City of New Orleans LaToya Cantrell, Mayor

HOME-ARP HOME Investments Partnership American Rescue Plan Program



Reduce Homelessness.



Increase Housing Stability.

Office of Housing Policy & Community Development

Tyra Johnson Brown, Director

March 24, 2023

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template

Guidance

- To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:
 - Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations.
 - Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
 - Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.
- To submit: a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as an attachment next to the "HOME-ARP allocation plan" option on either the AD-26 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan).
- PJs must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on either the AD-26 or AD-25 screen, as applicable:
 - Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
 - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
 - Anti-Lobbying;
 - Authority of Jurisdiction;
 - Section 3; and,
 - HOME-ARP specific certification.

Participating Jurisdiction: the City of New Orleans

Date: 3/1/2023

Consultation

Before developing its plan, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state's boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Summarize the consultation process:

Consultation & Citizen Participation is incorporated throughout each phase of the planning process in the development of the HOME-ARP through Outreach via television announcements on the local morning edition of WWL news, e-mails, meetings, telephone, & public participation meetings. In the event of social distancing restrictions due to COVID-19 guidelines, the Office of Community Development (OCD) was prepared to do a Zoom meeting. The purpose of consultation and citizen participation requirements is to ensure that input from a wide range of providers, citizens, advocacy groups, public and private sector agencies, and community leaders are engaged in the process to provide input in the development of the HOME-ARP Program. Through the Consultation process OCD engaged with Unity of Greater New Orleans & its 60 umbrella Continuum of Care (CoC) agencies, homeless & domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, public agencies that address the qualifying populations, as well as, public or private organizations that address fair housing: Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LAFHAC) & civil rights Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS), and the needs of persons with disabilities.

A Community Stakeholders Consultation HOME-ARP Meeting was held March 17, 2023, at OCD providing information on the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations: 1) Homeless, 2) At Risk of Homelessness, 3) Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, 4) Other Populations: Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness. In addition, Community Stakeholders are consulted to provide information on the City's Homeless Needs Inventory/Homeless Population/Gap Analysis. Stakeholders are consulted to provide the most recent data on the number of people & households experiencing homelessness.

OCD's HOME-ARP Consultation Engagement & Feedback process provides an opportunity for the City/OCD to consult with agencies and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems, as well as provide a basis for the City's strategy for distributing HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities to best meet the needs of qualifying populations.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO) 2475 Canal Street, Suite 300 New Orleans, Louisiana 70119 Martha Kegal, Executive Director <u>Mkegel@unitygno.org</u> Phone # (504)821-4496 Toll-Free Hotline: 1-888-899- 4589 <u>https://unitygno.org/</u>	Homeless Service Provider Public Agency UnityGNO is a Non-Profit Organization that leads a collaborative of over 50+ agencies providing housing & services to people who are	Stakeholders' Consultation Meetings, Public Hearing, E-mails, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/community- development/	Need for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Single Room Occupancy (SRO), and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) with Wrap-Around Services. The need for these services has heightened due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic in March 2020.

List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities. Updated 3/20/2023

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Southeast Louisiana Legal	Civil Rights Fair Housing		
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Laura Tuggle, Executive	1 MARC INCOMPOSITIONS JUNCTIONS JUNCTION	E-mail, Telephone, CNO-	aid to help end
Director	Agency SLLS provides	OCD Webpage:	homelessness and
Ltuggle@slls.org	civil legal aid	https://nola.gov/community-	stabilize housing for
1340 Poydras Street – Suite 600		development/	unstably housed people
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112	representing low-income		living with disabilities.
(504)596-1000 https://slls.org/	Individuals and		The City should also
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	domestic violence victims and ends homelessness for people with disabilities & veterans. (Additional information provided in attached OCD's HOME-ARP Stakeholders Consultation List)		attorney to assist with protective orders, custody, divorce, benefit cases, child support, and other legal issues to help protect their safety and stability.
Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC) Cashauna Hill, Executive Director Chill@lafairhousing.org 1340 Poydras Street – Suite 710 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 Main Phone: (504)596-2100 Toll Free: 1(877)445-2100 Info@fairhousing.org https://lafairhousing.org/	Fair Housing Civil Rights Public Service Agency LaFHAC, a Non-Profit Organization established in 1995 mission to eradicate housing discrimination in Orleans Parish and throughout Louisiana. Services include educational offerings, free legal services for victims of housing discrimination, policy advocacy & foreclosure prevention counseling to fight discrimination.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E-mail, Telephone, CNO-OCD Webpage: <u>https://nola.gov/community-development/</u>	 Focus the funds on the production or preservation of deeply affordable housing rental housing and rapid rehousing, in concert with supportive services. Funds spent on affordable housing should specifically be dedicated to units at 30% AMI or lower and for one-bedroom and studio units, where the city is facing a tremendous shortage, especially for people experiencing homelessness. We also urge your office to require developers to accept referrals for open units from Unity, the local Continuum of Care (CoC). Recently unhoused individuals should also not be warehoused in low-income neighborhoods far from the city center, where most resources and services are located. We hope you will use the scoring system

			included in the most recent NOFA that prioritizes development in gentrifying and higher opportunity neighborhoods, as per the commitments in the Assessment of Fair Housing plan,
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI New Orleans) Ally Dever, Director of Programs <u>Ally@namineworleans.org</u> 4403 Canal Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70119 Main Phone #: (504)896-2345 Crisis Line: 1(800)950-6264 <u>https://namineworleans.org/your- journey/individuals-with-mental- illness/finding-stable-housing/</u>	Mental Health Public Service Agency NAMI New Orleans is a Non-Profit Organization providing psychosocial services to people with Mental Illness.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E-mail, Telephone, CNO-OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/community- development	 From the perspective of mental health – I think people need adequate help with case managers to ensure that the client is best prepared for the responsibilities of housing – getting the emotional and practical support to succeed. Just providing a place is not enough. As there are not enough physical places to live, rental assistance is vital to maximizing the number of places to live. People who are mentally ill may not be receptive to housing, so there is a need for effective case managers to guide them to get off the streets. Too many restrictions for getting housing assistance. The community needs to be educated on the need for housing. The impact of living on the streets can be devasting. With community knowledge and empathy, more funds then can be

Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Evette Hester, Executive Director <u>Ehester@hano.org</u> 4100 Touro Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70122 Main Phone # (504)670-3300 https://www.hano.org	Public Housing Agency (PHA) HANO provides quality housing through the following programs: Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), Public Housing, Project-Based Voucher Program, and Community Choice Demonstration to low-income Individuals & Families, the Elderly, and Disabled populations in Orleans Parish citywide.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E-mail, Telephone, CNO-OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/community- development/	applied to move forward in rental assistance and ultimately developing apartments. 6)The best resource for people who are homeless and living on the street is the Low Barrier Shelter (LBS) The biggest bottleneck is going from the LBS to finding permanent affordable housing. 7) More tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) is needed for people who are housed. No comments were submitted by this Agency.
New Orleans Family Justice Alliance Center (NOFJC) Mary Claire Landry, Executive Director <u>Mclandry@nofjc.org</u> 701 Loyola Avenue Suite 201 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112	Homeless Provider Domestic Violence Public Service Agency NOFJC is a partnership of agencies providing a	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E-mail, Telephone, CNO-OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/community- development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.

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National Domestic Violence	survivors of		
Hotline:	domestic		
1(800)799-7233	violence, ending family violence,		
https://www.nofjc.org/	child abuse, and		
	sexual assault		
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	coordinated		
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	providing		
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New Orleans Redevelopment	Public	Stakeholders Meetings,	No comments were
Authority (NORA)	Neighborhood	Public Hearing, E-mail,	submitted by this
Brenda Breaux, Executive	Revitalization	Telephone, CNO-OCD	Agency.
Director	Agency	Webpage:	
Bbreaux@nola.gov	NORA is a	https://nola.gov/community-	
1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.	neighborhood revitalization	development/	
New Orleans, Louisiana 70113	catalyst creating		
https://www.noraworks.org/	investment		
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	a public agency, NORA is		
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	revitalization of		
	underinvested		
	areas in the City	8	
	of New Orleans.		
Bastion Community of Resilience	Disabled	Stakeholders Meetings,	No comments were
Dylan Tete, Executive Director	Veterans	Public Hearing, E-mail,	submitted by this
Dylan@joinbastion.org	Service	Telephone, CNO-OCD	Agency.
1901 Mirabeau Avenue	Provider	Webpage:	
	Bastion is a	https://nola.gov/community-	
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122	Non-Profit	development/	
	Organization		
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https://www.joinbastion.org/	environment for	
https://www.joinbastion.org/	injured veterans	
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	neighbors,	
	volunteers, and	
	specialists for a	
	holistic	
	approach to	
	community	
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Belle Reve 3027 Royal Street - NOLA 70117 (504)945-9455 <u>bellerevenola.org</u> Viki G. Weeks, Director <u>vickiweeks@bellerevenola.org</u>	Affordable Housing for Seniors The mission of Belle Reve is to provide affordable housing to seniors with wrap around services, creating a thriving Senior community.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) 4640 S. Caroliton Avenue Suite 160 – NOLA 70119 Andreanecia M. Morris, President/Chairman (504)224- 8300 amorris@housingnola.org www.gnoha.org	Affordable Housing Advocacy GNOHA is a non-profit organization collaborating with over 60+ Non-Profit Organizations whose mussion is build and preserve affordable housing for Individuals & Families in an ethical manner.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Total Community Action, Inc. (TCA) 1420 South Norman C. Francis Pkwy NOLA 70119 (504)872-0334 Thelma Harris French, President/CEO thelma french@tca-nola.org tca-nola.org	Community Service Agency Total Community Action addresses the needs of the poor providing direct assistance and opportunity for people to move towards self- sufficiency and economic security.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC) 701 Loyola Ave., Suite 201, NOLA, 70112 (504)592-4005 https://www.nofjc.org Mary Claire Landry, Executive Director mclandry@nofic.org	Emergency Shelter for domestic violence survivors. NOFJC assists homeless women with children. Clients receive food, clothing, and individualized counseling, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
New Orleans Women's & Children's Shelter (NOWCS) 2020 South Liberty Street – NOLA 70113 (504)522-9340 <u>https://nowcs.org</u> Dawn Bradley-Fletcher, Executive Director <u>dfletcher@nolawomenshelter.com</u>	Emergency Shelter for domestic violence survivors. NOWCS provides Emergency Shelter for women and their children. In addition, NOWCS provides wrap-around services: GED training, Job search assistance Financial Literacy training, and Parenting classes. NOWCS is a part of UnityCoC umbrella enabling women and their children transitionfrom a life of homelessness and poverty to one of stability and self-suffiency, and safe from Domestic abuse.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.

