

MCHENRY COUNTY

Community Development Division

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN



Consultation

Summarize the consultation process.

- McHenry County Community Development staff met with various agencies and providers that have unique and specific knowledge about the needs and what types of projects would best benefit the qualified populations listed in the NOFO.
- McHenry County Community Development staff had utilized a HOME-ARP survey for the members of the McHenry County Continuum of Care. The survey requested participants to prioritize the eligible activities and then also provide feedback and input about each of the eligible activities. Provider agencies articulated any gaps in services and housing needs by providing written feedback in the HOME-ARP survey. The County has taken the feedback from each of the consultations and created a list of all the input and feedback.

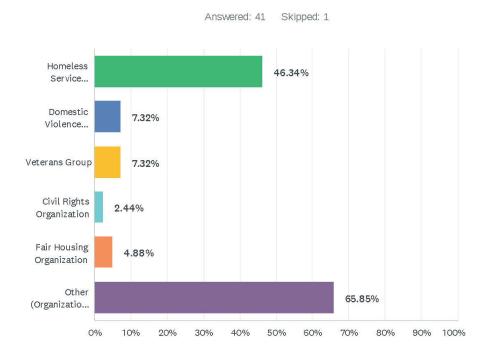
List of the organizations consulted:

Agency Name	Type of Agency	Method of Consultation
Continuum of Care Leadership	Network of service providers for low-income residents	Virtual
Family Health Partnership Clinic	Service provider that assists low-income residents with a specific focus on improving the health of individuals	Virtual
Home of the Sparrow	Service provider that assists low-income residents; with a specific focus in women and children	Virtual
Housing Authority	Service provider that assists low-income residents with housing issues	Virtual
Pioneer Center for Human Services	Service provider that assists residents with a varying array of programs with specific focus on those with IDDs	Virtual
Prairie State Legal Services	Service provider that assists low-income residents; specifically with legal advice	Virtual
Thresholds	Service provider that assists low-income residents; specifically with mental health	Virtual
Turning Point	Service provider that assists victims of domestic violence	Virtual
Veterans Assistance Commission	Service provider that assists veterans	Virtual
Veterans Path to Hope	Service provider that assists low-income veterans	Virtual
Willow Church	Collaboration partner that assists people experiencing homelessness and those with IDDs	Virtual

HOME-ARP Survey:

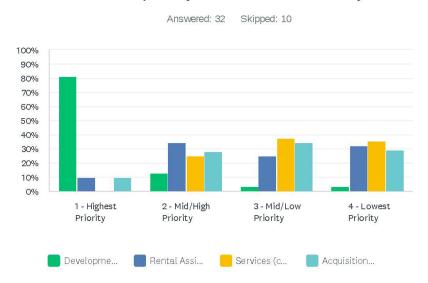
McHenry County HOME-ARP Survey

Q3 Which type of organization(s) below best describes the group with which you are affiliated? (select as many choices as needed) *



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPON	SES
Homeless Service Provider	46.34%	19
Domestic Violence Service Provider	7.32%	3
Veterans Group	7.32%	3
Civil Rights Organization	2.44%	1
Fair Housing Organization	4.88%	2
Other (Organization addressing the needs of People Experiencing or At Risk Homelessness; People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking; or People with High Risk of Housing Instability.)	65.85%	27
Total Respondents: 41		

Q6 How would you rank the following eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds in terms of priority within our community?



	DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING	RENTAL ASSISTANCE	SERVICES (CASE MANAGEMENT, LEGAL SERVICES, MOVING COST ASSISTANCE, ETC.)	ACQUISITION/DEVELOPMENT OF NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER UNITS	TOTAL
1 - Highest Priority	81.25% 26	9.38% 3	0.00% 0	9.38% 3	32
2 - Mid/High Priority	12.50% 4	34.38% 11	25.00% 8	28.13% 9	32
3 - Mid/Low Priority	3.13%	25.00% 8	37.50% 12	34.38% 11	32
4 - Lowest Priority	3.23% 1	32.26% 10	35.48% 11	29.03% 9	31

Summarize the feedback received from these entities:

The feedback received from the consultations, HOME-ARP survey narrative responses, and public meetings continued to show the high need for the development of affordable rental housing in the community. Agencies that are involved in McHenry County's Continuum of Care prioritized the development of affordable housing as the highest priority amongst the four eligible activities with 81.25% of agencies prioritizing affordable housing as the highest priority. The greatest barrier within McHenry County is the lack of affordable rental housing. This shortage of affordable rental units only exacerbates McHenry County's housing problem along with rapidly increasing rental prices from the units that are available coupled with the lack of housing vouchers creates a stagnant housing system and increases the difficulty of placing and finding units available for clients.

