple the unmet gap in the community for housing stability. Emergency vouchers serviced through McAllen Housing Authority will expire September, these families will not have financial means to afford rent. The City intends on providing necessary resources to provide housing stability through tenant based rental assistance and supportive to reduce to assist QP 2.

AFFH Map 5A – Public Supported Housing



	(Mc Allen, TX CDBG) Jurisdiction	
Housing Units	#	%
Total housing units	46,125	-
Public Housing	138	0.30%
Project-based Section 8	394	0.85%
Other Multifamily	N/a	N/a
HCV Program	1,258	2.73%

AFFH Map 5B – Public Supported Housing without Hispanic demographic



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

The only shelter in the Hidalgo County for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking is operated by Women Together Foundation, Inc. and located in McAllen. In the 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC), they agency recorded 45 beds and 3 units for households with children. In addition to the emergency shelter, the agency also operates a transitional housing complex of 16-apartment style units of two or three bedrooms; year-round, they are at full capacity. The HIC reported 14 beds and 4 units for households with children within their transitional housing complex. The traditional demographic characteristic of persons seeking assistance is a woman or women with children. Still, a few male adult victims seek their services. During the 2021 Program Year, staff reported 279 individual and 230 crisis intervention counseling; in addition, the same counselors conducted an additional 273 sessions for sexual assault survivors. In 2021, a total of 5,798 women, men, and children utilized the shelter and support programs. The organization's multi-faceted programs enable community education for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Women Together Program Highlights 2021	24-Hour Crisis Hotline	2,344
	Emergency Shelter	383
	Family Justice Center	1,082
	Sexual Assault Counseling Center Program	273
	Trauma Informed Counseling Program	509
	Nueva Vida Transitional Housing Program	19
	McAllen Satellite Outreach Center	340
	Batterer's Intervention & Prevention Program (BIPP)	109
	Community Education Program/Training	260
	Total	5,798

The Texas Crime Report for 2021, filed by Texas Department of Public Safety, reported 41 offenses of sexual assault in the City. The report also captures human trafficking reports; although McAllen was not listed as having high reports of human trafficking, the City is a border community that owns and operates two international bridges. The National Incident – Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Crime Report generated by the McAllen Police Department is an overview of local crime statistics. NIBRS includes the categories of: crimes against persons, crimes against property, and crimes against society. In 2022, the report did not list any human trafficking (commercial sex acts or involuntary servitude) cases for the City, but it did indicate more than 50 cases of sexual assaults reported, an increase compared to the 2021 report. Overall, 108 sex offenses were reported in the 2022 NIBRS submission. It should also be noted that the McAllen Police Department is the lead agency for an Anti-Gang Task Force made up of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies who combine intelligence to combat gang activities including trafficking.

It is anticipated that due to the exploitation endured by QP 3, this population's need will likely require intensive case management when providing housing and supportive services to stabilize their lives and the lives of their family members.

Other Populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability.

30 - 50% AMI (At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability)

For the 30-50% AMI households, CHAS recorded 3,335 renters. Of these, 1,775 households (53%) have at least one of the four housing problems. In addition, 1,600 (48%) are cost burdened, and 535 households (16%) are severely cost burdened. For FY 2022, the uppermost limit that a 50% AMI household with a family size of 4 could earn is \$34,050. The maximum amount the household could pay without becoming cost burdened would be \$851 per month. The MSA’s Fair Market Rent of a two-bedroom apartment is \$877 per month (FY 2023, huduser.gov). Although small, this differential shows some households will fall into being precariously housed and/or may have very little housing stability. Of note, the defining difference from including this subpopulation in QP 2 is that QP 2 has a lower income limit.

Additional services available to QP 4 include services from WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) a nutrition education program which provides supplemental foods and promotes good health. The Hidalgo County WIC Program Coordinator discussed number of families serviced in the past five years. As seen in the data below, a steadily increase of families receiving benefits with a highest number of beneficiaries of 5,910 in 2023.

Hidalgo County WIC Program – McAllen Clinics				
September 2019	September 2020	September 2021	September 2022	May 2023
5,455	5,169	5,278	5,815	5,910

It is important to emphasize over 50% of the population suffers from four housing problems and more likely to receive supplemental benefits such as WIC to cover the increase cost of living.

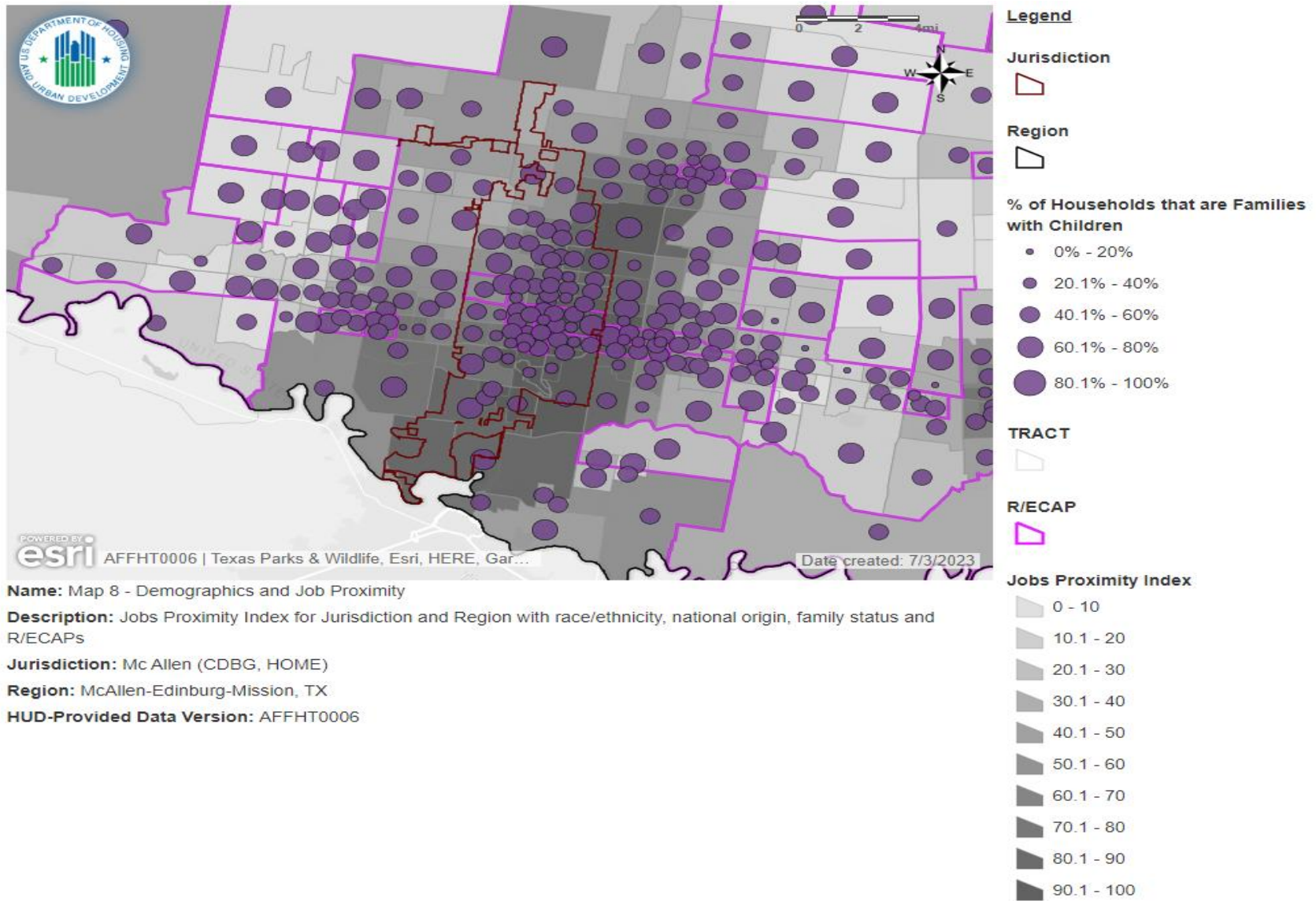
As seen in the maps below, the number of families in McAllen is significantly high compared to neighboring cities. The R/ECAPs is populated with families, the cost of living is higher for QP4 and available jobs do not cover all their expenses.

The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 8A – Demographic and Job Proximity within the City boundaries. The cluster for families with children covers most of the City, at least over 40% of the households. The west side of the City has a darker shade which indicates a higher index for job proximity.

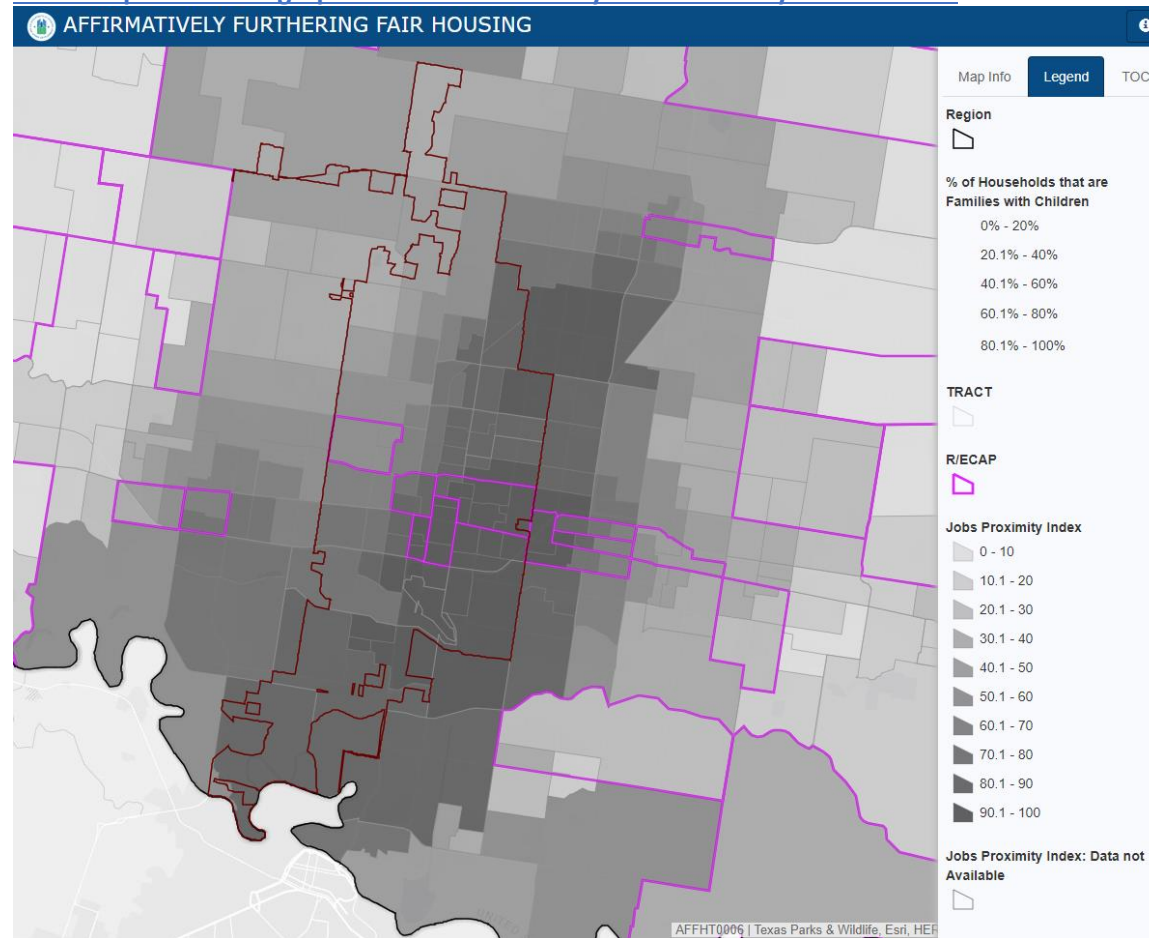
Map 8B shows removes the families with children data, the map indicates within the R/ECAPs job proximity is very high for families residing within the boundaries. Despite job availability the key component is the salary rate. The cost of living is rising making it difficult for families to cover day-to-day costs.