Brotherhood, Inc. 1422 Kerlerec Street-NOLA 70116 (504)947-4100 2714 Canal Street-NOLA 70119 (504)566-7955 Cyril Saulny, Executive Director csaulny@brotherhoodinc.org brotherhoodinc.org/ Facebook page	Healthcare Brotherhood, Incorporated's mission is to develop and implement programs and services that impact the economic, social and health disparities that exist within underserved and at- risk communities through education, enlightenment, and empowerment.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	by this Agency.		
Crescent Care 1631 Elysian Fields Avenue NOLA 70117 (504)821-2601 Noel Twilbeck, Executive Director <u>Noel Twilbeck@CrescentCare.org</u> Alice Reiner, Chief of Staff Alice Reiner, Chief of Staff Alice Reiner, Chief of Staff Alice Reiner, Chief of Staff CrescentCareHealth.org crescentcarehealth.org	Healthcare Crescent Care's mission is to strengthen the entire community through whole-person healthcare and education.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.		
CHANGE Coalition – New Orleans Honsing Resources Dorian-Gray Alexander (504)218-1423 <u>Changenola@gmail.com</u> dorianadress@gmail.com	HIV/AIDS Advocacy CHANGE is an organized coalition of grances, non- profit organizations, the HIV Planning Council and other HIV-related agencies involved on the full continuum of HIV prevention, treatment, housing and supportive services. CHANGE meets routinely to promote and plan for the creation of, and access to, additional resources, particularly for affordable housing, medical care and supportive services, for nearly 7,000 persons iving with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in the New Orleans area.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://mola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.		
Concerned Citizens for a Better Algiers (CCFBANO) 1409-17 Nunez Street- NOLA 70114 Shantrice Dial, Executive Director (504)362-1066 shantrice@ccfbano.otg ccfbano.org Facebook page	HIV/AIDS Service Provider Concerned Citizens for a Better Algiers programs deliver services to low and middle income residents of all ages to enhance self-sufficiency through job skills training, affordable rental housing to HIV/AIDS persons and families, residential care for HIV/AIDS persons; CCFBANO also delivers Ryan White programs for psychosocial and substance abuse counseling.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephrne, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.		
Covenant House New Orleans 611 North Rampart Street – NOLA 70112 (504)584-1111 Rheneisha Robertson, Executive Director trobertson/@covenanthouse.org covenanthousenola.org	Homelessness Prevention/Emergency Shelter Covanent House provides emergency shelter for youth 16-21, as well as outreach services, shelter, meals, life skills training.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.		

Harry Thompson Center 1803 Gravier Street NOLA 70112 (504)273-5547 Paisleigh Kelly, Executive Director, Pkelly@harrytompsoncenter.org info@harrytompsoncenter.org https://www.harrytompsoncenter.org/	Homelessness Prevention, Shelter The Harry Tompson Center is a day shelter where homeless clients have access to receive showers, bathroom usage, clothing, laundry services, phones, restrooms, legal aid, notary, basic medical care, and respite from the streets.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Hotel Hope 3923 Martin Luther King Blvd – NOLA 70113 (504)821-7773 Mary Lou Specha, PBVM, Executive Director (504)821-7773 mlspecha@hotelhope.org	Homelessness Prevention Hotel Hope moves families from homelessness to self-sufficiency, providing crisis interventon services.	0.	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Ozanam Inn 2239 Poydras Street – NOLA 70119 Clarence Adams Sr., Executive Director (504)523-1184 <u>cadams@ozananaminn.org</u> <u>ozanaminn.org</u>	Homelessness Prevention/Emergency Shelter Emergency shelter for men and women, food, clothing, showers, as well as, counseling and medical services2239 Poydras Street – NOLA 70119	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Travelers Ald Society of GNO 1530 Gravier Street – NOLA 70112 (504)658-2944 Donna Paramore, Executive Director dparamore@travelersaidneworleans.org https://travelersaidsocietyneworleans.org/s upport-services/	Homelessness Prevention Travelers Aid Society GNO provides case management for households in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes through the LER AP Homeless Prevention program, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) & Self-Help Employment Program (SHEP). In addition, Travelers Aid Society GNO provides jpb search readiness, bus pass tokens, food/shelter vouchers, mail receipt address, phone and computer access, and remtal assistance based on funding availability.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Volunteers of America of Southeast Louisiana (VOASELA) 4152 Canal Street - NOLA 70119 <u>info@yoasela.org</u> Voris R. Vigee, Preident & CEO (504)482-2130 info@yoasela.org	common areas of focus include promoting self- sufficiency for the homeless and for others	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.

Odyssey House of Louisiana (OHL) 1125 N. Tonti Street – NOLA 70119 Tom Stevenson, Program Director (504)941-1834 www.odyszevhouse.org	Substance Abuse Prevention Odyssey House of Louisiana (OHL) mission is to provide holistic and client-centered services in a safe environment that address the full continuum of special care needs for the state of Louisiana. OHL's encompassing system of care includes detox, treatment, behavioral and medical healthcare, life-skills, counseling, and case management. Through our services, OHL empowers in their treatment and recovery to reclaim functional, productive lives.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- nail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Project Lazarus 2824 Dauphine Street, NOLA 70117 (504)949-3609 Susanne B. Dietzel, Ph.D., Executive Director projectlazarus.org	Substance Abuse Prevention Project Lazarus is a non-profit organization that provides training and technical assistance to communities and clinicians addressing prescription medication issues. Using experience, data, and compassion we empower communities and individuals to prevent overdoses and opioid poisonings, establish effective substance use/disease of addiction support and treatment, and meet the needs of those living with pain.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.
Responsibility Honse 1799 Stumpf Blvd., Suite 2 +4 - Gretna Louisiana 70056 (504)67-4234 William Michael Martyn, Executive Director <u>mmartyn@rhousela.org</u> responsibilityhouse.org help@rhousela.org	Substance Abuse Prevention Responsibility House assists people who are ready to make the journey to sobriety, stability and health.	Stakeholders Meetings, Public Hearing, E- mail, Telephone, CNO- OCD Webpage: https://nola.gov/comm unity-development/	No comments were submitted by this Agency.

Public Participation

PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15** calendar days. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and before submission.

For HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

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

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 comment period: start date 3/1/2023 end date 3/15/2023
- Public hearing: 3/31/2022

The HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) provides funding to HOME PJs to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. The HOME-ARP is providing funding to the City of New Orleans in the amount of 9,474,585 dollars to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. HOME-ARP funds can be used for four (4) eligible activities:

- 1) Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- 2) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- 3) Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services & Housing Counseling
- 4) Purchase & Development of Non-Congregate Shelter.

In developing the HOME-ARP, the City consulted with Community Stakeholders and Service Providers to engage and provide feedback on the development of the plan through meetings, emails, and telephone calls. OCD conducted a Community Stakeholders Consultation HOME-ARP Meeting on March 17, 2023. OCD provided information on the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations: 1) Homeless, 2) At Risk of Homelessness, 3) Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, 4) Other Populations: Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

Community Stakeholders & Community Outreach broadens Public Participation in the development of the HOME-ARP including advertisement in the Advocate/Times Picayune Newspaper and placement on the CNO-OCD webpage: <u>https://nola.gov/community-development/</u>E-mails were sent out to all of OCD's Community Stakeholders List, encouraging attendance at the Public Participation meeting. Public Participation is incorporated throughout each phase of the planning process in the development of the HOME-ARP:

1) Citizens are encouraged to provide feedback on the development of the HOME-ARP.