Public Participation

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

The public comment period began on April 27, 2022, with publication of the notice of public comment period in the Northwest Herald on April 27, 2022. The comment period was open until May 10, 2022. Additionally, the notice of the open comment period was published in the Northwest Herald, McHenry County also sent the notice out through a contact list of providers and agencies throughout the county. The notice was also published on Facebook.

McHenry County held two public hearing dates for the public to attend. One public hearing was on May 9, 2022, at 10:00am. The other public hearing was on May 10, 2022, at 1:00pm.

McHenry County Community Development staff utilized a HOME-ARP survey that requested CoC agencies to rank the four eligible uses of HOME-ARP funding by priority. The four eligible uses are:

- Development of affordable rental housing
- Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive services
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation.

McHenry County held two public hearings to offer the public a morning and afternoon time as well as two different days to allow for more people to attend. The notice and the dates of the public hearings was sent individually through email as well as published to Facebook.

Additionally, a HOME-ARP survey was created to gain more insight on what the service providers apart of the McHenry County Continuum of Care felt the HOME-ARP funding should be used for.

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

- Lack of affordable housing
- High rent and cost burdens
- Limited housing stock available in the County
- High need of long-term case management and supportive services for clients in programs
- High increase of rental housing rates
- Having more accessibility for non-English speakers through staff and flyers/notices
- Possible interim step between shelter and apartment for clients
- Having better transportation for clients to access services from their renting locations/shelters

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why. All comments were accepted and incorporated in the McHenry County HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

	Occupied	Capacity	Available
Emergency Shelter	57	57	0
Transitional Housing	62	62	0
Rapid Rehousing	41	41	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	31	31	0
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0
Total	191	191	0

Information provided by the 2022 McHenry County Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

McHenry County's Point in Time Count (PIT) for 2022 was recently completed this year in February. During the 2022 PIT Count, 81 sheltered and 11 unsheltered people experiencing homelessness were identified. 4 people were experiencing chronic homelessness. Of those 92 people experiencing homelessness, 38 identified as female, 53 as male, and 1 as transgender. 84 of the 92 people experiencing homelessness identified as white, 2 as Black or African American, and 6 as multiple races.

On an annual basis, there are roughly 92 veterans. At any given time, 23 veterans can reside in a transitional setting, while another 25-30 can receive assistance through other programs like SSVF and HUD-VASH. On an annual basis, there are roughly 194 children, with several of them being runaway youth that quickly move on to other communities where a wider variety of services exist. Children tend to participate in services with family members at a high level in McHenry County. Emergency Shelters, outside of Turning Point for domestic violence, tend to have few, if any children present. Instead, the children move into more family-based services at providers like Home of the Sparrow.

Of a typical year with 861 clients in the CoC system documented in HMIS (meaning that it excludes doubled-up and victims of domestic violence), 61% are White, 17.2% identify as Black/African American, 0.3% Asian, 0.5% Native American, 0.1% Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 2.9% identify as Multiple Races, and 18% which the client did not want to provide the data. This data suggests that white homeless individuals experience homelessness at a rate about 30 percentage points lower than the County's population. African Americans experience homelessness at a rate that is significantly higher than the 2-3% represented in the general population. McHenry County has studied this disparity in the past, with data suggesting that permanent housing interventions occurred at a significantly higher levels with any disparate populations, suggesting that efforts to ensure equity are in place, but not to the proper levels. The

County's CoC intends to participate in identifying the means by which equity can continually be better reached.

Unsheltered homeless is more common in the urban centers of the County, and involves minimal numbers at the typical "Point-in-Time" Count every January. Street Outreach is available to assist clients who are experiencing homelessness with a baseline level of services and access points into the homeless system. The County had expanded its emergency shelter in 2020 from 34 to 70 beds to increase capacity for system entry. Rapid Rehousing is provided through TBRA (HOME) and the CoC program to assist with moving households quickly out of homelessness.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

Housing cost burden is a significant issue in McHenry County, accounting for the majority of housing problems in the community. McHenry County's 2011-2015 CHAS data shows 76,037 households at or below 30% AMI that are cost burdened. There are 22,148 between 30-50% AMI that are cost burdened. There are 14,395 that are 50% or greater that are cost burdened. Demographically speaking, the County's population is represented as 90.1% White, 1.1% Black/African American, 2.5% Asian, 0.3% Native American, and 6% of other races/two or more races. In McHenry County, the housing cost burden affects the population in a manner consistent with the County's population, meaning that there are not disproportionately affected groups. The fact remains that housing cost burden is a community-wide issue that needs to be confronted on multiple fronts. These numbers are based upon the data in McHenry County's Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024 and CHAS 2011-2015 data.

Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking:

Turning Point provides services for victims of domestic violence. CDBG funds have been used to assist their operations. Turning Point provides 22 beds for emergency use for families.

