



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, PA

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Introduction

Northampton County is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program.

During the FY 2021 program year, Northampton requalified for entitlement status as an urban county for FYs 2022-2024. The County is comprised of thirty-eight (38) municipalities, which includes two (2) cities, nineteen (19) boroughs, and seventeen (17) townships. All jurisdictions are members of the urban county entitlement program except for the City of Bethlehem, which is a federal CDBG and HOME entitlement community. The City of Easton, a previous federal CDBG entitlement community, and Northampton County entered into a cooperation agreement on 8/16/2018, and recertified during FY 2021, that recognized the City's decision to opt in as an urban county participant. By opting in, the City and County qualify for additional HUD funding as a HOME and ESG entitlement community.

Northampton County is currently in year four of its FY 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan identified the following priority needs and goals for the low- and moderate-income population of the County:

Housing Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need for decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible to homebuyers, homeowners and renters.

Goals:

- HS-1 Housing Support – Assist low- and moderate-income households to access decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible for rent or for sale through housing counseling, down payment and closing cost assistance.
- HS-2 Housing Construction – Encourage the construction of new affordable housing units throughout the County for both owners and renters.
- HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation – Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters in the County by addressing code violations, emergency repairs and handicap accessibility.

Homeless Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need for housing for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

Goals:

- HO-1 Housing – Support the Continuum of Care's efforts to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, utility support, permanent supportive housing, and other permanent housing opportunities.
- HO-2 Operation/Support – Assist housing providers who operate or provide housing support services for the homeless and persons or families at-risk of becoming homeless.

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Other Special Needs Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need for housing, services, and facilities for persons with special needs.

Goals:

- SN-1 Housing – Support an increase in the supply of decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible for the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs, through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction of housing.
- SN-2 Social Services – Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.

Community Development Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need to improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and quality of life in the County.

Goals:

- CD-1 Community Facilities and Infrastructure – Improve the County’s public facilities and infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.
- CD-2 Public Safety and Services – Improve and enhance public safety, public services, and public programs.
- CD-3 Connectivity – Improve connectivity throughout the County and surrounding municipalities through physical, visual, transportation, and accessibility improvements.
- CD-4 Clearance/Demolition – Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions throughout the County.

Economic Development Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need to encourage employment and to promote economic opportunities in the County.

Goals:

- ED-1 Employment – Support and encourage job creation, job retention, and job training opportunities.
- ED-2 Development – Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development.
- ED-3 Redevelopment – Plan and promote the development, redevelopment, and revitalization of vacant commercial and industrial sites and buildings.
- ED-4 Financial Assistance – Support and encourage new economic development through local, state, and federal tax incentives and programs such as: Tax Incremental Financing (TIF); Tax Abatement (LERTA); Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Pilot); Enterprise Zones/Entitlement Communities; Section 108 Loan Guarantees; Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds; etc.
- ED-5 Access to Transportation – Support the expansion of public transportation and access to bus and automobile service to assist the transportation needs for employment and job training opportunities.

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Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs.

Goals:

- AM-1 Overall Coordination – Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing activities, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

“On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through HOME to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. The program described in this notice for the use of the \$5 billion in ARP funds is the HOME-American Rescue Plan or “HOME-ARP.”

ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) (“McKinney-Vento”); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4) above.” (Source: Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program)

On September 22, 2021, Northampton County received a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development notifying the County that its HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation was \$2,338,781.00. To receive HOME-ARP funds, the County is required to create a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify how the County can assist qualifying populations, which include individuals and families experiencing and at-risk of homelessness, by providing rental housing, supportive services, non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), and non-profit operating and capacity building. The County started the planning process by consulting with stakeholders and organizations that serve homeless and at risk of homelessness populations to gather information and priorities for the preparation of the County’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

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Consultation

To develop the Allocation Plan, Northampton County consulted with public and private agencies and organizations that provide assisted homeless and at risk of homelessness services and housing. The County also consulted with local units of government in and around the County, as well as County residents. Input from the meetings and consultations were used establish the priority needs and strategies to be addressed with HOME-ARP funds. A complete list of organizations that were contacted, the qualifying population that they serve, and type of organization is attached in the Appendix. The County consulted with the following entities:

- Continuums of Care (CoCs)
- Homeless Service Providers
- Domestic Violence Service Providers
- Veterans' Groups
- Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)
- Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of person with disabilities

The County's Department of Community and Economic Development acts as the single point of contact to coordinate efforts between public and assisted housing providers, as well as private and governmental health, mental health, and social service agencies. The County works with the following agencies to enhance funding and service allocations to address the housing and community development needs of the area:

- Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development - oversees the CDBG program and administers competitive HOME grants.
- Northampton County Department of Human Services - provides care and protection to County residents from infancy to old age, through consumer-focused programs designed to maintain and improve the quality of life for consumers and their families.
- Lehigh Valley RHAB CoC - oversees the Continuum of Care Network for Lehigh County and Northampton County.
- Northampton County Housing Authority and Easton Housing Authority - manage the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, create improvements to public housing communities, and develop affordable housing.
- Social Services Agencies - provides services to address the needs of low- and moderate-income persons.
- Housing Providers - rehabilitates and develops affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

Coordination with these entities is an ongoing process in order to capitalize on potential future funding opportunities, as well as potential project partnerships. As part of the ARP planning process, stakeholders were notified of the availability of HOME-ARP funds, invited to complete

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an online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNP78PK>) and participate in a meeting or phone call, and individually contacted to receive input on the Plan. The following organizations participated in the consultation:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Northampton County Dept. of Human Services	Local government and provider of emergency, veteran, children and youth, mental health, drug and alcohol, early intervention, developmental, and aging services.	Meeting 2/14/2023 Survey	Need for affordable housing options, especially for seniors and large households; need for accessibility at shelters; need for shelters that can serve serious mental illness; need for longer term temporary housing units/beds; and need for affordable personal care/assisted living housing.
Lehigh Valley RHAB CoC	CoC member; Homeless services and housing provider; Public organization that addresses the needs of the homeless, those at risk of homelessness	Meeting 2/15/2023	Lack of available shelter beds in rural and suburban areas; need for affordable rental housing; need for legal services to assist with evictions; need for translation services; need for landlords willing to accept vouchers and housing subsidies; access to transportation that serves affordable housing; need for lead free housing; and need for housing to be code complaint.
Northampton County Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Survey	Need for affordable housing.
City of Easton Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Survey	Need for affordable housing.
Greater Easton Development Partnership	Community and Economic Development Non-profit organization.	Survey	Need for affordable housing, down payment assistance, lease to own housing option; and financial literacy programs.
Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living	Non-profit organization that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities.	Survey	Need for affordable rental housing; need for more shelter beds; need for more housing subsidies and vouchers; need for rental maintenance enforcement; and need for housing for young people with disabilities.
Third Street Alliance	CoC member; Homeless services and housing provider; Public organization that addresses the needs of the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, and early childhood education provider.	Survey	Lack of available shelter beds in rural and suburban areas; need for affordable rental housing; need for legal services to assist with evictions; need for translation services; need for landlords willing to accept vouchers and housing subsidies; access to transportation that serves affordable housing; need for lead free housing; and need for housing to be code complaint.
Greater Shiloh Church	CoC member; Homeless services and housing provider; Public organization that	Survey	Need for affordable permanent housing options for homeless households; need for educational services and resources for

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	addresses the needs of the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, civil rights and fair housing; and persons with disabilities.		those at risk of homelessness; and need for housing choices and options.
Easton Area Community Center	Non-profit Community Youth and Senior Center.	Survey	Need for affordable rental housing, childcare, transportation, food security, after school program, and mental health support programs.
Easton Area Neighborhood Center	CoC member; and Homeless services and housing provider.	Survey	Need for affordable rental housing; need transitional housing; need financial support and supportive services for those at risk of homelessness; and need for housing and supportive services for domestic violence victims.
Lehigh Valley Habitat for Humanity	Non-profit housing and supportive services organization.	Meeting 2/14/2023	Need for affordable housing.
NAACP	Public organization that addresses civil rights and fair housing.	Survey	Need for affordable rental housing; need transitional housing; need financial support and supportive services for those at risk of homelessness; and need for housing and supportive services for domestic violence victims.
ProJeCt of Easton	Homeless service provider.	Survey	Need for affordable housing options; need for shelter beds, especially women and children beds; need for living wage jobs; and need for supportive services that support domestic violence victims, substance abuse, and mental health.
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley	Domestic violence services provider.	Survey	Need for affordable housing units; need for landlords willing to accept vouchers and housing subsidies; need for more permanent supportive housing; and need for enforcement of housing health and quality standards.
Northampton County Network of Care	Local government and provider of veteran supportive services.	Survey	Need for additional shelter beds for homeless households; lack of stable income increases risk of homelessness; and mental health problems lead to housing instability.
City of Bethlehem	Local government and administrator of CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.	Survey	Need for additional shelter beds for homeless households; lack of affordable housing; lack of living wage jobs; and need for landlords willing to accept vouchers and housing subsidies.