2) Citizens are encouraged to provide input on how HOME-ARP funding should be utilized to reduce homelessness & increase housing stability.

Citizens were encouraged to engage and provide feedback on the four (4) eligible HOME-ARP activities in the development of the plan through the Public Participation HOME-ARP meeting that was conducted by OCD at the Milne Recreation Center – 5420 Franklin Avenue – NOLA 70122 in the Milneburg Seabrook Neighborhood.

A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

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

Below is a Public Participation Meeting summary, public comments, and citizen recommendations received through the public participation process: The Office of Community Development held a meeting to solicit public input on the disposition of HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. HOME-ARP provides funding to participating jurisdictions (PJs) to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country:

The meeting was held at the Milne Recreation Center Gymnasium on Thursday, March 31, 2022, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

The Public Participation meeting began with City staff introducing themselves: Donna Pearson, Planning & Resource Development, Adrianne Rochon, Planning & Resource Development and Darlene Hargrove, Neighborhood Services and Facilities. Opening Remarks were delivered by Ms. Pearson, which was followed by the audience of ten attendees introducing themselves. Those in attendance were both private citizens and representatives of organizations, including the local homelessness prevention collaborative, a mental illness prevention organization, the local housing alliance, law enforcement, and representatives of the City's recreation department.

The HOME-ARP PowerPoint was then presented by Ms. Pearson. This PowerPoint presentation began with OCD's mission and vision statements to make our stakeholders aware of OCD's driving goals.

This was followed by how the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) provides funding to HOME participating jurisdictions (PJs) to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. HOME-ARP is providing funding in the amount of 9,474,585 dollars to the City of New Orleans to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

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Within the presentation, photos featuring examples of the eligible activities were displayed. At the end of the PowerPoint presentation, a question-and-answer/round-table discussion session began. A robust discussion took place among the attendees: of most concern was the need for more affordable housing, making supportive services for the homeless more easily accessible, and the need to ensure that operations at the low-barrier-shelter have a more efficient flow.

Ms. Pearson highlighted the HOME-ARP Activities Feedback Form, which was made available to all in attendance. The audience was encouraged to complete and return no later than May 10, 2022.

At the event, much discussion surrounded the challenges that arise from the lack of affordable housing for the general public, but especially for the homeless. Without affordable housing or accessible facilities, homeless persons lack places to gain access to case managers who can guide them through the practical and emotional support necessary for success. Some in the audience pointed out that the City's Low-Barrier-Shelter (LBS) is currently the best available resource for the homeless. This audience believed that the shelter meets the homeless where they are, by having no come-and-go restrictions, allowing pets, and imposing no sobriety requirements.

The citizens at the event were also in accord regarding Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). All agreed that TBRA is a vital need for both the housed and the homeless. Most felt that TBRA is vital to getting the homeless housed, but also assisting the housed in times of emergency. A review of the feedback forms found agreement that there was a lack of supportive services, homeless prevention, and housing counseling services needed improvement. Most felt there was a lack of case managers to assist the mentally ill but ironically felt there were too many homeless agencies.

Views on the Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) went in a similar direction: most felt more NCSs were needed to provide more services to more homeless people to be able to provide them safety and engage them with vital services. Finally, when asked to address housing, shelter, and homeless services, the feedback at the meeting confirmed that most people felt there was a need for more housing and that services should be targeted to the homeless and those below 30% area median income (AMI). A Citizen cited the need to educate the community with more knowledge and empathy about the cause of homelessness. The in-person discussion wrapped up within the hour.

The following are the Two (2) Citizen Public Participation Forms Submitted:

A) The first citizen commented on the feedback form: 1) From the perspective of mental health, people need adequate help from case managers to ensure that the client is best prepared for the responsibilities of housing – getting the emotional and practical support to succeed. Just providing a place is not enough. 2) There is a need for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). As there are not enough physical places to live, rental assistance is vital to maximizing the number of places to live. 3) Challenges & Recommendations to improve Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention & Housing Counseling: People who are mentally ill may not be receptive to housing, so there is a need for effective case managers to guide them to get off of the streets & there are too many restrictions for getting housing assistance. 4) The community needs to be educated on the need for housing. The impact of living on the streets can be devasting. With community knowledge and

empathy, more funds then can be applied to move forward with rental assistance and ultimately the development of apartments.

B) The second citizen comments on the feedback form: 1) Challenges & Recommendations to improve affordable housing: 1) The best resource for people who are homeless and living on the street is the Low Barrier Shelter. My clients prefer this shelter over the others because it has fewer rules: you can come and go when you want, you can bring your pets and you don't have to be sober. The shelter has low barriers. Once clients are in the shelter, it is easier to get them a housing case worker and work through the process of applying for permanent housing. The biggest bottleneck is affordable housing. Clients who are homeless may be approved for a housing voucher, but they cannot find apartments in their price range. My two biggest recommendations are to fund and expand the Low Barrier Shelter and increase the stock of affordable housing. 2) The need for (Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): For someone who is currently housed, it is better to support them with TBRA than to let them lose their housing and have to guide them through the arduous process of being rehoused. 3) Challenges & Recommendations to improve Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services & Housing Counseling: Unity does an admiral job of uniting various housing-related organizations in the city. However, it's not ideal to have so many different agencies that serve people who are homeless. The work would be most effective if it was streamlined into one organization. The organization that is best positioned and most responsible for addressing homelessness in New Orleans is City Government. 4) Feedback on the Need for a Non-Congregate Shelter: Non-Congregate Shelters are needed. My program was fortunate to get two clients into Unity's hotel in the Fall of 2021. Both of those clients were chronically homeless and previously they were unable to apply for and attain permanent housing. The hotel gave them a safe place to live, protect themselves from COVID-19, and consistently work with their housing case workers. Both of those clients are in permanent housing right now, and it's partly due to the safety and stability provided by the hotel.