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

Out of the 113,269 housing units in McHenry, about 20% (22,654) are rental units, a number that is decreasing as housing stock is reconverted into single family housing. Studies have shown that there are rental unit "deserts," meaning that there is little to no rental stock available even if someone was ready and willing to pay for it.

The two biggest housing problems in McHenry County are:

- Rental cost burden of more than 30% of gross monthly income
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- 4,545 of the rental housing units have households with a cost burden of 50% or more; 3,011 of the households have an income that is at or below 30% of the Area Median Income.
- The 3,011 renter households at or below 30% of Area Median Income and with a housing cost burden of more than 50% are precariously housed, and could most easily slip into homelessness by missing a few work days or having a car fail.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations. Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

The McHenry County Continuum of Care works collaboratively to address the myriad of homeless issues in the County, including emergency, transitional, and permanent housing, and a range of social services agencies. Two organizations focus on emergency shelter – Turning Point and Pioneer-PADS.

A year-round shelter side opened in the summer of 2020, and increased bed capacity, meaning that the "faith institution" setup previously used is no longer required. The community continues to offer emergency services for victims of domestic violence, who essentially become homeless after leaving an abusive household, and homelessness preventions services aimed at keeping individuals housed through rental support, case management and community support. A "Coordinated Intake and Assessment" system is now in place with an allocation from the Continuum of Care. McHenry County CoC is participating in the Built for Zero initiative.

Two major issues that are impacting the level of homelessness in the County are the lack of affordable housing and the lack of a year round shelter side within the community. In addition, limited public transportation options impacts the ability of low-income households to access employment centers and social services. Also, McHenry County's affordable housing stock is not robust enough to assist with providing housing to meet the current demand of those needing housing. McHenry County will use the HOME-ARP funds to create more affordable housing stock for the county.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5:

Characteristics of low-income individuals and families with children, especially extremely low-income, who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered include lack of skills required to obtain employment; deficiencies in personal skills to sustain employment; or health issues that prevent employment. Because the cost of housing in McHenry County is high, and the availability of affordable units is low, these personal and employment obstacles make obtaining and sustaining housing that much more difficult. McHenry County has a strong network of case management, employment skills resources, and family self-sufficiency programs to assist persons in overcoming these obstacles. The McHenry County CoC emphasizes affordable housing so that households are not placed in an unsustainable situation where they will be faced with homelessness when assistance is terminated.

In a rapid rehousing situation, when a client has been successfully rehoused, case management is focused on helping to provide voluntary services and supports that will aid in sustaining housing stability and self-sufficiency. Case management may continue after financial assistance ends, if appropriate or requested by the household. For those that require ongoing support after exiting the rapid rehousing program, case managers provide participants with warm handoffs to mainstream and community-based services that will continue to assist them. Access to affordable housing, workforce development or mainstream benefit resources are all key to addressing the needs of formerly persons experiencing homelessness and nearing the end of receiving rapid rehousing assistance.

McHenry County partnered with the McHenry County Housing Authority and utilized the ERA funding to provide rental and utility assistance through the County wide MCEURAP program (McHenry County Emergency Utility and Rental Assistance Program). The MCEURAP program provided 827 households with rental and utility assistance with the average assistance per household around \$13,780.

Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice:

In McHenry County, Turning Point housed 83 clients in its secure emergency shelter in FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) and another four clients housed in the agency's transitional housing. About 30 clients exited the shelter into housing provided by a housing provider in the county.

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

In McHenry County, clients exiting shelter are challenged to find affordable housing they can afford, and wait lists for housing can be long. Many of the agency's clients leave shelter to stay with family and friends, but usually this is only a temporary solution until adequate permanent or transitional housing can be secured.

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:

The McHenry County Housing Authority (MCHA) will continue to use the capital fund program to rehabilitate and modernize its public housing units to ensure housing quality standards, as well as energy efficiency. The Housing Authority has worked to allow for a homeless preference for its affordable housing; will receive the allocation of HOME funding for rehab of affordable housing (non-public housing); and will continue with innovative programs focused on the homeless and vulnerable populations.

The community had increased the number of permanent supportive housing and VASH vouchers available to homeless individuals, with a preference for chronically homeless individuals. The housing needs of low-income individuals and families with children are high due to a combination of housing costs (57% higher than state average for rentals), a lack of well-paying local jobs, and the lack of transportation. With the cost of a two-bedroom unit well over \$1,200 per month, few low income individuals or families can afford a unit in the County. Over 30% of the households in the County earn less than \$50,000 annually.

