

The City of Monroe

HOME-American Rescue Allocation Plan



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City of Monroe Allocation Plan

INTRODUCTION

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated \$1,167,981.00 to the City of Monroe in a new grant called the Home Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan (HOME- ARP) Grant. The purpose of the HOME-ARP grant is to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations and increase housing stability in the city.

Eligible activities include acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, HOME-ARP affordable rental housing development, administration and planning, and non-profit operating and capacity building assistance. HOME-ARP qualifying populations include:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations.
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness.
- 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 or 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.

To receive funding, the City must develop and submit to HUD for approval a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that will become a part of the City's FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. The Allocation Plan describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities.

The City of Monroe will use HOME ARP program funds to benefit the qualifying populations through four (4) eligible activities:

- 1) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- 2) Supportive Services
- 3) Development or preservation of affordable rental housing
- 4) Administration & Planning

CONSULTATION

The City of Monroe recognizes that partnerships with public and private entities as well as the community are vital to the provision of effective services to the community. The development of the Plan is based on the requirements of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Notice 21-10. It involves stakeholder consultation and community engagement. These stakeholders have relevant knowledge that can speak to the needs, gaps in services and potential activities that would best benefit qualified populations. Stakeholders consulted included those who work with families or individuals experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, and other vulnerable qualifying populations.

For all processes involving the administration of funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the city follows consultation and public participation criteria outlined in its approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The City's CPP encourages input from the community and public participation, emphasizing involvement by low and moderate-income persons of the Monroe community, particularly those living in the targeted areas. The ARP Allocation Plan also encourages comments and participation from all city residents, including minorities, and individuals with disabilities, qualifying populations as defined above, and related service providers.

Summarize the consultation process:

The City of Monroe engaged and solicited input from stakeholders whose mission consist of providing housing services, homeless services, and domestic services in the City of Monroe. These stakeholders work with individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, experiencing domestic violence, veterans, and other vulnerable populations and they have an extensive working knowledge of needs and services where HOME-ARP funds can be beneficial. An overview of the HOME-ARP grant funds and eligible uses of the funds was provided. Thereafter, the stakeholders were asked for their input on how the funds should be allocated to assist individuals and families that are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, or fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

The City gathered stakeholder input concerning eligible activities and the amount of funding allocated to the City. Stakeholders articulated gaps in services and housing needs by providing written and verbal input.

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.	Homeless Service, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Provider	Public Hearing & Survey	Recognizes the need for new affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance, and housing counseling (landlord/tenant rights,

			budgeting, credit education/repair). Create a homeless shelter for homeless families with children under the age of 18. There is currently no shelter for families with children under the age of 2.
Home Coalition	CoC	Public Hearing	Great need to expand permanent supportive housing.
United Way of NELA	Supportive Services, Non-profit provider	Public Hearing & Survey	Create new affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance, programs for first-time homebuyers, housing counseling (landlord/tenant rights, budgeting, credit education/repair), childcare programs, support safer neighborhoods, provide financial literacy and coaching for community residents; create more opportunities to educate and provide exposure and experiences for young people that takes them to another level.
Habitat for Humanity	Housing Provider	Public Hearing	Create new affordable housing, provide housing counseling (landlord/tenant rights, budgeting, credit education/repair), rehab services for the residences, clean up neighborhoods, educate the tenants and homeowners on the importance of cleanliness and why blight and filth is bad. Build police sub-stations in bad neighborhoods.
Christopher Youth Center (Our House)	Youth Agency	Public Hearing	No Comment
Good News Counseling	Homeless Provider, Supportive Services	Public Hearing	Create new affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance, housing counseling (landlord/tenant rights, budgeting, credit education/repair), programs for first-time homebuyers, childcare programs.
Liberty	Homeless Provider Supportive Services	Public Hearing	Create new affordable housing, programs for first time homebuyers, housing