The City assessed the need for QP4 through data, consultations, and community feedback. Tenant based rental assistance and supportive services will address the immediate need of increasing housing stability for QP4.

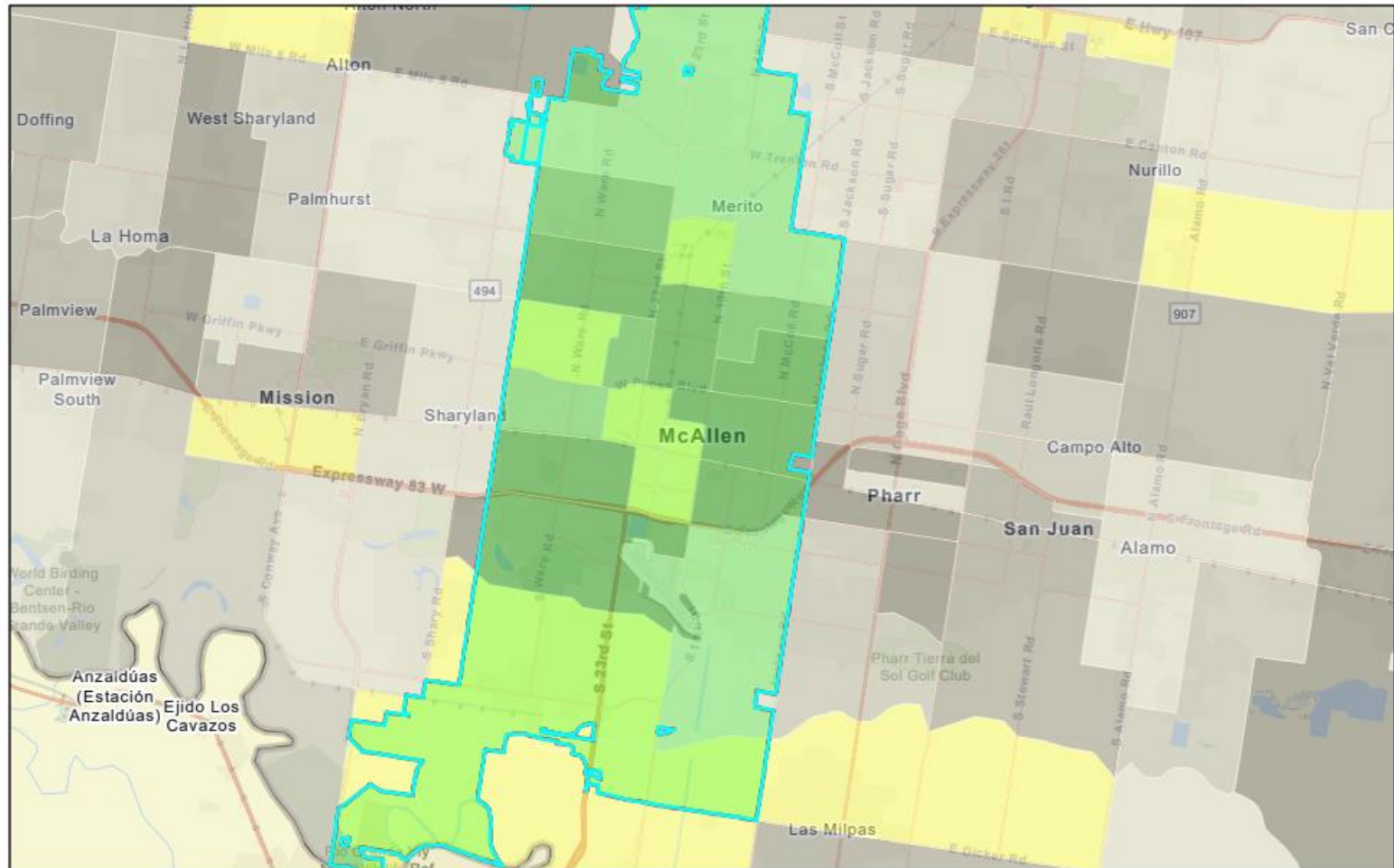
AFFH Map 8A – Demographics and Job Proximity



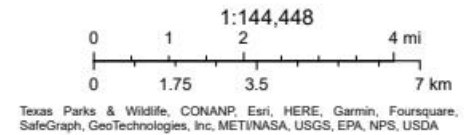
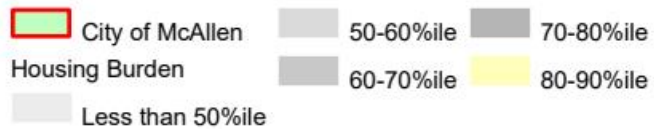
AFFH Map 8B – Demographics and Job Proximity without family with children



EJ Screen Housing Burden - City of McAllen



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Veterans

Veterans and families experiencing homelessness, a specific group identified in the CPD-21-10, were counted during the PIT. The City's data identified one veteran household of at least one adult member and one child, totaling four persons. The veteran's ethnicity was Hispanic and race was White. Veteran's households without children totaled five households with a total six-person count. This subpopulation had less Hispanics (1) compared with Non-Hispanics (4). The most frequently reported race was White (3) with Black, African and American or African noted as 1. As previously stated, Census data indicates 4% of McAllen residents are veterans.

Endeavors, a local non-profit agency, operates a satellite office located in McAllen; they provide homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, employment services, mental health care and military life transition assistance for Veterans and their families. Their Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program offers 2 years of rent subsidy for veterans. To be enrolled in the SSVF Program, the household must be under 50% AMI, have continuous steady income, ability to pay 65% of monthly rent, and live in area served by Endeavors SSVF; Endeavors supports programs located in Hidalgo County. Internal data shows 437 veterans served from January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2020 in South Texas. Between April 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022 (COVID timeframe), their data reflects an increase to 446 veterans. Endeavors reported that the veterans they have assisted tend to be single, older male adults.

The United States Census Bureau, captures all data pertaining to veteran demographic. A reported total of 4,069 veterans residing in McAllen of these 3,409 are male and 660 females. A total of 362 veterans reported below poverty level and 953 have a disability. It is anticipated that due to the transition from military life, this population may need additional support services to stabilize their households and reduce any risks of homelessness.

United States Census Bureau – City of McAllen Veteran Population		
Civilian population 18 years and over	Male	3,409
	Female	660
Age	18 to 34 years	96
	35 to 54 years	1,674
	55 to 64 years	521
	65 to 74 years	1,069
	75 years and over	709
Race	White	2,062
	Some other race alone	189
	Two or more races	1,698
Hispanic or Latino Origin	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2,650
	White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	1,243
Poverty Status in the past 12 months	18 years and over for whom poverty status is determined	4,061
	Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	362
	Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	3,699
Disability Status	18 years and over for whom poverty status is determined	4,061
	With any disability	953
	Without a disability	3,108

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

For more than a decade, the City had not received Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) until FY 2021. ESG specifically funds services geared towards homeless individuals and families as well as for the prevention of homelessness. In addition to ESG, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are used to assuage the needs of homeless individuals and families and prevent precariously housed households from becoming homeless.

Using CDBG funds, four agencies historically undertake the majority of services provided to homeless individuals

- Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley provides homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services.
- The Salvation Army provides homeless prevention or homeless assistance services and transportation vouchers to relocate persons with their families while also assisting shelter clients with clothing.
- Women Together Foundation, Inc. addresses the needs of victims of domestic violence (and their families) residing in their emergency shelter and the transitional housing complex.
- Silver Ribbon Community Partners offers rental assistance to Adult Protective Services clients.

From Table 1: Housing Inventory Count, the following is a summary of congregate and non-congregate shelter beds/units available for homeless individuals and families.

Project Type	Organization	Project Name	Housing Type	Beds
Rapid Re-Housing	Endeavors, Inc.	McAllen RRH SSVF	Tenant-based – scattered site	2
Other Permanent Housing	Housing Authority of McAllen	PH EHV McAllen Housing Authority	Tenant-based – scattered site	54
Permanent Supportive Housing	Housing Authority of McAllen	VASH-McAllen	Tenant-based – scattered site	21
Emergency Shelter	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together ES	Site-based – single site	45
Transitional Housing	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together	Mujeres Unidas/Women Together TH	Site-based – single site	14
Rapid Re-Housing	The Salvation Army of McAllen	ESG/CC/RRH	Tenant-based – scattered site	4
Emergency Shelter	The Salvation Army of McAllen	Red Shield Shelter ES	Site-based – single site	32

While not funded by CDBG, the McAllen Housing Authority (MHA) provides 89 public housing units, 1,329 housing choice vouchers to extremely low-income families, according to their 2022 Annual PHA Plan.