In addition, 47% of owners with mortgages, 17% of owners without mortgages, and 55% of renters in the county spent 30% or more of household income on housing. This financial position leaves many individuals and families who are currently housed in a precarious situation with no safety net if a major housing repair is needed or a large housing expense occurs. For these reasons, the development of affordable housing in the community remains a priority with both HOME and CDBG funding-especially housing that targets LMI populations. The McHenry County Housing Authority has set a homeless preference for its public housing and has set aside

vouchers earmarked for the homeless, and continues to include these vouchers with affordable housing developments.

McHenry County's Continuum of Care (CoC) continues to address a wide array of homeless issues. Thank you for everything that you have been using. The CoC has effectively strategized and targeted both ESG and CoC funding for: Permanent Supportive Housing (CoC), Rapid Rehousing (CoC), Transitional Housing; low cost per client (CoC), Coordinated Assessment (CoC), HMIS (CoC), Planning (CoC), Emergency Shelters (ESG), Street Outreach (CSBG), Homelessness Prevention (Treasury). Additionally, the McHenry County Housing Authority outlines use of its Community Services Block Grant funding for Homelessness Prevention, Homeless Services, and Economic Development. The goal is to provide homeless individuals and families with the most effective array of services to enable them to move from homelessness to permanent housing and then live to independently as possible while maintaining stable permanent housing. The continued allocation of CoC Planning funding and HMIS to the County will ensure its effect operation and oversight.

CoC agencies have shifted their focus to the continuation of Rapid Rehousing Programs for families and domestic violence survivors. Home of the Sparrow and Veterans Path to Hope will be continuing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Programs for women, children, and veterans that are experiencing homelessness.

In terms of rapid rehousing assistance, the CoC agencies have shifted their focus to the continuation of a Rapid Rehousing Program for families and domestic violence survivors. Home of the Sparrow and Veterans Path to Hope will be continuing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Programs for women, children, and veterans who are experiencing homelessness in order to continue efforts at eliminating these homeless populations by 2024. The CoC also initiated a Rapid Rehousing program with the community's domestic violence provider, Turning Point, which is operated by Home of the Sparrow. This project has been very successful in confronting the needs of domestic violence survivors.

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

The strengths of the McHenry County service delivery system are the collaborations that exist between McHenry County, the Continuum of Care, the Mental Health Board, and community providers. Case Managers across all these sectors connect clients to mainstream benefits and assist program participants in gaining employment, improving education and job skills, learning budgeting skills, dental, credit, and legal help. Improvements in data collection and reporting through the HMIS over the last five years have also resulted in the ability to make better data drive decisions in delivery of services and to document services received by homeless persons. There continues to be a gap in the number of beds needed for permanent supportive housing.

To overcome systemic gaps in the service and delivery system, the use of the coordinated entry system is a requirement in McHenry County for funded providers. Service providers utilize best practices developed through the VI-SPDAT assessment of the Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care in McHenry County is reviewing options for replacement of the VI-SPDAT.

The most common housing problem in McHenry County is cost burden above 50%. The second most common problem is cost burden above 30%. The 50% or higher cost burden tends to diminish as income levels increase, as one might expect. However, it remains a factor in the cost burden category of between 30-50%. This data applies to both rental and homeowner scenarios, and suggests that affordability is a major issue in the jurisdiction. At a substantially lower level, overcrowding is an across the board concern. Substandard housing tends to affect renters at a rate of 10 times or more than homeowners, suggesting that rental rehabilitation programs would assist in ameliorating this issue.

McHenry County does not have sufficient housing for households of all income levels. The lower income households below 50% of Area Median Income tend to experience higher levels of housing cost burden. The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) provides annual information on the Fair Market Rent (FMR) and affordability of rental housing in counties and cities in the U.S. In McHenry County, the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment in Woodstock in 2020 is \$1,200. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities without paying more than 30% of income on housing, a household must earn \$4,000 monthly or \$48,000 annually. Assuming a 40hour work week, 52 weeks per year, the level of income translates into an Hourly Wage of \$19.23. In McHenry County, a minimum-wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$11. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum-wage earner must work 70 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. The NLIHC estimates that roughly 50% of the County renters are currently unable to afford the two-bedroom FMR units. Overall, any form of new development will need much higher levels of local investment in order to keep rent levels low enough to meet the demands of the lowest income households. TBRA can be used as an investment in lower income households to meet the gap of funding to make housing affordable, but only on a temporary basis. Additional Housing Choice Vouchers for the community would be beneficial in assisting with meeting income gaps.