			counseling (landlord/tenant rights, budgeting, credit education/repair). Discussed the lack of transitional & supportive housing for homeless and re-entry populations.
Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana	Economic Provider, Supportive Services, Social, Special Need	Public Hearing	Would like to see more tenant-based rental assistance. Additional comments included to make those reentering from jails a priority population and there needs to be more job training, life skills, job placement dollars/grants.
Ouachita Parish Police Jury (OPPJ)	Housing	Public Hearing	Attended but provided no comments.
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	Supportive Services	Face-to-Face discussion	Discussed creating affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), housing counseling, credit repair, financial literacy, Development of Affordable Rental Housing, increase homeownership.
Mid-City Redevelopment Alliance	Non-profit organization, Supportive services, Affordable housing	Face to Face Meeting	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Development of Affordable Rental Housing, housing counseling, credit repair and education, and financial literacy (coaching), promote homeownership.
Rays of Sonshine	Homeless Provider, Supportive Services	Local Food and Emergency Program board meeting	No comment
Salvation Army Northeast Louisiana	Homeless Provider, Shelter	Local Food and Emergency Program board meeting	No comment
West Ouachita Senior Center	Social Services	Local Food and Emergency Program board meeting	No comment
Monroe Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Face to Face meeting	Tenant-based rental assistance program to help the resident 100%. This will assist the resident to restore and hopefully become self-sufficient.
Monroe City School (Homeless Liaison)	Education, supportive services	Face to Face Meeting	Tenant-based rental assistance, financial literacy, develop rental property to

			assist with decreasing the homeless population.
North Delta Regional Planning	Non-Profit Organization	Local Food and Emergency Program board meeting	No comment

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

Stakeholders ranked the need for tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), as the number one need among the eligible activities. McKinney-Vento Supportive Services (supportive services and affordable rental housing development, etc.) were ranked as the second and third priorities. Comments and insights noted the lack of affordable housing as inadequate to meet the city's needs, especially the qualifying populations.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

During the planning process for the amendment of the 2021 Annual Action Plan to include HOME-ARP, the City of Monroe consulted with the community, city departments, public and private organizations. The process included two (2) public meetings, (1) public hearing, and (1) online survey to hear community views on housing and community development needs, as well as comments or recommendations from public and private organizations.

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.

- ***Public meeting – Housing Expo – 1/22/2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 1/22/2022 end date - 2/21/ 2022***
- ***Public meeting – Housing Expo – 4/23/2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 4/23/2022 end date - 5/21/ 2022***
- ***Date(s) of public notice of Public Hearing: 4/16/2022***
- ***Public hearing: 5/19/2022***
- ***Public Comment period: start date - 5/20/2022 end date - 6/20/2022***
- ***Online Survey: June 21, 2022 – July 26, 2022***
- ***Press Conference: February 27, 2023***

January 22, 2022 (Public Meeting) – The public meeting was held during the Home in Monroe Housing Expo to inform the public about HOME-ARP and eligible activities. During the commenting period surveys were provided to gather comments and recommendations on the needs of the community. The survey included one (1) ARP-specific needs question and seven (7) open-ended questions. The survey received 82 respondents.

April 16, 2022 (Newspaper Advertisement Notice) - Published in the Monroe Dispatch News is a notice of the City's HOME-ARP grant resources, proposed budget and activities, and the public hearing date and time for public awareness and citizen participation.

April 23, 2022 (Public Meeting) - The public meeting was held during the Home in Monroe

Housing Expo to inform the public about HOME-ARP, eligible activities and the proposed budget. During the commenting period surveys were provided to gather comments and recommendations on the needs of the community. The survey included one (1) ARP-specific needs question and seven (7) open-ended questions. The survey received 18 respondents.

May 19, 2022 (Public Hearing) - The City of Monroe held one public hearing to discuss the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which incorporated information and discussion of community needs and eligible activities related to HOME-ARP, along with an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the proposed budget and activities. A list of eligible HOME-ARP activities and the City's proposed HOME-ARP budget was also presented and posted on the City's website for public viewing and comment. During the commenting period, surveys were provided to gather comments and recommendations on the needs of the community. There were 23 attendants including citizens and those representing homeless services providers, domestic violence advocacy groups, and others.

Last, a survey was developed to capture broad assessments of the community needs and areas for the ARP Allocation. The online survey was open from June 21, 2022 – July 26, 2022. The survey included eight (8) questions for community needs. The survey received twelve (12) respondents.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

In addition to the required public notice, the City of Monroe made contact via telephone with key stakeholders in the community to broaden public participation. The City also posted the public notice and a draft HOME-ARP Allocation plan on the City's website. The City also held a press conference on February 27, 2023, to further inform the public of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

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

Many of the comments were divided in support of (TBRA) tenant-based rental assistance and the development of affordable rental housing. Some of the responses recommended financial assistance, utility assistance, programs to offer support individuals who are re-entering society, job placement, and transportation.