Used in the City’s Annual Action Plan, the Anti-Poverty Strategy contains a summary of supportive services whose mission assists homeless individuals and families as well as those whose income is less than 30% AMI. The following social service organizations are noted in the Anti-Poverty Strategy as the most prominent agencies in

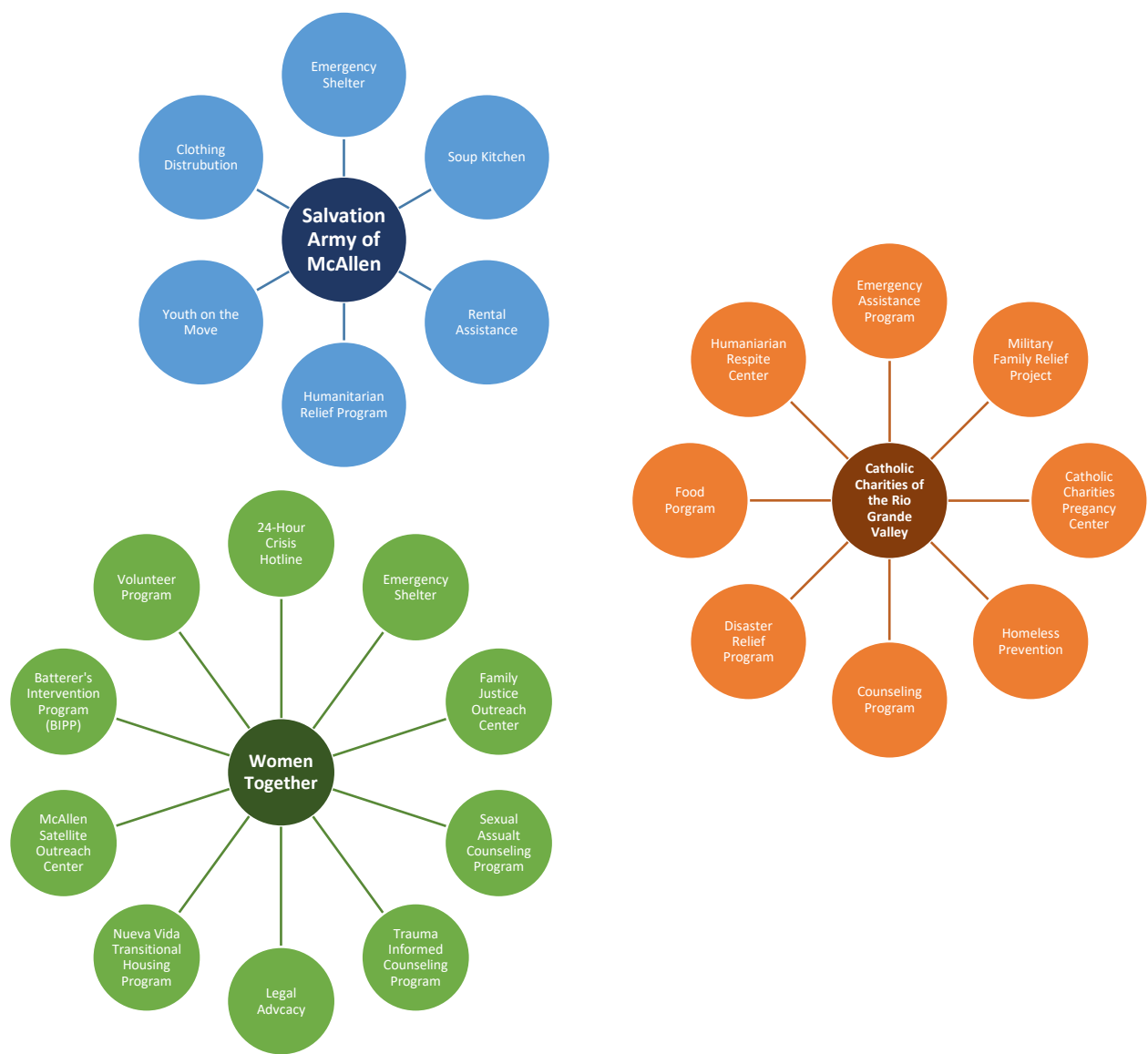
assisting extremely low- and low-income individuals and families find housing and/or supportive services within McAllen. Where noted, HUD funds are used to provide support services.

Name of Agency	HUD-Funding, if any	Housing and Services agency currently provides (if any)				QP served by agency
		Acquisition and Development of AH	TBRA	Supportive Services	Non-Congregate Shelter	
Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc.	HOME		X (Beginning late 2023)	X		QP 2, QP4
American Red Cross				X		QP1, QP2 QP3, QP4
Amigos Del Valle, Inc.				X		QP1, QP2 QP4
Catholic Charities of the RGV	CDBG		X	X		QP1, QP2 QP3, QP4
Comfort House Services, Inc.	CDBG					QP1, QP2 QP4
Community HOPE Projects, Inc.						QP1, QP2 QP4
Consumer Credit Counseling of South Texas				X		QP4
Food Bank of the RGV				X		QP1, QP2 QP4
Hidalgo County – Community Service Agency			X	X		QP1, QP2 QP4
McAllen Metro – Municipal Transportation System				X		QP1, QP2 QP4
McAllen Food Pantry	CDBG			X		QP1, QP2 QP4
McAllen Housing Finance Corp.				X		QP4
McAllen I.S.D.	Free Lunch			X		QP1, QP2 QP4
McAllen Public Housing Authority			X			QP1, QP2 QP3, QP4
Palmer Drug Abuse Program				X		QP1, QP2 QP4
Silver Ribbon Community Partners	CDBG			X		QP1, QP2 QP4
Texas Department of Health and Human Services				X		QP1, QP2 QP3, QP4
Texas Rural Legal Aid				X		QP1, QP2 QP3, QP4
The Salvation Army	CDBG/ESG		X	X		QP1, QP2 QP4
Tropical Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center			X	X		QP1, QP2 QP4
Valley AIDS Council (VAC)				X		QP1, QP2 QP3, QP4
Women Together Foundation, Inc.	CDBG/ESG			X		QP3

Most recently, the City successfully undertook a tenant-based rental assistance program assisting over 85 households with funding made available from the State of Texas under the Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP) and assisted 62 households with the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP). This pass-through funding was part of the CARES Act and ARPA allocations. In collaboration with other community agencies, United Way of South Texas helps fund supportive services needed in the community.

Despite the housing and supportive services available, including permanent supportive housing, rapid-re-housing, and transitional housing, funds are limited. The primary agencies do not have the staff or capacity to fulfill the increase in demand for assistance. These agencies also provide services outside of City of McAllen. The diagrams list the services made available to the qualifying population by Catholic Charities of Rio Grande Valley, Women Together, and Salvation Army of McAllen, the three most prominent organizations in addressing or prevention homelessness.

Figure 1: Agency Wrap Around Services



Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations

Affordable Housing is a "High" priority need for the City of McAllen, as noted in the FY 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan and Strategy. CDBG, HOME and ESG funds are the primary mechanism used to address the housing needs faced by the general low-income population, persons with special needs, the elderly, and homeless individuals and families. During the consultations, there was discussion that helped describe the unmet need for permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, and supportive services for each qualifying population. Their descriptive characteristics help formulate the information noted below and determine the necessary services to reduce the unmet housing and further assist all the qualifying population.

In early June, the City and all HUD recipients in the region including UCP held an Intergovernmental Meeting. All agenda items, addressed HUD programs and plan statuses. In conversation, Edinburg stated the high demand of rental assistance with continued calls from the community. Our staff too receives calls requesting rental and utility assistance. Also noted, was the upcoming change to the One-Year Action Plan presented by Edinburg to move from reconstruction/rehabilitation funds to subsistence payments in order to address housing. The City recognizes the increase in substandard living.

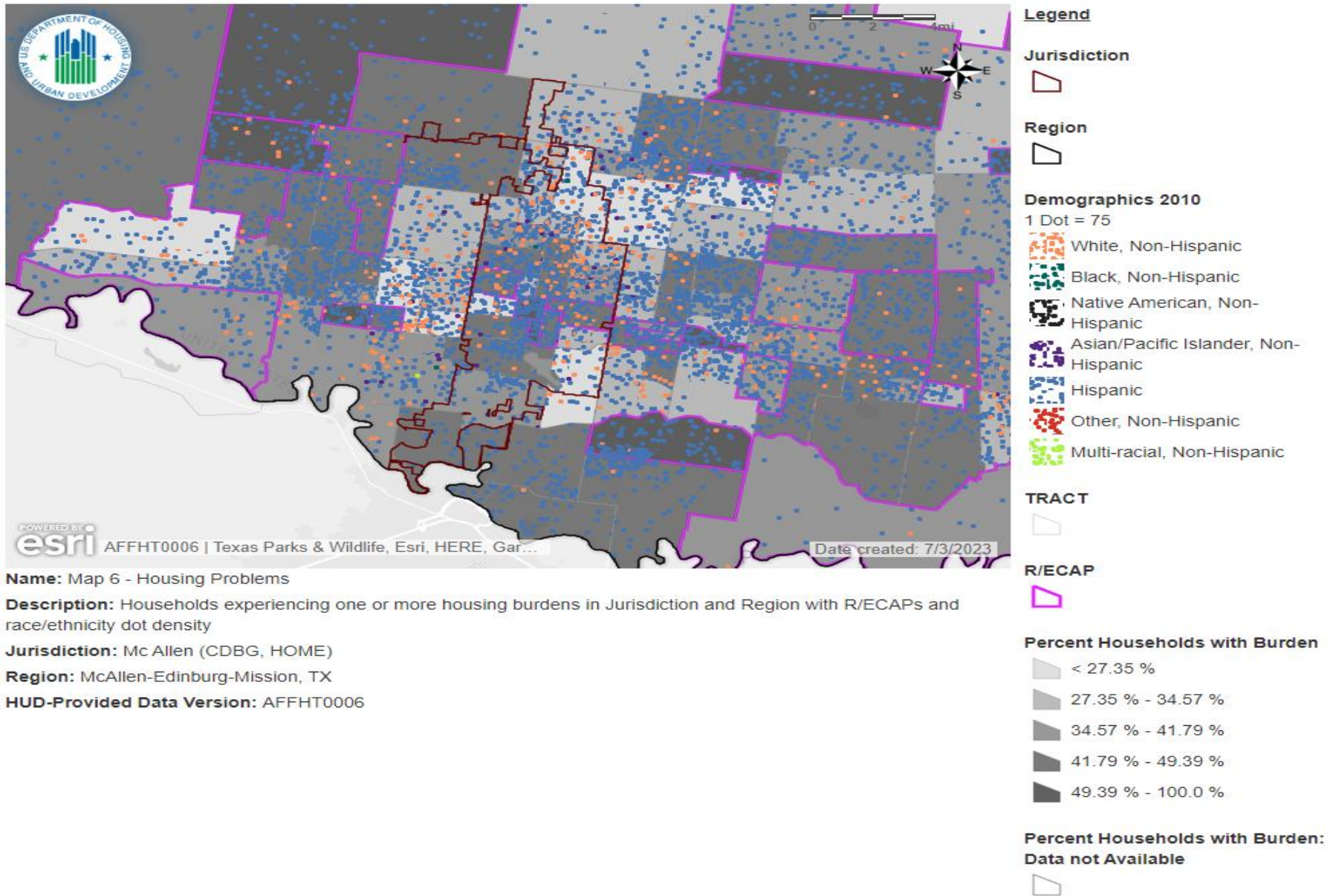
The County Judge has taken initiative to develop a Prosperity Task Force a region-wide effort to combat homelessness. We consulted with the Pharr Housing Director who is also the Housing Committee Chair, he and the committee identified key findings. Immediate housing was a key component in hindering housing stability in the region.