The limited number of affordable units for both low- and moderate- income households continues to be a large gap in the County housing market. The housing stock remains primarily single family owner occupied housing, with limited rental options. The number of sales homes built in the last 20 years has continued to outpace the level of development of rental housing. Also, the existing rental stock tends to be older and in poorer condition. Finally, while there are vacant rental units available in more distant areas of the County, such as Harvard, the lack of transportation options limits the number of potential renters. Conversely, it is particularly difficult to find affordable housing in the southeastern area of the County, which is closer to job centers and downtown Chicago, with more available transportation options. Social justice is a major factor in the development of new housing units to ensure that households can access goods and services. According to the County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, approximately one in three homeowners and one in two rental households were living in homes they could not afford. There continues to be a great need for affordable housing within the County.

McHenry County completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) in 2012 that helped to identify public policies that had a negative effect on fair housing, affordable housing and residential investment. A few of the key barriers include limited zoning for multi-

family development, the high cost of land and construction, and the lack of public financing incentives to reduce these costs. While affordability/income is not a protected class under the Fair Housing Act, the County recognizes the interchangeable nature of fair housing and affordability issues, and therefore will evaluate conditions accordingly when appropriate. Many of the negative policies were eliminated from local zoning ordinances after the implementation of the 2012 Analysis. A draft Analysis for 2022 encourages the use of a Fair Housing Ordinance. While impactful, it would be limited to governing only the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition, McHenry County's employment opportunities and lack of transportation are barriers that continually affect the location of affordable housing. These barriers can prevent development and force lower income households to live farther from job opportunities. This home-to-work distance makes it difficult for the unemployed to find work; for the employed, it lengthens the commute, which lowers the quality of life for County residents.

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

McHenry County will use the HOME-ARP funding to serve people experiencing homelessness, households "at-risk" of homelessness, and individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The priority needs for qualifying populations in McHenry County are:

- Affordable rental housing, including permanent supportive housing
- Non-congregate shelter
- Supportive services, including:
 - Case management
 - Childcare
 - Coordinated service linkage
 - Credit repair
 - Education services
 - Employment assistance and job training
 - Financial assistance to secure stable housing, such as rental application fees, security and utility deposits, and first and last month's rent
 - Housing navigation
 - Housing search and counseling assistance
 - Landlord-Tenant liaison services
 - Legal services, eviction services assistance
 - Life skills training
 - Mental health services
 - Outpatient health services
 - Outreach services
 - Substance abuse treatment services
 - Transportation, bus passes and assistance walking to home

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

McHenry County utilized several data reports and sources to analyze and determine the community needs and assess the level of gaps in the service and delivery system; such as, the 2021 Point-in-Time Count, 2021 Housing Inventory Count, public hearings and meetings, consultation with various agency providers, McHenry County Consolidated Plan to End Homelessness, CoC Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, McHenry County Annual Action Plan. Each of these various data reports was based on its own data while engaging the McHenry County community, stakeholders, and people with lived experience for insight.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

McHenry County will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that will state up to \$2,010,000 HOME-ARP funding will be made available for delivery of affordable rental housing to developers or non-profit organizations to acquire and rehabilitate housing units or historic sites for use as affordable housing stock. McHenry County is seeking to develop at least 25 units, with a preference for supportive-type housing models and family affordable housing.

Applications will be reviewed by the Community Development Division and then presented to the McHenry County Community Development and Housing Grant Commission. Approved applicants will then seek final approval from the McHenry County Board.

McHenry County will not be administering eligible services directly.

McHenry County met with various service providers during the consultation process. All agencies were able to provide feedback, share goals, and provide information on gaps that they felt needed to be addressed in the community. The agencies that McHenry County consulted with ranged from local community health agencies, legal and housing agencies, those agencies apart of the local CoC, etc. Consulted agencies and agencies that provided feedback through the HOME-ARP survey all expressed a need for more affordable housing units, permanent supportive housing, along with supportive services.

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 administrating all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program.

The funding will not be provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Use of HOME-ARP funding:

Category	Funding Amount
Supportive Services	\$ 0
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,010,000
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0
Administration and Planning	\$ 215,083
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$ 2,225,083

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.

McHenry County intends to use the HOME-ARP funding to assist with the current housing stock problem in the county and the high need for more units. This was due to the feedback received from the HOME-ARP survey and public meetings. The units that will be constructed with the HOME-ARP funding will provide individuals and families that are included within the qualified population categories.

HOME-ARP Housing Production Goals

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

McHenry County plans to support the production of 79 permanent supportive housing units.

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.

McHenry County plans to support the production of 79 permanent supportive housing units for persons with disabilities, veterans, who are experiencing homelessness, and those that need access to supportive services.

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.

McHenry County has not given a preference to any of the qualifying populations or subpopulations.

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 populations or category of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis.

No preference has been identified.

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

No preference has been identified.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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.

McHenry County will not be refinancing.

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 for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated. This is not applicable.

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

This is not applicable.

Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer. State that the HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

This is not applicable.

Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable.

This is not applicable.

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE 2021 HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN FOR MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Public comments on the 2021 HOME- ARP Allocation Plan are being solicited from April 27, 2022, to May 20.