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

No comments and recommendations were not accepted.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAPS ANALYSIS

	Homeless												
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	23	7	61	25	0								
Transitional Housing	32	9	35	35	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	5	2	37	37	15								
Other Permanent Housing	11	4	7	7	0								
Sheltered Homeless						43	47	9	21				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	10	0	0				
Current Gap										80	40	35	35

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

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Under HOME-ARP, the City of Monroe will consider any individual or household as homeless in accordance with HUD's definition of homeless as described in 24 CFR 91.5. This includes:

- An individual or household that lacks a permanent and adequate home
- An individual or household that will imminently lose their permanent home due to lack of resources or support
- A youth under the age of 18, even if accompanied by an adult, that does not have a permanent home.

Monroe/NELA CoC LA-505 released a 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count of a one-day sample of persons who are experiencing homelessness. Their locations and needs indicates that the number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Monroe on any given night is 89 (Feb. 2022 PIT count). Demographically there are 67% adults and 33% children under the age of 18; 62% are African American/Black, 31% are Caucasian/White, 7% are multi-racial, and 7% are Hispanic/Latino. This small sample is a tiny glimpse of a much more complex picture.

The number and demographic makeup of persons experiencing homelessness is much different when viewed on an annual basis. During the 12-month reporting period for the most recent Annual Homeless Assessment Report (ending 9/30/2022), the City of Monroe had 2,695 individuals who became homeless. Of these, 58% are female, 42% are male, and 1 is transgender. 58% are adults and 42% are children. 81% are African American/Black, 19% are Caucasian/White, 2.5% are American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous, .3% are Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, .2% are Asian and 1% is Hispanic/Latino.

The City also serves the 12-parish region of Northeast Louisiana covered by the CoC organization Monroe/NELA CoC LA-505. As the urban hub of the region, the City is the nexus of homeless services for the region. Thus, those served in the City's homeless housing units (emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing) per 2022 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) data constitute 85% of those served in the region vs. less than half of the region's population.

At-risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income at or below 30% of the area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless; has moved frequently because of economic reasons; live in the home of another because of economic hardship; existing an institution; lives in hotel or motel; lives in severely overcrowded housing; has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated/evicted; otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

Using HUD's 2015- 2019 CHAS data, the city has 9,120 households with incomes at or below 30% AMI. Fifty-eight percent of these households are renter households. Households at-risk of homelessness include an estimated 7,435 households who are severely cost burdened, paying over 50% of their income toward housing and 8,920 who are cost burdened (above 30%, less than 50%). Of the severely cost burdened, 72.1% are renting households. Also, 76% rentals are in the extremely low-income range ($\leq 30\%$) and considered at greatest risk of housing instability.

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

According to the National Coalition of Domestic Violence (NCDV), 35.9% of Louisiana women and 35.2% of Louisiana men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. "In 2017, Louisiana had the 2nd highest femicide rate in the United States. More than half of 2017 femicide victims were killed by intimate partners, and 70% of intimate partner femicides were committed using firearms. As of December 31, 2019, Louisiana had submitted 34,873 domestic violence misdemeanor and 3,363 active protective order records to the NICS Index.

According to the Point in Time 2022 one-day sample, the City of Monroe had 21 households homeless due to fleeing Domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, human trafficking, etc. Demographically there are 42% adults and 58% children under 18; 64% Black, 34% White, and .2% multiple races; .3% are Hispanic/Latino. This one-day sample gives but a tiny glimpse of a much more complex picture.

The number and demographic makeup is much different when viewed on an annual basis. During the 12-month reporting period (ended Aug. 31, 2022), the City had 447 individuals who became homeless due to domestic violence. Of these, 96.5% are female, 2.5% male, and 1

transgender. The ages are 42% are adults and 58% children. 64% Black, 34% White, and .2% multiple races; .3% are Hispanic/Latino.

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

Using data from the American Community Survey (ACS) from years (2015-2019), the city has 9,120 households with incomes at or below 30% AMI. ACS estimates approximately 58% of these households are renter households. An estimated 7,435 households are severely cost burdened, paying over 50% of their income toward housing. Over 72% percent are renters and 28% percent of the renters reported earning less than or equal to 30% of AMI.