In the maps below, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 6A – Housing Problems reports household experiencing one or more housing burdens within the City boundaries, QP 2 and QP 4 are most affected by this issue. The R/ECAPs record over 41.79% of households are experiencing housing burdens. The cost of rent has significantly risen since COVID-19 and landlord resistance is another barrier for tenants. The City has less than 2 areas in the City where the percent of household with burden is less than 27.35%. Affordable housing is essential in a populous community.

Map 6B demonstrates the need to provide housing services such as rental assistance and supportive services to reduce the housing burdens for QP2 and QP4.

Due to the identified unmet housing and service needs including broadband gap for QP4, the City will pursue offering supportive services and TBRA to the community these services will promote housing stability.

AFFH Map 6A – Housing Problems



Name: Map 6 - Housing Problems

Description: Households experiencing one or more housing burdens in Jurisdiction and Region with R/ECAPs and race/ethnicity dot density

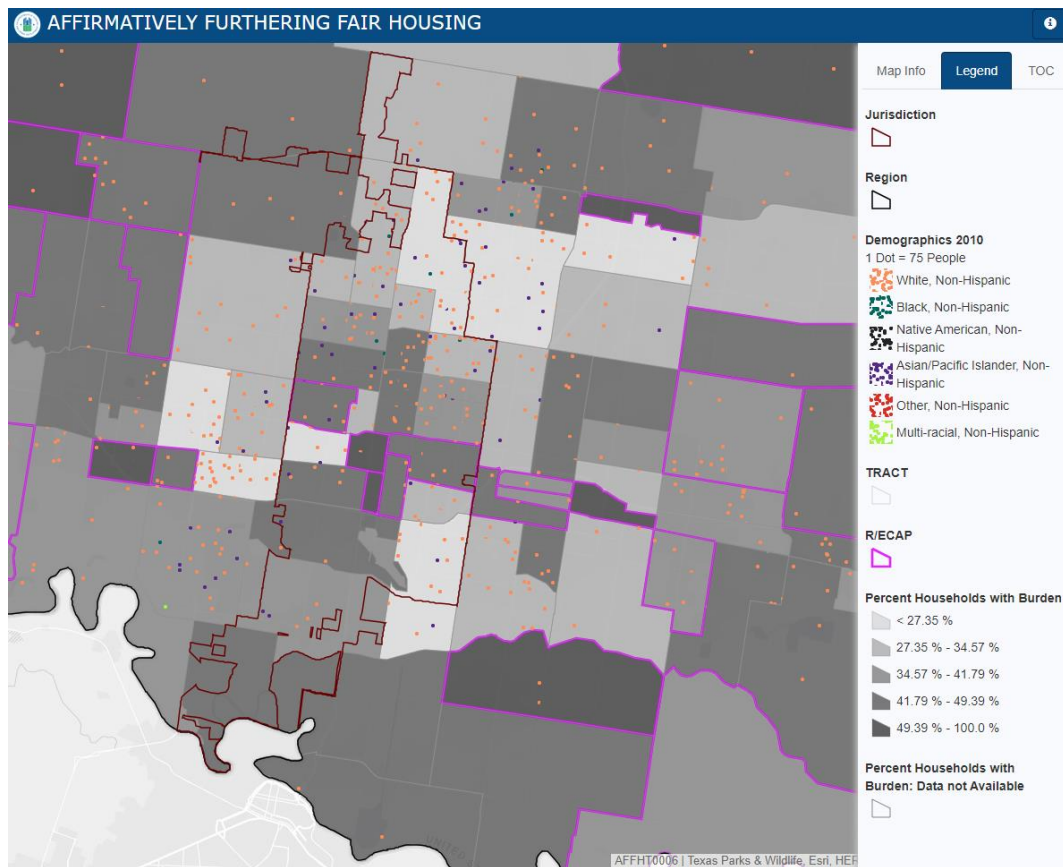
Jurisdiction: Mc Allen (CDBG, HOME)

Region: McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX

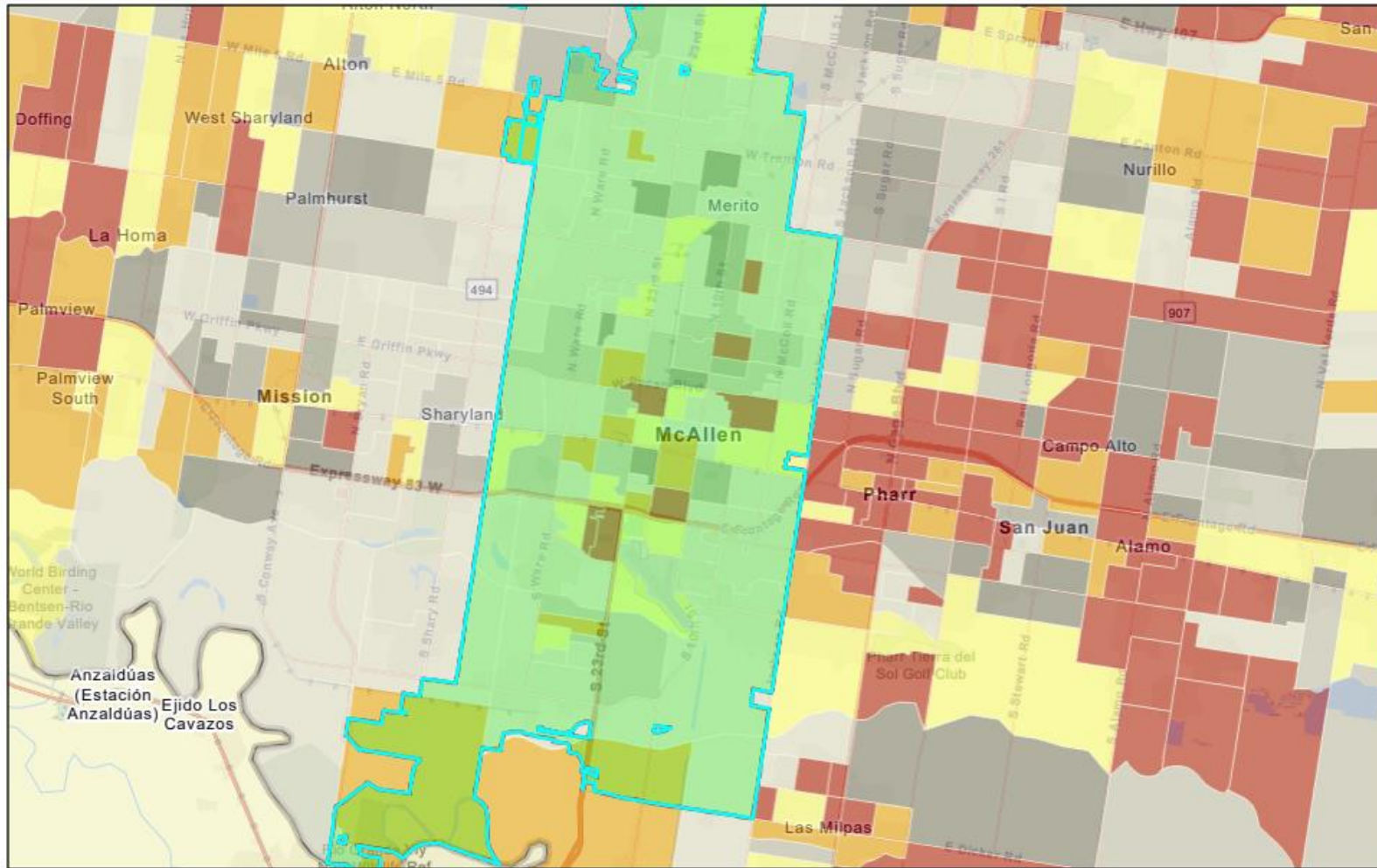
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Households with Severe Housing Cost Burden	Mc Allen, TX CDBG Jurisdiction			McAllen-Edinburg-Mission Region		
	# with severe cost burden	# households	% with severe cost burden	# with severe cost burden	# households	% with severe cost burden
Race/Ethnicity						
White, Non-Hispanic	640	6,350	10.08%	1,925	25,615	7.52%
Black, Non-Hispanic	15	304	4.93%	40	739	5.41%
Hispanic	5,570	34,355	16.21%	30,990	197,975	15.65%
Asian or Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	120	1,335	8.99%	275	2,625	10.48%
Native American, Non-Hispanic	20	20	100.00%	20	174	11.49%
Other, Non-Hispanic	35	120	29.17%	35	340	10.29%
Total	6,400	42,510	15.06%	33,285	227,480	14.63%
Household Type and Size						
Family households, <5 people	3,524	25,110	14.03%	18,475	130,550	14.15%
Family households, 5+ people	1,003	7,395	13.56%	7,349	55,165	13.32%
Non-family households	1,870	10,000	18.70%	7,465	41,755	17.88%

AFFH Map 6B – Housing Problems without Hispanic demographic



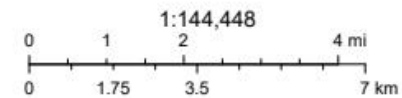
EJ Screen Broadband Gap - City of McAllen



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City of McAllen
Households with Limited Broadband

Less than 50%ile	50-60%ile	80-90%ile
	60-70%ile	90-95%ile
	70-80%ile	95-100%ile



Texas Parks & Wildlife, CONANP, Esri, HERE, Garmin, Foursquare, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, MET/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA

Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Unsheltered homeless individuals represent one of the hardest cases to address. These individuals often have substance abuse, mental illness, or other significant concerns which contribute to their homeless status. Unsheltered homeless will likely seek assistance from The Salvation Army. It is anticipated they will have the highest number of persons assisted with rapid rehousing which is primarily funded by the Emergency Solutions Grant from the Hidalgo County - Urban County Program. During the consultation with the Salvation Army, staff stressed the need for expansion of the shelter. Specifically, it was noted that the family corridors are always at capacity while beds for single adults may be available but are used year-round. Currently, there is no wait list but services are provided on a first-come first-serve basis.