Discussion at the HOME-ARP Public Hearing centered on the need for Single Residency Occupancy (SRO) affordable units with Wrap-Around Services to meet the needs of this Homeless Population. Many of the Homeless population have various challenges, which include mental illness. Living in an SRO is manageable and keeps the privacy of the individual without the stress of relatives and or friends attempting to move in with the resident.

At the end of the Public Participation Hearing, Ms. Pearson highlighted the HOME-ARP Activities Feedback Form, which was made available to all in attendance, as well as e-mail to those in attendance. The audience was encouraged to complete and return the form to OCD by May 10, 2022. Ms. Pearson then thanked all for their attendance. Everyone exchanged pleasantries and the Public Participation Meeting was Adjourned.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why: All comments for the HOME-ARP Public Hearing were accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within their boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point-in-time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.

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		Curr	ent Inve	ntory		H	omeless	Populat	ion		Gap A	nalysis	
	Far	nily	Adult	s Only	Vets	Family	Adult			Far	nily	Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	HH (at least 1 child)	l (w/o	VATC	Victims of DV	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	91	34	522	522	0								
Transitional Housing	58	19	156	118	118								
Permanent Supportive Housing	774	269	2605	794	#								
Other Permanent Housing						106	236	20	#				
Sheltered Homeless		A CONTRACT				32	733	118	#				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	362	4	10				
Current Gap										#	#	#	#

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

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

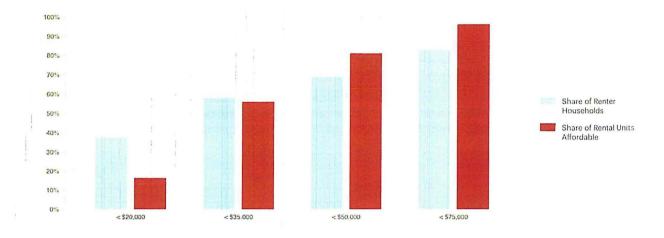
OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless					
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis		
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households		
Total Rental Units	758				
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	#				
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	#				
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		#			
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		#			
Current Gaps			#		

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

Distribution of Renter Households and Affordable Rental Units by Income 2020

This chart compares the cumulative share of renters below specified income levels to the share of the rental stock affordable to households with these incomes. This can be helpful for identifying supply shortages at different income levels. Keep in mind that some of the units identified as affordable to people of a particular income level may in fact be occupied by households with higher incomes, reducing the stock available for lower income households. There are deficits in affordable supply for the lowest income households in nearly all markets (note: visualization includes public housing which mainly serves those lowest incomes). One issue to examine is how far up the income spectrum the deficit extends.

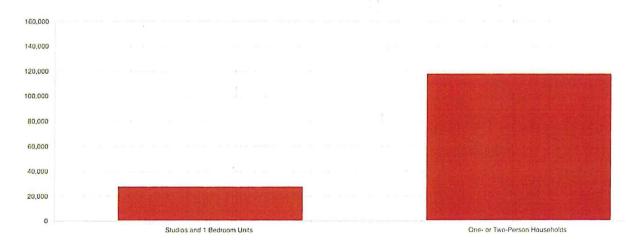


Missing data may be due to unreliable estimates. Data reliability flags in hover bubbles indicate whether an estimate is to be used with caution. For more information about how these flags were created, see the Data Dictionary

Source: Census PUMS 2016-2020 Data Contains: 1 City (show)

Comparison of Counts of Small Units and One- to Two-Person Households 2021

This chart compares the number of studio or one-bedroom units in the jurisdiction to the number of one-and two-person households. In areas with a tight housing supply and a larger number of households than units in this comparison, there may be opportunities to improve affordability by developing new studio or one-bedroom units. In addition to being less expensive to develop than larger units, the development of such units could free up larger units by encouraging more one- and two-person households to move out of their larger units and into the smaller ones. In 2021, there were **27,746** studio or 1-bedroom units (**34.1%** of all rented units) and **117,749** one- and two-person households in **New Orleans (75.2%** of all households).



Source: Census 2017-2021 Data Contains: 1 City (show)

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

According to, Erika Ferrando, a local news reporter at WWL TV: Homelessness in New Orleans is climbing and could get worse. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, many homeless individuals and families were placed in hotels, however, that assistance is and has been ending. Martha Kegal, Executive Director of Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO) believes one of the reasons homelessness has climbed is due to the lack of resources. Housing help that was available during the COVID-19 Pandemic has ended.

According to Unity of GNO, Homelessness is down 90% (2007 - 11,619 to 2022 - 1,214) since Post-Hurricane Katrina. Unity's Point in Time (PIT) Count of Homeless People in the Greater New Orleans Area in 2022 was 362 persons who were counted as unsheltered homeless. Unity's Point in Time aim is to comprehensively count and interview every homeless person during a single 24-hour period. As of February 2022, overall homelessness was down 8 percent since 2020 and the number of people living on the street (unsheltered homelessness) was down 34%. The number of homeless people living in hotels or congregate shelters (sheltered homelessness) was up 12% due to the hotel initiative.