The 2022 Point in Time (PIT) one-day sample reported nine (9) sheltered homeless Veterans. On the annual 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count, there are seven (7) sheltered homeless veterans and three (3) unsheltered homeless veterans.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The primary unmet need as it pertains to homeless needs inventory is the availability of beds and units for both families/youth households and adults who are experiencing homelessness.

Emergency shelter: On our most recent tally of homeless programs' capacity (Feb. 2022), we had 23 emergency shelter beds that accepted families as a unit (households with one or more multiple adults or with adults and children). Of those, 12 or 52% are restricted for those fleeing domestic violence, who make up roughly 25% of those experiencing homeless. So, of those who are part of a family who became homeless in 2021-2022 because of reasons other than domestic violence, we have a grand total of 14 shelter beds on any given day that can house them as a family unit. Therefore, if a person's average stay in a shelter bed is 30 days (it's longer), each shelter bed can house 12 persons a year. Our 14 beds will house 168 persons out of over a thousand who are projected to need that service. This is a crisis at the most fundamental level.

Further, no shelter is available for persons homeless for reasons other than fleeing domestic violence who need ADA access, have mental illness or substance abuse issues, have more than two children, have a parent or guardian who is male with their children.

Rapid Rehousing: The largest number of those experiencing literal homelessness in the City of Monroe are those who are homeless for reasons other than domestic violence who need only short-term rental assistance and supportive services to regain and maintain housing. This population is grossly underserved, with only 73 units of Rapid Rehousing (RRH) available in the jurisdiction. An additional 69 units of RRH per year is the shortfall per the latest full-year Gaps Analysis maintained by the Continuum of Care serving the City of Monroe.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Lack of assistance and affordable rental housing are a constant in the affordability gap and increase the risk of housing instability for those households at-risk of homelessness. Those at-risk of homelessness or housing instability often need short-term subsidies such as rent or mortgage assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts. Elderly and disabled households on fixed incomes are at the greatest risk of experiencing a cost burden as rental rates and cost of living rise. Stakeholder feedback highlighted the need for rental assistance to assist the individual and family who encounter severe cost burdens. Supportive services were recommended to provide housing or financial counseling, landlord mediation for eviction proceedings. Lastly, affordable rental housing which will provide a safe and healthy home for individuals and families and assist to reduce housing instability in the city.

For those at imminent risk of homelessness, the primary gap is two-fold: homeless prevention assistance including help paying rent and/or utility arrearages with supportive services to address the causes of the household's housing being at risk. Many others simply need subsidized, affordable housing because their household income will never sustain market-rate rental units or a mortgage because they are disabled, unable to work full time, or lack the job skills to earn more than minimum wage. This population is documented in the report issued by United Way of NELA's report ALICE in Louisiana (2020) ([at unitedwaynela.org/OurImpact/WhoIsAlice](http://unitedwaynela.org/OurImpact/WhoIsAlice)). ALICE is Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed households which make up the majority 57% of persons living in Northeast Louisiana including the Monroe City. This group is the source of all of those at imminent risk of homelessness which reach the homeless system at a rate of three times those unsheltered. In Northeast Louisiana, only half of those who need affordable housing can get it. Thus, an average of 1,000 persons a year enter the homeless system in the City of Monroe needing a Section 8 voucher or other affordable housing. Of these, 500 won't get it and will continue unstably housed or homeless. Therefore, 500 Section 8 vouchers designated for persons experiencing homelessness are needed to address this gap.

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

July 1, 2019, CHAS data reports 8.5% of the Monroe population (47,294 estimated), who are under 65 years old, have a disability. This would equate to 402 persons. Additionally, the Monroe Public Housing Authority (PHA) has reported 89 disabled persons. It is difficult to determine the number of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Monroe as there are few providers. Those providing services to victims of domestic violence include Wellspring, Family Justice Center, and Homeless Services and Rays of Sonshine.

The unmet need for those homeless due to fleeing domestic violence varies from those of persons homeless for reasons other than domestic violence. The emergency shelter capacity in the City of Monroe has adequate beds but none are non-congregate shelter with private

sleeping and bathroom space. The current capacity of the shelter is 22 congregate beds. Additional capacity of up to 11 non-congregate beds are the unmet needs articulated by consultation with local Domestic Violence providers based on HUD's guidance for shelter best practices.