In discussions with the McAllen ISD Case Manager, one challenge for young adults or adult households with children is the need for rapid assessment and intensive case management/intervention. Complications can occur if the student and/or their family is placed on a waitlist for any social service program or available housing assistance. To minimize disruptions in the child's or youth's school attendance, the case worker or case manager seeks to combine efforts with community agencies in order to accommodate the displaced student and family as quickly as possible.

The greatest unmet housing needs for QP 1 include permanent (supportive) housing, rapid-rehousing and transitional housing assistance. Still, it is important to note that many of the agencies referenced the limited number of affordable housing units.

In particular, they noted the area's high rents that exceed HUD's Fair Market Rent. This differential disqualifies units from their eligibility to receive subsidy payments. As expected, chronically homeless individuals and unaccompanied youth have less success in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing; they likely require additional support services to facilitate stable housing.

For the reasons noted above, the City will provide tenant based rental assistance to the QP 1 and supportive service as defined in CPD Notice 21-10.

At risk of homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Noted in CHAS and likely falling into QP 2, 4,960 renters whose income is between 0-30% AMI, reported having one or more of the major housing problems. The units available fail to meet adequate living standards with incomplete kitchen facilities, and plumbing facilities. More than 1 person per room (overcrowding) is another inadequacy which may be faced by those who are precariously housed. Multi-generational households can attribute to higher number of persons living in a rental unit not suitable for their household size.

Due to the high demand of housing vouchers and limited availability in their public housing units, McAllen Housing Authority (MHA) purges their wait list monthly. The 2022 Annual PHA Plan reported 89 public housing units, 1,329 housing choice vouchers, providing a combined total of 1,407 affordable housing units to low-income families. Their staff indicated they requests an increase in housing vouchers from HUD every year. With the rising of costs of living and less than 1,500 vouchers available to McAllen renters, one of the biggest unmet need for this qualifying population is transitional housing. This form of congregate assistance would help alleviate some of the obstacles in maintaining a stable household. In particular, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley staff reiterated how the unmet housing and supportive services need negatively affects households at risk of

homelessness. Counseling, financial well-being discussions, short- and long-term budgeting and access to educational resources are methods noted in developing and maintaining stable housing.

As stated in this section due to the high demand, the services provided to QP 2 will include tenant based rental assistance and supportive services as defined in CPD Notice 21-10; McKinney-Vento Supportive Services, Homelessness Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling Services.

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

Women Together is the only emergency shelter facility that provides services for those who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking (QP 3) in the region. They work efficiently to ensure the safety of victims and survivors of sexual assault, including their non-offending family members. The Director mentioned that collaborative efforts with agencies providing similar services in the neighboring counties may be tasked to shelter victims when their facility is at capacity. Emergency and immediate services are needed by the clientele in the days, weeks or months following their incidences. This population's needs include basic necessities (clothing, food, shelter) as well as trauma counseling and identification of available support systems.

In comparison to those who recently fled domestic violence situations, the clients at the Women Together Transitional Housing complex have needs more aligned with the precariously housed subpopulation. Annually, the organization assists approximately 13 families for up to 18-months. During this course of time, clients attend counseling and weekly life skills sessions. The Director emphasized the need to hire additional counselors for long-term trauma counseling for victims and/or survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Victims of domestic violence who utilize the transitional housing complex are the most likely group of formerly homeless individuals who are able to obtain and maintain permanent housing. Many of these transitional housing residents use the services provided by Affordable Homes of South Texas, Inc. in order to purchase their own homes.

In order to assist QP 3, the City will provide services to include tenant based rental assistance, McKinney-Vento Supportive Services, Homelessness Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling Services.

Other Populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability.

Those at greatest risk of housing instability may have a household income of 0-30% and be severely cost burdened or have an income between 30-50% AMI and meet one of the seven scenarios described in the Notice. Many of these individuals are on a fixed income and their salary is incompatible with increasing expenses. Community agencies, stakeholders, and direct service providers discussed the struggle that continuing rising costs of living and the limited availability of affordable housing units are obstacles in obtaining or maintaining suitable and stable housing.

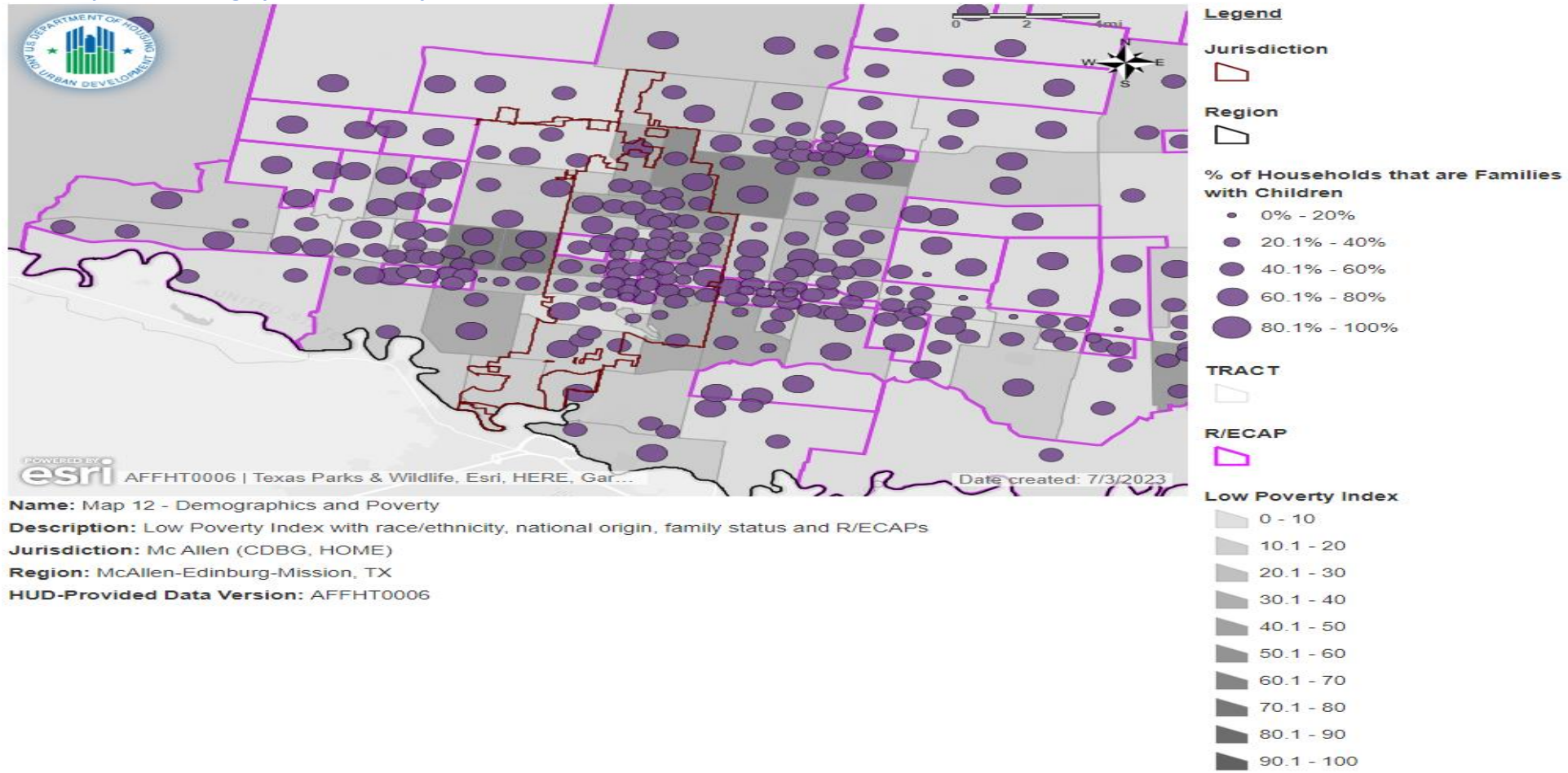
Further, most agencies expressed a gap in the availability of rental assistance and the need for additional supportive services. Within the last two years, Endeavors, a service provider for veterans, stated they had

witnessed an increase for tenant based rental housing assistance which is rooted in the effects of COVID—19 pandemic.

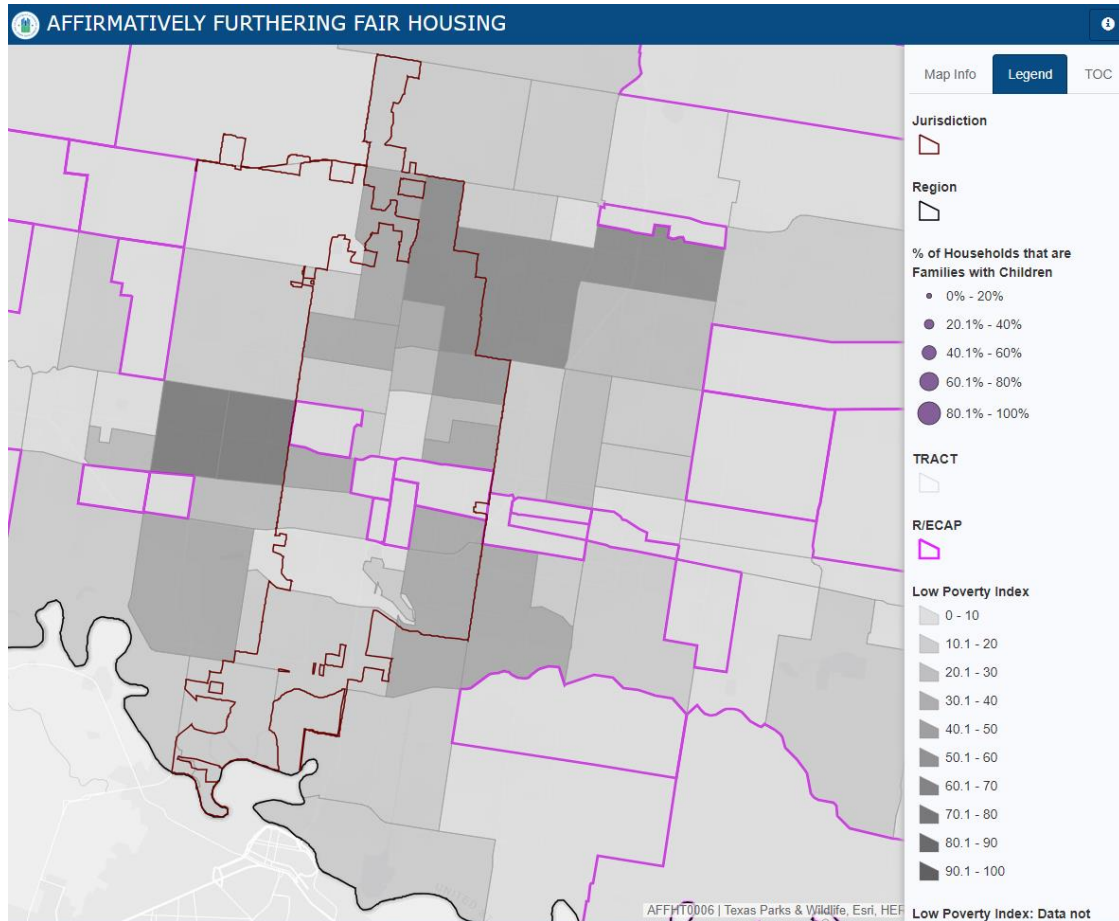
The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Map 12A – Demographic and Low Transportation Cost within the City boundaries. The number of families with children residing with the R/ECAPs is over 40%. The poverty level is