The COVID-19 hotel/apartment initiative led by the City of New Orleans, Unity of Greater New Orleans, and the Louisiana Housing Corporation moved nearly every homeless person (619 persons) off the streets of New Orleans and Jefferson Parish into low-cost hotels on March 17th thru May 31st, 2020. Permanent housing in apartments was identified for 79% upon exiting the hotel. A second COVID-19 Pandemic hotel/apartment initiative moved an additional 394 persons off the streets of New Orleans into hotels between August 23rd, 2021, thru January 25th, 2022, permanently housing 59% of persons and continuing the search for apartments. The following breaks down the size and demographic composition of the qualifying populations:

- 1. Street Homelessness in 2022 Greater New Orleans Area: 1,214
- 2. In February 2022 Unity's Point in Time (24 hours) counted 362 persons on the street.
- 3. Street Homelessness by Parish: Orleans 89% & Jefferson 11%
- 4. Street Homelessness by Race: 51% African American, 46% White & 3% Other
- 5. Street Homelessness by Ethnicity: 98% Non-Hispanic & 2% Hispanic/Latino
- 6. Street Homelessness by Gender: 78% Male, 21% Female & 1% Gender Non-Conforming
- 7. Street Homelessness by Age: 91% Over 24, 8% Age 18-24 & 1% Children under 18
- 8. Street Homelessness by Disability: 28% Disabled, 21% Serious Mental Illness & 15% Substance Use Disorder.
- 9. NAMI New Orleans reports that they are serving forty-one (41) homeless individuals with mental disorders through the following programs: housing, intensive case management, and law enforcement-assisted diversion.

Unsheltered Persons (Street Homeless) face greater health challenges, environmental/weather challenges, as well as heightened experiences of trauma and violence than sheltered individuals. The City of New Orleans continues its collaboration with Unity of Greater New Orleans and its 50+ Continuum of Care (CoC) Organizations utilizing a Housing First approach to prioritize rapid

placement and stabilization in permanent housing. The City will utilize Unity of Greater New Orleans' Coordinated Entry System process (CE) to cover all Homeless Qualifying populations. Housing navigators (Unity's CoC Homeless Providers) identify individuals in need of housing services and work to establish an appropriate response. Housing navigators assess and prioritize chronically homeless based on the need of the qualifying populations.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

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

The City and Unity have made great strides in reducing the number of homeless people on the streets, providing emergency shelters and finding permanent housing for individuals and families, and addressing unmet housing & service needs for qualifying populations:

- 1. Unsheltered Homeless Populations: According to Unity GNO, there was an estimated 362 Unsheltered Persons on the Street in 2022 on any given night. (Unity's Point-in-Time counted 362 Unsheltered Persons). Over the last year, the city added 200 beds to the Low Barrier Shelter (LBS) located in Downtown New Orleans for a total of 300 beds. The LBS' location in the CBD is near the S. Claiborne Avenue I-10/Overpass, where many Street Homeless individuals live. Many of the homeless population that chooses to sleep outside often have mental challenges and won't go into the LBS or any available shelter. Many Street Homeless persons often have heightened housing and service needs, often resistant to accepting services and or staying in permanent housing. Due to limited resources, there is a tremendous need for affordable rental housing with wrap-around services, including mental health care. The Emergency Shelters are made available through the City's ESG Subrecipient Agencies (competitive NOFA process).
- 2. Sheltered Homeless Populations: According to HUD ESG FY 2020 Sage HMIS Reporting Repository, there are over 1,000 Persons identified as Chronically Homeless that stayed one or more nights at an Emergency Shelter in New Orleans. The City of New Orleans works with Unity of Greater New Orleans providing access to Emergency Shelters for chronically homeless and homeless persons. The City funds several of Unity's Continuum of Care (CoC) agencies through its competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process to provide access to Emergency Shelters
- 3. Housed Populations at Risk of Homelessness: Individuals and Families at risk of Homelessness receive Homeless Prevention services that include Rapid Re-Housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Permanent Supportive Houses (PSH), and Community Resource & Referral Services administered through the City's funded ESG Subrecipient Agencies (competitive NOFA process). Including Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking.

- 4. Families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness receive rental assistance through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), administered through the City with funding from the CARES-Act and American Rescue Plan. These programs emerged due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, resulting in a health crisis and economic crisis, creating job loss, and leaving individuals and families unable to pay their rent or mortgages.
- 5. Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations with the greatest unmet housing and service needs include the elderly, disabled, and chronically homeless population. The city provides owner-occupied rehabilitation and rental assistance to low-income individuals and families through a competitive Affordable Housing NOFA process. The City strives to assist as many eligible Individuals and Families as possible. Unlimited needs and limited resources create an ongoing challenge, as the city continues to move forward providing quality rental, owner-occupied rehabilitation, and community development services citywide.

The City continues to work with Unity of Greater New Orleans providing services to, prevent, reduce, and end homelessness.

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 City receives an Annual Entitlement Emergency Solutions (ESG) Grant Allocation to administer congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing. Funding to provide ESG services to qualifying populations is required to go through OCD's competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process.

In addition, the CoC works with private landlords and public housing authorities (PHAs) to prioritize and/or dedicate units and vouchers for homeless individuals and families. These units are braided with services as much as possible to continue to prioritize those with the greatest need.

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

The City has gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory and delivery system due in part to a lack of resources. In addition, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, these needs have heightened because of the health and economic effects of the virus. The homeless population was particularly vulnerable since they were unsheltered and exposed to in-climate weather, resulting in a higher risk to become infected with COVID-19. The City, Unity, and the Louisiana Housing Corporation took huge steps in filling in the Emergency Shelter inventory and getting the homeless population off of the streets during the pandemic. Hotel rooms were identified to house the homeless population, allowing them to isolate individually, and providing private bathrooms with sanitary conditions, to contain the spread of COVID-19 among this vulnerable population. In addition, the City understands the role affordable housing plays in promoting equity and the overall importance of assisting low and moderate-income New Orleans residents to live healthy lives, especially during the challenges of COVID-19. Many of our Citizens were unemployed as a result of the outbreak of the pandemic and are still in need of rental assistance. Emergency Rental Assistance (ERAP) through the HUD CARES Act and American Rescue Plan continues to provide Emergency Rental & Utility Assistance to low-income Individuals and Families.

Through the competitive Affordable Rental Housing NOFA process, OCD is creating a greater housing inventory and addressing the service delivery gap, through the production of quality affordable houses.