The primary gap for those fleeing domestic violence is for other permanent housing – subsidized housing such as Section 8 and Emergency Housing Vouchers. The region has been fortunate to receive over 120 Emergency Housing Vouchers and designed Section 8 vouchers. Of these, 67% or 80 have been deployed for homeless domestic violence victims exiting the shelter system but with household income below that required in the region to secure decent, safe housing. A projected 100 additional vouchers are needed to end the homelessness of those who need permanent housing who are attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.

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

According to the Monroe Homeless Coalition, "The jurisdiction's greatest challenge is lack of homeless housing and services for the general homeless who are those individuals who do not fit into one of the nationally recognized subgroups of homeless; (i.e., domestic violence victims, those with serious mental illness or substance abuse issues, Veterans, and the chronically homeless").

The unmet needs for the populations needing assistance to prevent homelessness or at risk of greater housing instability mirror those from above, including tenant-based rental assistance or utility deposit assistance and development of affordable rental housing units. Those requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness are those at greatest risk of housing instability and often need short-term subsidies such as mortgage/rent assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts. Housing counseling, financial coaching, credit repair were some activities highlighted for homeless prevention during our consultation as service needs for those at greatest risk of housing insecurity. Healthcare assistance greatly benefits those at-risk of housing instability who are also disabled or elderly to help mitigate the challenges of either paying housing costs or medical costs. Residents who have been previously homeless or are currently using some type of rental assistance may need the assistance to continue for a short or long period of time.

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

There are minimal shelter options in the City of Monroe. Currently, the Salvation Army is the only agency to provide emergency temporary shelter along with outreach activities and supportive services. The Wellspring provides Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive

Housing, veteran services, and shelter for victims of domestic violence. Ray of Sonshine provides shelter for female victims of domestic violence and substance abuse. The Monroe Housing Authority is the local PHA. It provides public housing and Section 8 vouchers. Other agencies that provide a broad range of basic service needs and housing support services to assist those that are homeless or at risk for homelessness are Goodwill Industries, and Catholic Charities. Rental Assistance is one form of support offered by some of these agencies.

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

The primary gap in the shelter and housing inventory is the availability of beds and units for both families and single adults. There remains a need for nearly 80 beds and 40 units for families and 35 beds and units for single adults as outlined in Table 1. Other factors include the high cost of rental applications, security deposits, rent, landlords' reluctance to accept high risk populations as tenants who have issues such as: rent arrearages, poor credit (bankruptcy, eviction, criminal history). Housing affordability in the City of Monroe impacts the HOME-ARP qualifying populations, but also other low-and moderate-income households and other vulnerable populations, such as persons with disabilities and person fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. The affordability gap for renters is growing while income grows at a slower pace causing a cost burden.

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:

The City of Monroe recognizes the definition of Other Populations set forth by HUD in the CPD Notice (Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness or At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability). The criteria related to these categories include households/persons who are (1) extremely low-income with a severe cost burden, or households with (2) an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income meet one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the "At risk of homelessness" definition established at 24 CFR 91.5. No further characteristics of housing instability have been defined in the City's ConPlan; thus, the City will use the criteria listed in first six conditions listed in the "At risk of homelessness" definition established at 24 CFR 91.5.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The community needs assessment identified the following priority needs:

1. (TBRA) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
2. Supportive Services
3. Affordable rental housing

For households experiencing housing instability or who are at-risk of homelessness, priority needs include providing tenant-based rental assistance, appropriate supportive services, including counseling, financial (coaching) literacy, case management services, and other

services essential for achieving independent living to help prevent homelessness and increase housing stability. Those who are at-risk of homelessness have a strong need for homeless prevention and stabilizing services, while those who are currently homeless or experiencing chronic homelessness need more street outreach and case management services. Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking have a particular need in emergency and transitional housing support providing rental assistance as well as pertinent supportive services. However, most of these households will also need a livable wage and supportive services to create long-term self-sufficiency.

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

The gaps in the service delivery system and programs needed to provide these services were determined using data and feedback from multiple sources. The data represented in this report is a compilation of data from the 2015-2019 ACS, 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count was used in partnership with feedback from citizens and key stakeholders who provide services to the qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

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

The City of Monroe plans to administer activities directly.