Map 12B retracts families and children data to see the different levels of poverty in the R/ECAPs. The data does reflect levels of poverty located within the R/ECAPs. In addition, it shows levels in the index are between 0 – 30.

AFFH Map 12A – Demographic and Poverty



AFFH Map 12B – Demographic and Poverty



After discussing with community stakeholders, QP 4 will benefit by receiving tenant based rental assistance, McKinney-Vento Supportive Services, Homelessness Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling Services.

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

The 2022 Housing Inventory Count report shows four agencies providing housing assistance in McAllen. Endeavors, Inc., The Salvation Army of McAllen, McAllen Housing Authority, Women Together Foundation Inc. Of these listed agencies, Women Together targeted population is domestic violence survivors. Endeavors, Inc., and McAllen Housing Authority-VASH McAllen Project assist homeless veterans. The Salvation Army of McAllen and McAllen Housing Authority under PH/EHC/McAllen Housing Authority Project provide services to any person or any type of household experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness.

While not limited to McAllen residents, Catholic Charities of the RGV also serves to assist in stabilizing housing within the community.

Table 1: Housing Inventory Count – McAllen Providers

Rapid Re-Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Other Permanent Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endeavors, Inc.• The Salvation Army of McAllen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Authority of McAllen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women Together• The Salvation Army of McAllen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women Together	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Authority of McAllen

The data captured in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) was compared to calculate the gaps of beds/units in shelters when compared with vulnerable populations. This computation serves as the basis of need gap and unmet need.

Housing Inventory Count comparison to Unsheltered Texas Balance of State 2022 Point in Time Count

HIC and PIT reporting outlines the need for additional beds/shelter units for the 202 unsheltered persons. Of the 202 unsheltered persons, 145 were adults, 15 were young adults, and 57 were children. From the adult population, two persons reported having serious mental illness, three have a substance use disorder, and four are survivors of domestic violence.

Service Delivery System

Direct service providers and community agencies work year-round towards improving methods to facilitate the application process, provide their services in the community, and ensure their wait lists move quickly to reduce delays. While consulting with the President of United Way of South Texas, it was stated that supportive services solidifies the foundation that break barriers and helps end the cycle of homelessness. Similar to the views of the other agencies, these wrap around services are necessary to achieve housing stability. Without receiving mental health, substance abuse, financial counseling, job skills training or trauma-focused services, households may need to divert their scarce resources (time and/or money) to their well-being.

Nonetheless, the City and its stakeholders face a unique situation in the delivery of goods and services. The fluctuation of federal resources, the violence in Mexico and political rhetoric which has limited trade as well as the rising cost of living have all exacerbated the need for housing and related services, particularly for the most vulnerable of population. Specifically, the gaps in the delivery system include the following:

- Local agencies and community organizations are faced with dwindling public resources to fund housing and community development activities. These cutbacks have a severe impact on the performance of the delivery system.
- Hidalgo County covers a large geographic area with resources generally located in more urbanized areas, including McAllen. Service providers often find themselves trying to coordinate services over multiple municipal and/or county boundaries. In addition, the region lacks the resources to implement cohesive regional plans.
- Hidalgo County lacks a coordinated Continuum of Care. Instead, the area is served by the statewide Balance of State Continuum of Care under the auspices of the Texas Homeless Network.
- English as a second language, limited or no English proficiency can also hinder access to quality affordable housing.

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

The City of McAllen will not include any other conditions in its definition of “other populations”. The City will term “other populations” as defined in CPD-Notice – 4 (1), 4 (2) (i-ii A-G)) and veterans who meet one of the QP standards.

Housing Inventory Count comparison to Veterans Programs

For veterans, Endeavors provided rapid re-housing for two veterans through their McAllen RRH SSVF Project; Additionally, the McAllen Housing Authority, through their VASH-McAllen Project, provided 21 beds. PIT reported a gap of four unsheltered veterans. The two agencies mentioned that their veteran clientele was mostly composed of single adult males seeking shelter services. In addition, staff from the Texas Homeless Network, lead agency for the Continuum of Care, indicated that they have found the veteran status has been a characteristic least likely to be reported. As such, there is a high probability that this is an underrepresented expression of need.

Priority needs for qualifying populations

The priority need identified by community organizations, stakeholders, and the public was development and support of affordable housing; i.e., affordable rental units via Tenant-based Rental Assistance. This was true for agencies servicing all QPs. Equally as important, the agencies highlighted the need of supportive services in order to complement housing assistance.

Most recently, staff had an informal consultation with the McAllen Housing Authority Deputy Director to further discuss the needs of qualifying population since we last conversed in January. Emergency vouchers for COVID will be expiring in September he emphasized these families will require soon rental assistance. Daily their office receives inquires for assistance but due to limited vouchers they are turned away.

The region only has one homeless shelter managed by The Salvation Army of McAllen and one Domestic Violence Shelter operated by Women Together Foundation, Inc. each primary service provider the qualifying population

CHAS data solidified the need for quality housing as it indicated renters have limited ability to obtain/maintain housing without problems and that still meet their affordability threshold. Another justification for the need for quality housing is the high number of units that fail to accommodate the number of persons within the households.

Of note, none of the organizations or comments received supported a need for development of non-congregate shelter.

Assessment of level of need and gaps in the shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented

In order to assess the level of need and gaps, the City of McAllen considered the difference between the number of unsheltered homeless individuals and the number of beds available. The City used current and historical data from the Point-In-Time Count. The City also considered the targets established in the FY 2018-2023 Consolidated

Plan and Strategy to see whether those goals continued to be aligned with the current needs/Pre- and Post-Pandemic. CHAS data also served to support the needs, gaps and concerns facing renter households.

Due to the familiarity with the National Incident – Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Crime Report (2022) and The Texas Crime Report (2021) filed by Texas Department of Public Safety, Community Development staff was able to discern data and its effects on the homeless community.

In order to engage in a new post COVID-19 perspective, the City and the Hidalgo County – Urban County Program took on a collaborative approach. The development of an online Countywide HOME-ARP Consultation Survey was an innovative method to broaden community input and validate local data.

HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

The City will utilize the HOME Investments Partnerships Program (HOME) method of soliciting applications in order to keep a uniformed selection process. To follow is a brief summary of the actions traditionally taken by the Community Development Office in the solicitation of applicants and recommendation of projects:

Eligible Applicants

The City's Standard Operating Policies state non-profit organizations, municipal departments or units of local government may be considered for funding. It is not anticipated that changes to this policy will occur during the solicitation for HOME-ARP funded agencies. Nonetheless, the City does not intend that any of its departments will participate in the implementation of the HOME-ARP Plan.

Process for Soliciting Funding Applications or Proposals

The City of McAllen will solicit applications via a Notice of Funding Availability advertisement appearing in The Monitor.

The City's Notice of Funding Availability will make applicants aware that:

- They will be required to attend a technical assistance seminars regarding the application
- SAMS registration is necessary prior to submitting an application
- Maintaining an active SAM registration is required
- The agency's unique identifier (EIN/TIN and UEI) should be provided in the application
- The Program Year is October 1 - September 30
- Additional information could be obtained by contacting the Grant Administration Department – Community Development Office via email or telephone

Similar to the CDBG and HOME award process, the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) will be utilized in reviewing HOME-ARP applications and their related supporting documentation. The CDAC considers the application as well as the applicant's history of providing services, leveraging amounts and project costs. After a recommendation is made by the CDAC, it will be presented to City Commission for their consideration and approval.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City will move forward in administering Tenant Based Rental Assistance in-house. City staff have experience in providing rental (and homeowner) assistance. As such, City staff will commence services to the community once the project setup is complete.

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

No subrecipients have received administrative funds from the City of McAllen to administer HOME-ARP funds nor has the City solicited any applications.

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

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

Eligible Activities	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 750,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 1,057,583.65		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	0%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	0%
Administration and Planning	\$ 318,985.35	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,126,569		

The City of McAllen will provide ***short-term and medium-term*** financial assistance for rent to assist the qualifying population. The qualifying household is also eligible to receive payments to cover the entire or insufficient amounts, i.e., if they are unable to pay for housing and housing-related cost such as security deposits, and utility deposits. Assisted households may choose to rent in any eligible rental unit; HOME-TBRA is attached to the household and not a particular rental unit. The only three service providers, The Salvation Army of McAllen, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, and Women Together Foundation, Inc. acknowledged the importance of offering rental assistance to continue assisting the qualifying population. During the consultation period and more recently, staff receives inquires for rental and utility assistance

Eligible Supportive Services include:

Child care	Education services	Employment assistance and job training
Food	Housing search and counseling services	Legal services
Life skills training	Mental health services	Outpatient health services
Outreach services	Substance abuse treatment services	Transportation
Case management	Mediation	Credit repair
Landlord/Tenant Liaison	Services for special populations	Financial assistance costs

Describe the distribution of HOME-ARP funds in accordance with the priority needs identified in the needs assessment and gap analysis

Although the City utilized the consultation process, resources, and data in the development of this allocation plan, the needs and priorities are aligned with the needs and priorities identified in the City's FY 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan and Strategy. The City has prioritized "Public Services - Social/support Services for qualified individuals and families including services for seniors, children, youth, general population, handicapped persons, abused and neglected children and battered and abused spouses as well as transportation, health services and subsistence payments".