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:

Characteristics of Housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness in New Orleans for Individuals and Families include those who are too cost-burdened to pay rent. According to the 2022 Reinvestment Fund 'New Orleans Market Analysis of Trends & Conditions' Market Study: single-person households in need of housing assistance is partly due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, as a result of contracting the virus and or unemployment, business shutdown, and or business downsizing. Orleans Parish has an average of households that are renters and homeowners that are cost-burdened, spending over 30% of their income on housing costs. Orleans Parish has an average household size that is smaller than the National Average with nearly half of all households living alone (single-family one (1) in the household, not interacting with anyone during the COVID-19 shutdown, resulting in the need for housing assistance if that person was unemployed as a result of the shut or experiencing the residual effects of the economic shutdown with limited income to pay for living expenses. Increased (1) and two (2) bedroom affordable rental units are needed to fill the gap to address housing instability and the increased risk of homelessness.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

According to Unity of Greater New Orleans, 89% of the Homeless in Orleans Parish can be described as Street Homeless. Studies have shown that an acute shortage of affordable rental housing is the primary force of homelessness nationwide and is certainly the case in New Orleans. Specific priority needs for the Street Homeless (Unsheltered) population are single one (1) and two (2) bedroom or efficiency units. Discussion at OCD's Consultation and Public Participation HOME-ARP meetings continued to circle back to the importance of providing Single-Room Occupancy Units (SRO), allowing the resident not to be overwhelmed by the size and maintain privacy without relatives or friends attempting to invade their space. The City will utilize Unity of Greater New Orleans' Coordinated Entry System to cover all Homeless Qualifying Populations, addressing their needs.

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:

In New Orleans, the level of need and gaps in its shelter and housing inventory has increased partly due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, creating a health and economic crisis for Individuals and Families. In addition, the string of Hurricane and Tornado disasters has insurance premiums going up, along with building costs going up due to shortages, resulting in higher rents for Individuals and families.

New Orleans' housing inventory, according to the 2022 Housing NOLA Report states that over 58,000 households are cost-burdened, paying too much for rent. Along with many cities across the country, New Orleans is facing an increasing affordable housing crisis. Over the last six years, the Fair Market rent in the Metro Area for a two-bedroom unit went from \$964.00 in 2017

to \$1,182 in 2023. According to the Reinvestment Fund 'New Orleans Market Analysis of Trends & Conditions' Marketing Study: Single Person Households in need of housing assistance is partly due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, resulting in contracting the virus and or unemployment, business shut down, and eventual business downsizing. Orleans Parish has an average household size that is smaller than the national average with nearly half of all households living alone (single-family one (1)in the household).

Consistent with housing inventory, shelter needs, and gap levels are also high, as the number of beds available outweighs the number of Street Homeless (Unsheltered) persons in need of shelter. As of February 2022, according to Unity GNO, overall homeless was down 8% since 2020. The number of people living on the street (unsheltered homelessness) was down 34% (1,214 Street Chronically Homeless in 2022). The pandemic hotel/apartment initiative led by the City of New Orleans, Louisiana Housing Corporation, and Unity of Greater New Orleans moved nearly every person off the streets (619 persons) into low-cost hotels and 79% were subsequently permanently housed in apartments. A second pandemic hotel/apartment initiative moved an additional 394 persons off the streets of New Orleans between August 2021 thru January 2022, permanently housing 59%, with the search for apartments continuing.

The Qualifying Population of Street Homeless (Unsheltered) persons is 78% Male. Single-Room Occupancy Units (SRO) would provide shelter to this qualifying population, addressing their needs for privacy and independence. A percentage of Two (2) bedroom units would also be available for Families. Currently, in New Orleans, Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana (VOASELA) has two locations providing Single Room Occupancy (SRO) to Homeless Individuals on Canal Street and Tulane Avenue. The SRO Duvernay Residence on Canal Street is income-based, providing permanent housing for men and women in substance abuse recovery. The is a total of 70 units and 0 available. VOA Tulane Avenue is also income-based, providing permanent housing to men and women with 82 units and 7 available. <u>https://www.voasela.org/covid19</u> These are the only two (2) SROs in New Orleans, therefore the need is great to move forward addressing this Qualifying Population of Street Homeless Individuals (Unsheltered) with quality housing. Two (2) bedrooms would also be available. The City will utilize Unity of Greater New Orleans CoC's Coordinated Entry System that works with people in a housing crisis, conduct problem-solving and triage, assist with emergency housing, and navigate prioritized clients to permanent housing

outcomes as quickly as possible. The Coordinated Entry System complies with applicable civil rights and fair housing laws and requirements to serve all Homeless Qualifying Populations.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

The City of New Orleans will partner with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) to award HOME-ARP funds to a developer through a competitive process.

The City of New Orleans and NORA have a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) to promote the development of affordable housing and other public benefits through the transfer of City property to NORA as its development partner Per this CEA, the City of New Orleans and NORA appoint representatives to a "Predevelopment Committee" which provides input on funding opportunities and the use of properties leased to NORA. Through this process, the City and NORA will jointly craft a Request for Proposals (RFP) that aligns with the above criteria and clearly states the eligible activities and qualifying populations served by these HOME-ARP funds. Per the CEA, NORA shall then solicit, evaluate, and select the prospective sublessee of the property and developer to redevelop the selected site using these funds. Respondents will be evaluated based on criteria the City considers when awarding competitive federal funds:

- 1. Completion and accuracy of application
- 2. Verification the respondent and its subcontractors, partners, and subrecipients are eligible to receive HOME-ARP funds.
- 3. Applicants will be scored on the following
 - *Needs Assessment and Target Population
 - *Agency Background and Experience
 - *Coordination and Collaboration
 - *Approach to Providing Services
 - *Financial Capacity

The City has identified city property to be awarded in conjunction with HOME-ARP funds, which is to be the development site for this project. This property is located on a high-frequency bus service route and is in proximity to job centers, medical facilities, and social services in the Tulane/Gravier neighborhood. Current zoning for the site allows mixed-use development with up to 86 affordable housing units.