The Plan will guide decisions regarding allocations and expenditure of funds available to McHenry County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Allocation Plan will set forth specific courses

of action to be undertaken to address the needs of

Action Plan.

hearing.

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email address listed below. Public Hearing:

low- and moderate-income persons in such areas as

affordable housing and homelessness. For Program Year 2021, McHenry County allocated over \$2,010,000 in HOME American Rescue Plan funding to support the development of affordable housing in McHenry County. The Annual Action Plan is guided by the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This is a HUD requirement in addition to submitting an amendment to the 2021 Annual

The Department of Planning and Development-Community Development (CD) Division will provide a report on the anticipated progress toward its Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This progress report will be in PDF format and will demonstrate the progress toward the Consolidated Plan goals. It will be available on the McHenry County website beginning April 25 at 9:00 am CDT: www.mchenrycountyil.gov/CD. The CD Division will provide one free report to those requesting one by contacting its office at (815) 334-4560 or through the

Two Public Hearings for the 2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be held on Monday, May 9 at 10:00 - 11:00 am and on Tuesday, May 10 from 1:00 - 2:00pm CDT. These meetings will be offered in-person or virtually. To attend virtually, please use the following link: https://meet.goto.com/864303509 at the time of that day's meeting. To attend in-person, please go to the McHenry County Administration Building Conference Room A at the McHenry County Administration Building located at 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL 60098. participation and input is

Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than May 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM and directed to: Planning and Development-CD Division, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois, 60098 or via e-mail to: McHenryCountyComDev@mchenrycountyil.gov comments must include name and address. Comments submitted in person can be brought to the 667 Ware Road address above or given orally during the public

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encouraged.

Reporting Documents

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Fair Housing

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CD Planning Documents Continuum of Care to End Homelessness

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development Division

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This Division is responsible for administering US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Housing Investment Partnership (HOME) grant, Continuum of Care (CoC) grants, Treasury Emergency Assistance Programs, and the Lead-based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant.

New Continuum of Care Website

Please visit our new McHenry County Continuum of Care website at: https://www.mchenrycountyhomeless.org/

HOME-ARP

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

MCHENRY COUNTY'S HOME-ARP ALLOCATION: \$2,225,083

ELIGIBLE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

- . HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations
- At-risk of homelessness
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 Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
 In other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family's homelessness would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability
 Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit the qualifying populations through the four eligible activities:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing
 Provision of Supportive Services
 A. Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units (NCS)

MCHENRY COUNTY HOME-ARP ALLOCATIONS

Category	Funding Amount
Supportive Services	\$0
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$0
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,010,000
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0
Administration and Planning	\$ 215,083
TOTAL HOME-ARP ALLOCATION	\$ 2,225,083

HOME-ARP PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public comments on the 2021 HOME- ARP Allocation Plan are being solicited from April 27 to May 20, 2022.

The Plan will guide decisions regarding allocations and expenditure of funds available to McHenry County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Allocation Plan will set forth specific courses of action to be undertaken to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons in such areas as a fordable housing and homelessness. For Program Year 2021, McHenry County allocated over \$2,201,000 in HOME American Rescue Plan funding to support the development of affordable housing in McHenry County. The Annual Action Plan is guided by the 2020.2024 Few-Year Consolidated Plan. This is a HUD requirement in addition to submitting an amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan.

The Department of Planning and Development-Community Development (CD) Division will provide a report on the anticipated progress toward its Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This progress report will be in PDF format and will demonstrate the progress toward the Consolidated Plan goals. It will be available on the McHenry County website beginning April 25 at 9:00 am CDT: www.mchenrycountyl.gov/CD. The CD bivision will provide one free report to those requesting one by contacting its office at (815) 334-4560 or through the email address listed below.

Two Public Hearings for the 2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be held on Monday, May 9 from 10:00 – 11:00am and on Tuesday, May 10 from 1:00 – 2:00pm CDT. These meetings will be offered in-person or virtually. To attend virtually, please use the following link: https://meet.goto.com/864303509 during Monday or Tuesday's meeting times. To attend in-person, please go to the McHenry County Administration Building Conference Room A at the McHenry County Administration Building located at 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL 60098.

Citizen participation and input is encouraged. Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than May 20, 2022 at 4.00 PM and directed to: Planning and Development-CD Division, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois, 60098 or via e-mail to: McHearyCountyComDev@cmcherycountyli.gov All comments must include name and address. Comments submitted in person can be brought to the 667 Ware Road address above or given orally during the public hearing.