As such, the City intends to fund supportive services and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. Administrative expenses and planning are also included so that City staff has funding for program oversight.

After the original submission and with further consultations the assessed need remains the same, tenant based rental assistance and eligible supportive services noted in the CPD-21-10 will be offered to each 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:

Consideration of the characteristics and their rationale to fund eligible activities included:

- Number of beds needed if all unsheltered subpopulation sought such services
- Household size and composition for the types of housing and services being sought
- Frequency of chronic homeless individuals compared to non-chronically homeless
- Varied types of services needed to maintain housing stability including
 - Job Training/Re-education
 - Transportation
 - Financial Counseling
 - Mental Health Care
 - Health Care/Trauma Counseling
 - Child Care/Student Services

HOME-ARP PRODUCTION HOUSING GOALS

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

The City estimates HOME-ARP funds will be used to assist approximately 125 households; funds will primarily support tenant based rental assistance.

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

While the City does not intend to produce new units, HOME-ARP fund are intended to be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Support Services. A preponderance of agencies consulted indicated these activities, rental assistance and support services, are needed to help ensure housing stability for all qualifying populations. Fiscal assistance, particularly for households with incomes less than 30% of AMI, is the primary strategy to address the priority needs identified during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This income group is the most likely to be housed in a unit with at least of the noted housing problems as well as have a higher tendency to be overburdened or severely overburdened.

PREFERENCES

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

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

Not applicable; the City of McAllen will not enact a preference for one or more qualifying populations or subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations.

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

Not applicable; the City of McAllen will not enact a preference for one or more qualifying populations or subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations.

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

Not applicable; the City of McAllen will not enact a preference for one or more qualifying populations or subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES

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

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

Not applicable; the City of McAllen will not utilize HOME-ARP to refinance existing debt secured by a multifamily rental housing project.

APPENDIX A

Sources

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<https://www.dps.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/crimereports/21/2021cit.pdf>

APPENDIX B

Listing of Non-response Entities

The City and/or Hidalgo County – Urban County staff attempted to consult with the following organizations; however, attempts were unsuccessful.

Agency/Org	HUD Agency/Org	Contact Method	Qualifying Population	Unsuccessful Attempts
Valley AIDS Council (VAC)	Homeless Service Provider	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 16, 2022 January 6, 2023
Hidalgo County Emergency Management	Public Agency that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 4	December 16, 2022 January 6, 2023 January 9, 2023 (declined)
Children Advocacy Center Hidalgo and Starr Counties (CACHSC)	Victims Service Provider	Email	QP 3	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022 January 6, 2022
El Milagro Clinic	Public Agency that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 January 6, 2023
CASA of Hidalgo County, Inc.	Victims Service Provider	Email	QP 3	December 19, 2022 January 9, 2023
Texas Department of State Health Services	Public Agency that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Telephone	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	February 2, 2023
Community Hope Projects, Inc. / Hope Family Health Center	Public Agency that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	January 6, 2023
Nuestra Clinica del Valle - Pharr	Public Agency that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 16, 2022 January 6, 2023
Access Esperanza Clinics, Inc.	Public Agency that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022
South Texas Civil Rights Project	Organizations that address civil rights, fair housing, needs of people with disabilities	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 18, 2022 December 19, 2022 January 3, 2023

ARISE Support Center	Community Agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 4	December 18, 2022 December 19, 2022 January 3, 2023
American Red Cross McAllen	Public Agency that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 21, 2022 December 22, 2022 January 3, 2023
South Texas Civil Rights Project	Organizations that address civil rights/fair housing/needs of people with disabilities	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 18, 2022 December 19, 2022 January 3, 2023
ARISE Support Center	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 18, 2022 December 19, 2022 January 3, 2023
City of Alamo	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Donna	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Edcouch	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Elsa	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Granjero	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Hidalgo	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022

City of La Joya	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of La Villa	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Mercedes	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Palmhurst	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Palmview	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Penitas	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Progreso Lakes	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Sullivan City	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
City of Weslaco	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 22, 2022
Hidalgo County Precinct No 2 Office	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 14, 2022 December 21, 2022

Alamo Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
Donna Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
Edcouch Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
Elsa Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
La Joya Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
Mercedes Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
San Juan Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
Weslaco Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority (PHA)	Telephone Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	December 19, 2022 December 20, 2022
McAllen Fire Department	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	May 24, 2023 May 30, 2023
McAllen 311	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	May 24, 2023 May 30, 2023
Metro McAllen	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	May 24, 2023 May 30, 2023
McAllen Public Works	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	May 24, 2023 May 30, 2023

Office of the Attorney General	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	May 25, 2023 May 30, 2023
Texas State Independent Living	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 4	May 23, 2023 May 30, 2023
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Email	QP 1 QP 2 QP 3 QP 4	February 28, 2023 June 2, 2023

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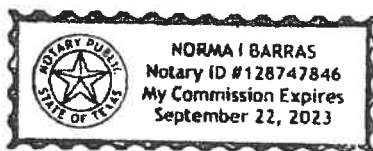
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PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF McALLEN HOME- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan

In compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CPD-21-10 Notice requirements, the City of McAllen hereby announces the availability of the draft HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan, a comment period regarding the draft and a public hearing regarding the proposed plan. The City received a one-time allocation of \$2,126,569 through the American Rescue Plan Act 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.

The draft of the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation may be viewed at the Grant Administration Office, McAllen City Hall, 2nd Floor, 1300 Houston Ave. during regular business hours or is available for download at www.mcallen.net/departments/grants/cdbg/documents.

Comments on the proposed Allocation Plan will be accepted until the close of business on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

In addition, a public hearing regarding the proposed plan will be held on:

**Monday, March 6, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.
McAllen City Hall, Conference Room #2A, 2nd Floor,
1300 Houston Ave., McAllen, Texas**

HOME-ARP eligible activities include the provision of rental housing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), supportive services, acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter (NCS), non-profit operating and capacity building assistance and administration.

HOME-ARP program participants must meet one of the following qualifying populations:

- Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- At risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Traffic as defined by HUD.
- Other Populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and make their views known. This public hearing complies with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities/handicapped, non-English speaking, or limited English proficiency (LEP) persons who may require interpreters shall be provided upon request by calling (956) 681-1030 at least three days in advance.

Persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind or speech-disabled may use Relay Texas at 7-1-1 to call the Grant Administration - Community Development Office and request arrangements in order to participate in the Community Development process.

Las presentaciones se harán en español para aquellas personas que así lo deseen.

For more information, please contact the Grant Administration Department at (956) 681-1030. Comments may be forwarded to cdbg@mcallen.net or via mail to:

City of McAllen
Grant Administration Department - Community Development Office
PO Box 220, McAllen, TX 78505-0220



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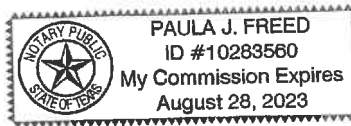
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Jose Luis B Garza

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8 day of February A.D. 2023



Notary Public, Hidalgo County

AVISO PÚBLICO Y AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

CIUDAD DE McALLEN

HOME- Plan Americano de Rescate (ARP) Plan de asignación

En cumplimiento con los requisitos de notificación CPD-21-10 del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos, la Ciudad de McAllen anuncia por la presente la disponibilidad del borrador del Programa de Sociedad de Inversiones HOME - Plan de Rescate Americano (HOME-ARP), un período de comentarios sobre el borrador y una audiencia pública sobre el plan. La Ciudad recibió una asignación única de \$2,126,569 a través de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Americano para ayudar a individuos y familias sin vivienda, en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar y otras poblaciones vulnerables, proporcionando vivienda, asistencia para el alquiler, servicios de apoyo y refugio no congregado para reducir la falta de vivienda y aumentar la estabilidad de la vivienda.

El borrador de la asignación HOME-ARP propuesta estará disponible a partir del miércoles 15 de febrero de 2023. El documento se puede ver en la Oficina de Administración de Subvenciones, McAllen City Hall, 2do Piso, 1300 Houston Ave. durante el horario de oficina regular o está disponible para descargar en www.mcallen.net/departments/grants/cdbg/documents. Los comentarios sobre el Plan de Asignación propuesto se aceptarán hasta el cierre de la oficina el jueves 2 de marzo de 2023.

Además, se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el plan propuesto:

Jueves 23 de febrero de 2023, a las 5:30 P.M.
McAllen City Hall, Sala de los Comisionados, 3er piso,
1300 Houston Ave., McAllen, Texas.

Las actividades elegibles para HOME-ARP incluyen la provisión de viviendas de alquiler, Asistencia de Alquiler Basada en Inquilinos (TBRA, por sus siglas en inglés), servicios de apoyo, adquisición y desarrollo de refugios no congregados (NCS, en inglés), asistencia y administración operativas y de desarrollo de capacidades sin fines de lucro.

Los participantes del programa HOME-ARP deben cumplir con una de las siguientes poblaciones calificadas:

- Personas sin hogar, como se define en 24 CFR 91.5
- En riesgo de quedarse sin hogar, como se define en 24 CFR 91.5
- Huir, o intentar huir, de la violencia doméstica, la violencia en el noviazgo, la agresión sexual, el acecho o el tráfico humano según lo define HUD.
- Otras poblaciones donde proporcionar servicios de apoyo o asistencia bajo la sección 212 (a) de NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742 (a)) evitaría la falta de vivienda de la familia o serviría a aquellos con el mayor riesgo de inestabilidad de la vivienda.

Se invita a todas las partes interesadas a asistir y dar a conocer sus puntos de vista. Esta audiencia pública cumple con el Plan de Participación Ciudadana de la Ciudad.

Las adaptaciones para personas con discapacidades / minusválidos, que no hablan inglés o que tienen un dominio limitado del inglés (LEP) que puedan requerir intérpretes se proporcionarán previa solicitud llamando al (956) 681-1030 con al menos tres días de anticipación.

Las personas sordas, con dificultades auditivas, sordociegas o con discapacidades del habla pueden usar Relay Texas al 7-1-1 para llamar a la Administración de Subvenciones - Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario y solicitar arreglos para participar en el proceso de Desarrollo Comunitario.