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

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

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$#		
Acquisition and Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$ \$8,053,397.25		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$#		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$#		
Non-Profit Operating	\$#	#%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$#	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 1,421,187.75	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$#		

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

Additional narrative, if applicable:

Enter narrative response here.

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:

According to Unity of Greater New Orleans, there are over 800 Individuals and Families are in Emergency and Transitional Housing currently. There is a need to transition these individuals and families to permanent supportive affordable housing. In addition, the data from Unity reports there is a current inventory of 2,605 units & beds filled, indicating the need for permanent supportive housing is in great need. According to the Reinvestment Fund 'New Orleans Market Analysis of Trends & Conditions' Marketing Study: single-person households in need of housing assistance is partly due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which resulted in contracting the virus and or unemployment, business shutdowns, and eventual business downsizing. Orleans Parish has an average of households that are renters and homeowners that are cost-burdened, spending over 30% of their income on housing costs. Orleans Parish has an average household size that is smaller than the national average with nearly half of all households living alone (single-family one (1) in the household), not interacting with anyone during the COVID-19 shut down; resulting in the need for housing assistance if that person was unemployed as a result of the shut-down of business during COVID-19 with limited income for living expenses.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The CNO-Office of Housing Policy and Community Development plans to utilize the HOME-ARP 9,474,585 dollars in funding to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability in New Orleans. Funding will be dedicated to providing one (1) & (2) bedroom units (Single Room Occupancy SRO and 2 Bedroom Units) providing up to eighty-six (86) units, no lease zero (0) rent (once a resident is placed in a job, minimum rent can be collected. The non-congregate shelter will include amenities: a Community Room, A Computer Room, and Green Space.

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:

Feedback from the CNO-OCD's HOME-ARP Consultation and Public Participation highlighted the tremendous need to provide housing for the Qualifying Population of Street Homeless (Unsheltered) Individuals. OCD will utilize its competitive Notice of Funding Availability Process (NOFA) process to address providing affordable housing for all of the qualifying homeless populations. ODC's NOFA Selection review committee includes the Louisiana Fair Housing Action and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services to ensure compliance with applicable civil rights and fair housing laws and requirements to serve all Homeless Qualifying Populations. Projects proposing permanent supportive housing units (PSH) and amenities such as community space, computer rooms, and outdoor green space will be more competitive in the solicitation process.

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.

The City of New Orleans (City) will coordinate with Unity of Greater New Orleans utilizing the Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System to housing and services that work with individuals and families in a housing crisis, facilitating the movement towards permanent housing as quickly as possible. The Coordinated Entry System is a centralized coordinated process that prioritizes Homeless Qualifying Populations Individuals and Families who are in the most need. The Coordinated Entry System is a multi-step process that identifies the appropriate housing and services outcome for all of the Qualifying Populations individuals and families that enter the system. The City will utilize the Coordinated Entry System to improve the access and efficiency of the intake and referral processes of the homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). Coordinated entry is designed to provide homeless or at-risk homeless Individuals and Families with housing and services by creating quicker linkages and matching needs to eligibility criteria and strengths of the providers, and to prioritize existing resources for those with the greatest needs and the length of time homeless. All homeless Qualifying Populations are served by the CoC Coordinated Entry

System: chronically homeless: individuals, families, families with children, youth, disabled, elderly, veterans, and victims of domestic violence. All steps of the Coordinated Entry System will take into account safety planning for all persons escaping domestic violence situations, including human trafficking.

The City intends to use the HOME-ARP funding to benefit Individuals and Families specified in HUD's Homeless Qualified Population for any eligible activity or project, and Fair Housing laws and requirements. Preferences for one or more qualifying populations for any specific project will not exclude any other individual or family from a Qualifying Population eligible for the activity or project, adhering to fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including, but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105 (a). The City will utilize the CoC Coordinated Entry System that complies with applicable Civil Rights and Fair Housing laws and requirements to serve all Homeless Qualifying Populations.

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

The use of a preference method of prioritization will address the high volume of Street Homeless Individuals (Unsheltered) for this Qualifying Population. The Street Homeless (Unsheltered) Individuals and Families are vulnerable to inclement weather conditions, presenting a public health crisis. During the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, the City and Unity of Greater New Orleans led the Hotel/Apartment initiative moving over 600 persons off the streets into lowcost hotels, providing a safe haven to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The single hotel rooms provided a mechanism to maintain social distancing in an effort not to spread the COVID-19 virus. 79% of these persons were permanently housed in apartments. According to Unity of Greater New Orleans Point-in-Time in 2022 there are 362 Street Homeless Persons (Unsheltered). 78% are Male, 21% are Female, 8% are Young Adults Aged 18-24, 1% are Children under 18, and 1% are Gender Non-Conforming. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) One (1) Bedroom Unit would address this unmet need to provide housing for this Homeless Qualifying Population to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The City will utilize Unity of Greater New Orleans CoC's Coordinated Entry System that works with people in a housing crisis, conduct problemsolving and triage, assist with emergency housing, and navigate prioritized clients to permanent housing outcomes as quickly as possible. The City will utilize Unity of Greater New Orleans' Coordinated Entry System process to cover all Homeless Qualifying Populations, addressing their needs. The purpose of the Coordinated Entry System is to increase efficiency in the local homeless response, improving access to resources. The Coordinated Entry System process (CE) complies with applicable civil rights and fair housing laws and requirements to serve all Homeless Qualifying Populations.

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HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

- Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity N/A
- Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated. N/A
- State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both. N/A
- Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer. The required compliance period will be 15 years.
- State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or *insured by any federal program, including CDBG*. The City of New Orleans HOME-ARP funds cannot and will not be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
- *Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:* No additional requirements in the City of New Orleans guidelines are applicable.

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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):	<u></u>
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:	
The administration of the HOME-ARP program. These funds will be used to reduce homelessness in New Orleans.	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. Add Attachments View Attachments	

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* a. Applicant LA-02	* b. Program/Project LA-02
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* a. Start Date: 06/01/2023	* b. End Date: 06/01/2024
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	9,474,585.00
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- 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.
- 4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- 6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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