If any portion of the PJs HOME-ARP administrative funds were provided to a sub-recipient or contractor prior to HUDs acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the sub- recipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJs entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the sub-recipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering al of the PJs HOME-ARP program.

The City will not allocate funds to a subrecipient or contractor to administer the entire HOME-ARP grant.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 150,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 542,300.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 325,000.00		
Nonprofit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 150,681.00	12.0098%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,167,981.00		

Table 4 - HOME ARP Funding

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

The City identified the best use of eligible HOME-ARP activities that will provide long-term assistance to individuals and families of the most vulnerable qualified populations. There are significant needs throughout the city for each of the eligible activities, and the lack of rental assistance, supportive services, and affordable housing was emphasized by most residents and stakeholders.

Using data from the 2015-2019 CHAS, the city has 9,120 households with incomes at or below 30% AMI. ACS estimates approximately 58% of these households are renter households. An estimated 7,435 households are severely cost burdened, paying over 50% of their income toward housing. Over 72% percent are renters and 28% percent of the renters reported earning less than or equal to 30% of AMI which makes housing affordability a prevalent characteristic of housing instability and increases the risk of homelessness.

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:

We plan to assist with the development of up to 5 affordable rental units.

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

HOME-ARP Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) will assist qualifying individuals and families with rental assistance and security and utility deposits. The City will establish a rental assistance term of 12 months using the HOME-ARP funds. The City intends to undertake TBRA activities to assist persons who are experiencing homelessness, at-risk of becoming homeless, and those who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic and/or dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, to locate, obtain, and maintain permanent

housing.

HOME-ARP funds will also be used to acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing primarily for occupancy by households of individuals and families that meet the definition of one or more of the qualifying populations. The primary goal will be to address the lack of affordable housing in the City and to assist as many qualifying populations as possible with this plan. Priority will be given to projects that develop rental housing for persons who are experiencing homelessness and those who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by HUD.

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:

Individuals and families that are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness will be given preference. In addition to housing instability, homeless individuals are more susceptible to acute health concerns, and physical or sexual assault, making them some of the most vulnerable populations and in need of specialized and intense services. The City will also give priority to families or individuals who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic and dating violence, and sexual assault.

HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES

The City of Monroe does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY			
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7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
a. Legal Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">City of Monroe</div>			
b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">72-6000903</div>		c. UEI: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">M9TEQW6ANUJ4</div>	
d. Address:			
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City: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Monroe</div>		County / Parish: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Ouachita</div>	
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Country: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">USA: UNITED STATES</div>		Zip / Postal Code: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">71202-5715</div>	
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Planning & Urban Development</div>		Division Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Community Development</div>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this submission:			
Prefix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Ms.</div>	First Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Tisa</div>	Middle Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">D.</div>	
Last Name: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Dhaliwal</div>		Suffix: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>	
Title: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Director of Community Development</div>			
Organizational Affiliation: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>			
Telephone Number: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(318) 329-2256</div>		Fax Number: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(318) 329-2845</div>	
Email: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">tisa.dhaliwal@ci.monroe.la.us</div>			

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY**8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT:**

C: City or Township Government

Other (specify):

b. Additional Description:

9. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

10. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

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

11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Monroe HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

12. Areas Affected by Funding:**13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:**

a. Applicant:

5th

b. Program/Project:

5th

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

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14. FUNDING PERIOD:

a. Start Date:

07/01/2023

b. End Date:

09/30/2030

15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:

a. Federal (\$):

1,167,981.00

b. Match (\$):

16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?☐ a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on:☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

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17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Explanation

18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

** I Agree ☒

** This 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.

First Name:

Friday

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Ellis

Suffix:

Title:

Mayor

Organizational Affiliation:

Telephone Number:

(318) 329-2310

Fax Number:

(318) 329-3300

Email:

friday.ellis@ci.monroe.la.us

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date Signed:

3/14/2023

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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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.

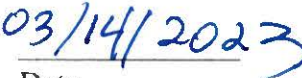
Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

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

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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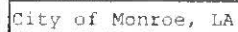

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(HUD) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS**

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On January 22, 2022, from 11:00 am- 12 p.m., the City of Monroe's Planning & Urban Development Department – Community Development Office will host this public hearing during the *Home In Monroe Housing Expo*. Comments and recommendations will be received based on the planned use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities based on the unmet needs of the qualifying populations and submitted to HUD through its Annual Action Plan process. Comment/recommendations will be received from the public from January 22 – February 21, 2022, and can be mailed to P.O. Box 123 Community Development Division Monroe, LA71210-0123 or emailed to tisa.dhaliwal@ci.monroe.la.us.