Las presentaciones se harán en español para aquellas personas que así lo deseen.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Administración de Subvenciones al (956) 681-1030. Los comentarios pueden enviarse a: cdbg@mcallen.net o por correo a:

Ciudad de McAllen
Departamento de Administración de Subvenciones
Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario
PO Box 220
McAllen, TX 78505-0220

Corte Suprema de Texas determina actuación ilegal en Distrito Escolar

• Procurador respalda la decisión



Austin, (AII).- El procurador general de Justicia de Texas, Ken Paxton, anunció su apoyo a una reciente opinión de la Corte Suprema de Texas que tiene el potencial de reforzar la experiencia educativa de los estudiantes en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Houston (Houston Independent School District, HISD), el distrito escolar más grande de Texas.

Con base en escuelas fallidas y una investigación que encontró que los miembros de la junta participaron en conductas ilegales, el Comisionado de Educación de Texas anunció medidas provisionales, incluido el nombramiento de una junta de gerentes para ayudar a gobernar el distrito, para garantizar que los estudiantes de HISD reciban la mejor educación posible.

HISD luego demandó a la Agencia de Educación de Texas (Texas Education Agency, TEA), al Comisionado de Educación, así como a un curador designado por el Comisionado, para evitar que se produjeran cambios en el distrito. La Procuraduría General de Texas representó a la TEA, al Comisionado y al curador en la acción legal.

Un tribunal de primera instancia emitió una orden de restricción contra las intervenciones del Comisionado, que el Tercer Tribunal de Apelaciones, con sede en Austin, confirmó. La Corte Suprema de Texas luego revocó el fallo del tribunal de apelaciones, anuló la orden de restricción temporal y remitió el caso al tribunal de primera instancia para que continuara con los procedimientos.

"La Corte Suprema de Texas tomó la decisión correcta al revertir la decisión de la corte de apelaciones", dijo el Procurador General Paxton. "Todos los estudiantes de Texas merecen recibir una educación de primera categoría, y si uno de nuestros distritos escolares se está quedando corto en esa misión, entonces hay pasos legales que se pueden tomar para el su mejoramiento.

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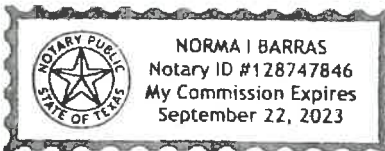
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Notary Public, Hidalgo County

June 1, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF McALLEN

HOME- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan

In compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CPD-21-10 Notice requirements, the City of McAllen hereby announces the availability of the revised draft of the HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan, a comment period regarding the draft and a public hearing regarding the proposed plan. The City received a one-time allocation of \$2,126,569 through the American Rescue Plan Act to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

HOME-ARP eligible activities include the provision of rental housing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), supportive services, acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter (NCS), non-profit operating and capacity building assistance and administration.

HOME-ARP program participants must meet one of the following qualifying populations:

- Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- At risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Traffic as defined by HUD.
- Other Populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

The draft of the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation may be viewed at the main library, branch libraries or at Grant Administration Office, McAllen City Hall, 2nd Floor, 1300 Houston Ave. during regular business hours. It is also available for download at www.mcallen.net/departments/grants/cdbg/documents.

In addition, two public hearings regarding the proposed plan will be held on:

Monday, June 19, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.
McAllen Housing Authority – Family Development Center
2501 Maple Ave., McAllen Texas
and
Monday, June 19, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.
Conference Room #2A, 2nd Floor, City Hall
1300 Houston Ave., McAllen, Texas

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and make their views known. The public hearings comply with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

Comments on the proposed Allocation Plan will be accepted until the close of business on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities/handicapped, non-English speaking, or limited English proficiency (LEP) persons who may require interpreters shall be provided upon request by calling (956) 681-1030 at least three days in advance.

Persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind or speech-disabled may use Relay Texas at 7-1-1 to call the Grant Administration - Community Development Office and request arrangements in order to participate in the Community Development process.

Las presentaciones se harán en español para aquellas personas que así lo deseen.

For more information, please contact the Grant Administration Department at (956) 681-1030. Comments may be forwarded to cdbg@mcallen.net or via mail postmarked no later than June 17, 2023 to:

City of McAllen Grant Administration Department Community Development Office
PO Box 220, McAllen, TX 78505-0220



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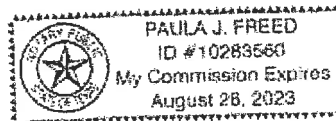
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Notary Public, Hidalgo County

**AVISO PÚBLICO Y
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
CIUDAD DE McALLEN**

**HOME- Plan de Rescate Americano (ARP)
Plan de asignación**

De conformidad con los requisitos del Aviso CPD-21-10 del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE. UU., la Ciudad de McAllen anuncia por la presente la disponibilidad del borrador revisado del Programa de Sociedad de Inversiones HOME - Plan de Asignación del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (HOME-ARP), un período de comentarios sobre el borrador y una audiencia pública sobre el plan propuesto. La Ciudad recibió una asignación única de \$2,126,569 a través de la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense para reducir la falta de vivienda y aumentar la estabilidad de la vivienda.

Las actividades elegibles de HOME-ARP incluyen la provisión de viviendas de alquiler, asistencia de alquiler basada en inquilinos (TBRA), servicios de apoyo, adquisición y desarrollo de refugios no colectivos (NCS), asistencia y administración de operaciones y desarrollo de capacidades sin fines de lucro.

Los participantes del programa HOME-ARP deben cumplir con una de las siguientes poblaciones calificadas:

- Sin hogar, como se define en 24 CFR 91.5
- En riesgo de quedarse sin hogar, como se define en 24 CFR 91.5
- Huir o intentar huir, violencia doméstica, violencia entre parejas, agresión sexual, acecho o tráfico de personas según lo define HUD.
- Otras poblaciones en las que brindar servicios de apoyo o asistencia en virtud de la sección 212(a) de NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) evitaría la falta de vivienda de la familia o ayudaría a aquellos con el mayor riesgo de inestabilidad de vivienda.

El borrador de la Asignación HOME-ARP propuesta se puede ver en la biblioteca principal, las sucursales de las bibliotecas o en la Oficina de Administración de Subvenciones, McAllen City Hall, 2nd Floor, 1300 Houston Ave. durante el horario comercial habitual. También está disponible para su descarga en www.mcallen.net/departments/grants/cdbg/documents.

Además, se llevarán a cabo dos audiencias públicas sobre el plan propuesto el:

Lunes, 19 de junio de 2023 a las 10:00 A.M
McAllen Housing Authority - Centro de Desarrollo Familiar
2501 Maple Ave., McAllen Texas

y

Lunes, 19 de junio de 2023 a las 15:00 P.M
Sala de Conferencias #2A, 2do piso, City Hall
1300 Houston Ave., McAllen, Texas

Se anima a todas las partes interesadas a asistir y dar a conocer sus puntos de vista. Las audiencias públicas cumplen con el Plan de Participación Ciudadana de la Ciudad.

Se aceptarán comentarios sobre el Plan de Asignación propuesto hasta el cierre de la oficina del martes 20 de junio de 2023.

Las adaptaciones para personas con discapacidades/discapacitados, que no hablen inglés o personas con dominio limitado del inglés (LEP) que puedan necesitar intérpretes se proporcionarán previa solicitud llamando al (956) 681-1030 con al menos tres días de anticipación.

Las personas sordas, con dificultades auditivas, sordociegas o con discapacidad del habla pueden usar Relay Texas al 7-1-1 para llamar a la Administración de Subvenciones - Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario y solicitar arreglos para participar en el proceso de Desarrollo Comunitario.

Las presentaciones se harán en español para aquellas personas que así lo deseen.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Administración de Subvenciones al (956) 681-1030.

Los comentarios pueden enviarse a cdbg@mcallen.net o por correo sellado a más tardar el 17 de junio de 2023:

Ciudad de McAllen
Departamento de Administración de Subvenciones
Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario
PO Box 220
McAllen, TX 78505-0220

Inauguran edificio anexo de atención primaria de UT Health RGV AHEC

Edinburg, Tx.- El Precinto 4 del Condado Hidalgo y UT Health RGV organizaron una ceremonia para inaugurar oficialmente el Edificio Anexo de Atención Primaria UT Health RGV AHEC, en las instalaciones de la clínica ubicada en el 230 de la calle 86, en Edinburg, Texas.

"Desde la gran inauguración del Programa de Atención Primaria RGV AHEC de UT Health en San Carlos en noviembre de 2019, la clínica ha tenido un gran éxito", declaró la comisionada del Precinto 4 del Condado de Hidalgo, Ellie Torres. "La comunidad de San Carlos necesitaba atención primaria de salud accesible y asequible. Ha sido increíble la cantidad de personas que han utilizado este centro en un corto período de tiempo". El programa UT Health RGV AHEC ha brindado atención médica primaria a 8,000 personas con más de 25,000 visitas de pacientes hasta la fecha.

El programa también sirve para brindar a los estudiantes de UTRGV capacitación de campo en diversas áreas de especialidad. "Más de 250 becarios de AHEC, estudiantes de medicina, enfermería, asistente médico, trabajo social y otras disciplinas han pasado por las clínicas de AHEC y han visto las maravillas de la medicina en acción. Más de 20 médicos residentes han aprendido

con el Programa AHEC en esta comunidad. Los estudiantes de medicina de primer año también han pasado por la Clínica AHEC. Se trata del trabajo en equipo y las alianzas con todos", dijo el Dr. John Ronnau, decano asociado sénior de Community Health Partnerships y director e investigador principal del Programa AHEC.

"La adición de un anexo de 1,200 pies

cuadrados proporcionará un espacio muy necesario para servicios de atención primaria, salud de la mujer, comportamiento y servicios sociales que tienen una gran demanda. La expansión es posible gracias al generoso apoyo de la comisionada del condado de Hidalgo, la Sra. Ellie Torres, Precinto 4", dijo Ronnau. "Además de la atención médica primaria a un costo accesible, AHEC brinda oportunidades de educación y capacitación para los estudiantes y residentes de UTRGV".

El personal y los estudiantes del programa UT Health RGV AHEC están entusiasmados de brindar atención primaria de salud a más pacientes en el área rural de San Carlos.

La clínica UT Health RGV AHEC cuenta con profesores y estudiantes de la Escuela de Medicina, la Escuela de Enfermería, la Escuela de Trabajo Social y la Facultad de Profesiones de la Salud de UTRGV para brindar medicina familiar, atención de enfermedades agudas y crónicas, exámenes de salud, exámenes físicos, inmunizaciones y atención preventiva.

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