Documents:

Unified Funding Agency - Policies and Procedures

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan 2022 - DRAFT

Press Release - 2022 Point-in-Time Count Press Release - 2022 People in Need Forum















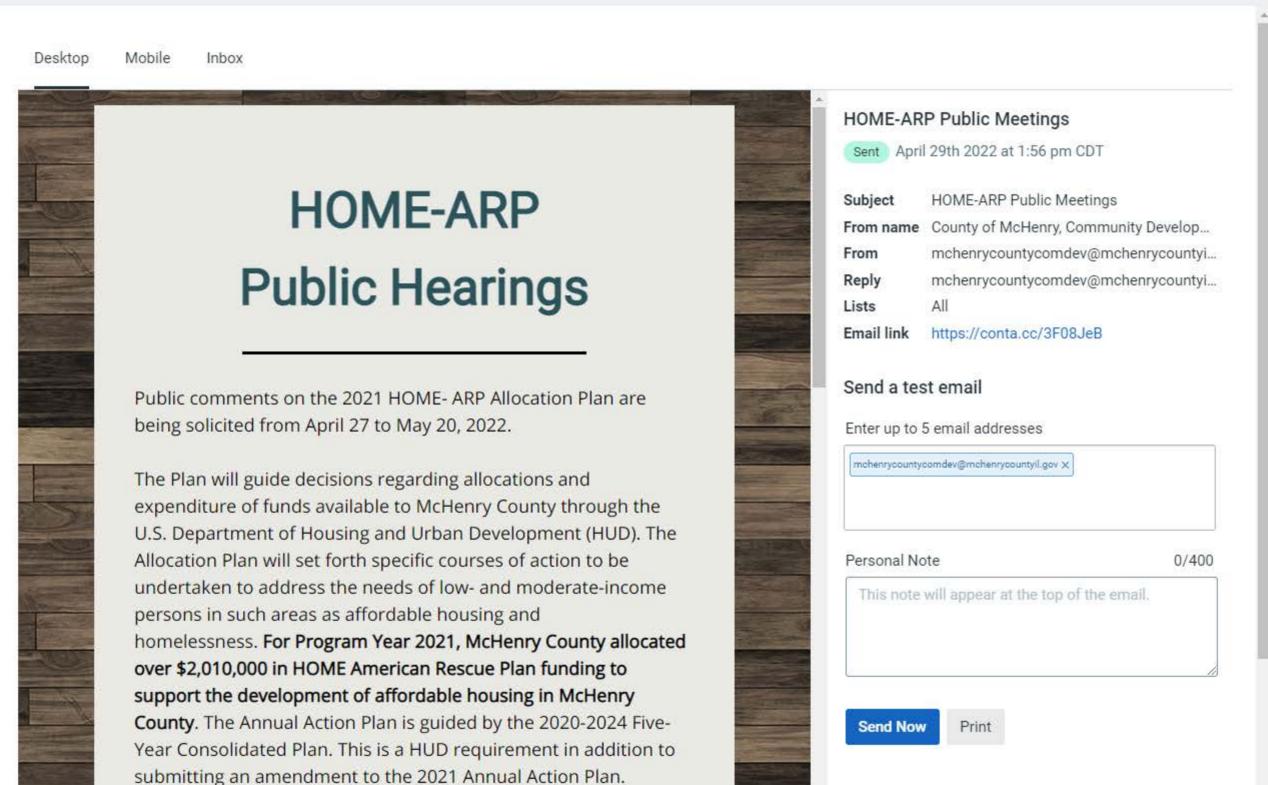


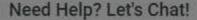




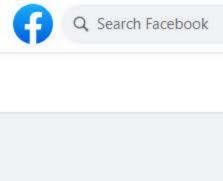


















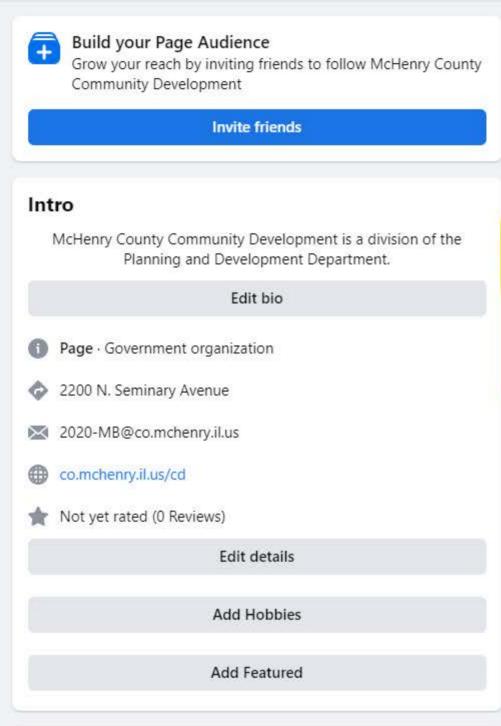


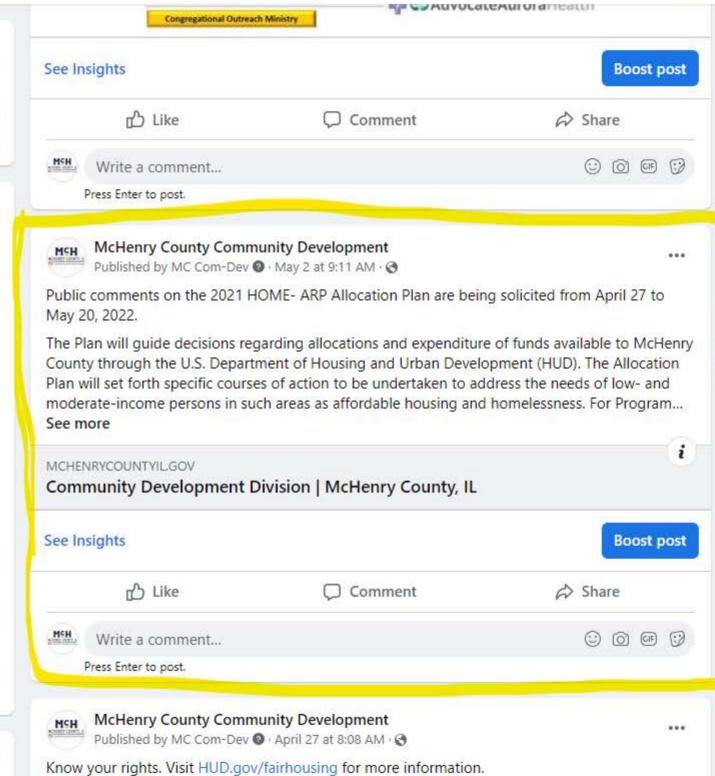














See all photos





HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

OMB Number: 4040-0004 Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424				
* 1. Type of Submission: Preapplication Application Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: New Continuation Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): * Other (Specify):		
* 3. Date Received: 01/11/2023	4. Applicant Identifier:			
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		5b. Federal Award Identifier: M21-UP170219		
State Use Only:		INDIA OLI TORRO		
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application	dentifier:		
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:				
* a. Legal Name: County of McF	enry	<u> </u>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification		*c. UEI:		
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d. Address:				
* Street1: 2200 N Semi	nary Drive			
Street2:				
* City: Woodstock				
County/Parish:				
* State: IL: Illinoi	3			
Province:				
* Country: USA: UNITED	STATES			
* Zip / Postal Code: 600980000				
e. Organizational Unit:				
Department Name:		Division Name:		
Planning and Development		Community Development		
f. Name and contact information of	person to be contacted on ma	atters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name	Michael		
Middle Name:	<u> </u>			
* Last Name: Buehler				
Suffix:				
Title: Chairman, McHenry Cour	ty Board			
Organizational Affiliation:				
* Telephone Number: 815-245-90	13	Fax Number:		
*Email: MJBuehler@mchenrycountyil.gov				

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:
B: County Government
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:
* Other (specify):
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
14.239
CFDA Title:
HOME Investment Partnerships Program ARP
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:
M21-UP170219
* Title:
HOME Investment Partnerships Program ARP
13. Competition Identification Number:
Title:
McHenry County HOME ARP