The City of Monroe will make "Reasonable Accommodations" for any and disabled individuals to have access to services and resources and to ensure equal opportunity to participate in all city-related programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or assistance to fully participate in or attend any meeting should notify the Office of Community Development at (318) 329-2256, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled meeting to ensure reasonable accommodations.

Details of the proposed use of the HOME- ARP grant funds are available below and on the Community Development Website at <https://monroela.us/government/departments-divisions/planning-urban-development/community-development>.

Project Description	Proposed Budget
<u>Rental Housing</u>	\$267,784.00
May include - Provide rental assistance, security deposit assistance, utility deposits, and utility payments for qualifying individuals and families to lease housing units in the private rental market; relocation costs; and acquisition costs	
<u>Supportive Services</u>	\$325,000.00
May include - Provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals and families, including but not limited to child care, education services, intake, financial and housing affordability analysis, marketing & outreach, housing searches, legal services, life skills training, establishing a rental rehab program and rental registry, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, and housing counseling.	
<u>Non-Operating and Capacity Building:</u>	\$400,000.00
May include - Costs related to developing the capacity of a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), or providing operating expenses to operate the CHDO to support housing initiatives.	
<u>Administration and Planning</u>	\$175,197.00
Up to 15 percent of grant allocation is used to pay for program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation; citizen participation; environmental review; and related administrative activities (with upto 5 percent available upon execution of the grant agreement).	
TOTAL – HOME-ARPA Allocation	\$1,167,981.00



PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT Community Development

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS & FY 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (CDBG & HOME Funds)

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law. ARPA provided additional federal resources for economic stimulus and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including \$5 billion in supplemental allocations under the HOME Program. The City of Monroe's allocation of these funds is \$1,167,981.00. The ARP program funds will be used to benefit the qualifying population through three (3) eligible activities: (1) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); (2) development and support of affordable housing; and (3) provision of supportive services.

On May 19, 2022, from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m., the City of Monroe's Planning & Urban Development Department - Community Development Office will host a public at the Public Safety Center, 1810 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Monroe, La 71202. Comments and recommendations will be received based on the planned use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities based on the unmet needs of the qualifying populations and submitted to HUD through its Annual Action Plan process. Comment/recommendations will be received from the public from May 20 - June 20, 2022, and can be mailed to P.O. Box 123 Community Development Division Monroe, LA 71210-0123 or emailed to communitydev@ci.monroe.la.us.

Discussion for planned projects and activities with FY 2022 entitlement funds for the regular allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships funds (HOME) will also take place on May 19, 2022, at the Public Safety Center from 5:15 PM - 6:30 p.m.

The City of Monroe will make "Reasonable Accommodations" for any disabled individuals to have access to services and resources and to ensure equal opportunity to participate in all city-related programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires auxiliary aid or assistance to fully participate in or attend any meeting should notify the Office of Community Development at (318) 329-2256, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled meeting to ensure reasonable accommodations.

Details of the proposed use of the HOME-ARP grant funds are available below and on the Community Development Website at <https://monroela.us/government/departments-divisions/planning-urban-development/community-development>.

Financial Housing	\$287,754.00
May include - Provide rental assistance, security deposit assistance, utility deposits, and utility payments for qualifying individuals and families to have housing units in the private rental market; relocation costs; and acquisition costs.	
Supportive Services	\$125,000.00
May include - Provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals and families, including but not limited to child care, education services, intake, financial and housing affordability analysis, marketing & outreach, housing searches, legal services, life skills training, establishing a rental rehab program and rental registry, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, and housing counseling.	
Non-Operations and Capacity Building	\$400,000.00
May include - Costs related to developing the capacity of a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), or providing operating expenses to operate the CHDO to support housing initiatives.	
Administration and Planning	\$175,197.00
Up to 15 percent of grant allocation is used to pay for program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation, citizen participation, environmental review, and related administrative activities (with up to 5 percent available upon execution of the grant agreement).	



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