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):
Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
McHenry County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.
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16. Congressional Districts Of:				
* a. Applicant IL-014 * b. Program/Project IL-014				
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Distri	cts if needed.			
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17. Proposed Project:				
* a. Start Date: 1 0/01/20 21 9/20/2021	* b. End Date: 09/30/2030			
18. Estimated Funding (\$):				
* a. Federal 2,225,083.00				
* b. Applicant				
* c. State				
* d. Local				
* e. Other * f. Program Income				
*g. TOTAL 2,225,083.00				
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Exe a. This application was made available to the State und				
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been s				
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	opportunities de materiales est distributes de describit de			
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (I	f "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)			
Yes No				
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach				
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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)				
** I AGREE				
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.				
Authorized Representative:				
Prefix: Mr. *Fir	st Name: Michael			
Middle Name:				
* Last Name: Buehler				
Suffix:				
* Title: Chairman, McHenry County Board				
* Telephone Number: 815-245-9073 Fax Number:				
* Email: MJBuehler@mchenrycountyil.gov				
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	*Date Signed: 12-1-22			

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

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General
 of the United States and, if appropriate, the State,
 the right to examine all records, books, papers, or
 documents related to the assistance; and will establish
 a proper accounting system in accordance with
 generally accepted accounting standards or agency
 directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

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

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
Machalf Sull	Chairman, McHenry County Board
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
McHenry County	121-22

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED	
McHenry County	12-1->>	