In summary of the consultations, the following unmet needs; gaps in the shelter, housing, and service delivery system for qualifying populations; and priorities for HOME-ARP eligible activities were received:

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- The largest housing problem in the County and the surrounding region is housing affordability.
- Supportive services are necessary to reduce recidivism and sustain stable housing.
- There is a need for additional shelter beds and non-congregate beds due to slow turnover.
- Lack of transportation; access to affordable childcare; lack of education; a lack of job skills; eviction history; unemployed or employed at nonliving wage job; and lack of support system.
- There is a need for first time homebuyer assistance, housing counseling, handicap accessible housing, availability of senior housing, availability of group home or communal living arrangements, rehabilitation assistance, abatement of lead based paint in housing units, and code compliance for housing. The CoC has recognized the increased demand to assist families at risk of homelessness or recently homeless through short term rental assistance, utility assistance and corresponding supportive services.

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Public Participation

Northampton County prepared the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in compliance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan. The County held two (2) Public Hearings; one in person and one virtually. The hearings were held on: March 2, 2023 at 1 PM via Zoom; and March 2, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the regularly scheduled Economic Development Meeting in County Council Chambers. These Hearings provided residents, agencies, and organizations with the opportunity to discuss the County's Plan and to provide suggestions for funding priorities. The Public Hearing advertisement was published in The Express Times on February 13, 2023 and announced the "draft" Plan display period, as well. A "draft" of the HOME-ARP Plan was placed on public display at the following locations for review:

- County of Northampton Department of Community & Economic Development - County of Northampton Human Services Building 2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18020
- Bangor Public Library 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, PA, 18013
- Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity Library 295 E. Center Street, Nazareth, PA 18064
- Northampton Area Public Library 1615 Laubach Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067
- City of Easton, Department of Community & Economic Development, 123 South Third Street, Easton, PA 18042
- County of Northampton website (www.northamptoncounty.org) Government section of the website under "Community and Economic Development"

The newspaper notice announced that the "draft" plan was available for review and comment for a period of 30-days starting on February 14, 2023, and ended on March 15, 2023. The County additionally notified the public of its opportunity to comment on the Plan through its website and social media accounts. Upon completion of the 30-day comment period, the County submitted the plans to the County Council for approval to submit the application to HUD. The County passed a resolution on March 16, 2023, approving the submission of the HOME-ARP Plan to HUD. The plans were electronically submitted through HUD's online IDIS system prior to March 31, 2023.

The following comments were received:

- There is a need for affordable housing in Northampton County

All comments received were integrated into the Plan.

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Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

The largest problem affecting low- and moderate-income households in the County is housing affordability. According to the 2015-2019 ACS data, 46.2% of all renter households were cost overburdened by 30% or more, and 22.5% of all owner households were cost overburdened by 30% or more. The housing stock in the County is older, in need of rehabilitation, and most residential structures are not accessible. The median year housing was built in the County is 1969, which is now over 50 years old. Slightly less than one-third (27.8%, 35,273 units) of the housing stock was built prior to 1939 and almost two-thirds (61.8%) of the current housing stock was built prior to 1979.

Northampton County is a member of the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board (LV-RHAB) under the Continuum of Care Network for Eastern Pennsylvania (Eastern PA CoC). The Eastern PA CoC is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED). The County's Department of Community and Economic Development staff attends the local CoC meetings and acts as the County's representative. The County coordinates its activities with the Continuum of Care and supports its applications for funds. The County helps the Eastern Pennsylvania CoC to address homelessness by working together to develop a framework to deliver housing and supportive services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

The Lehigh Valley RHAB identifies regional and local homeless issues; coordinates regional planning; identifies regional housing gaps and needs, strategies, and priorities; provides input for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SVF) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) applications; participates in completion of the CoC application; monitors Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) participation and implementation; and coordinates and follows-up on the Point in Time (PIT) count and Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).

The RHAB Co-Chairs are currently representatives of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley in Bethlehem, PA, (which is located partly in Lehigh County and partly in Northampton County), and the Third Street Alliance in Easton, PA, which is located in Northampton County. The LV- RHAB has representation from multiple interest groups including: CDBG/HOME/ESG Jurisdictions, Public Housing Authorities, domestic violence service providers, Veterans groups, youth service providers, Community Action Partnerships, homeless service providers, and faith-based organizations.

The Lehigh Valley RHAB \$3,989,823 in FY 2022 to provide emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, street outreach, and related supportive services. Northampton County received \$189,113 in FY 2022 ESG funds to address homeless needs. The County utilized approximately \$30 million in rent/utility assistance for 3,850 beneficiaries through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) during the pandemic. Additionally, the County received \$2,170,520 in CDBG and \$682,646 in HOME funds for FY

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2022 to address the housing and community needs of the low- and moderate-income population in the County.

The Eastern PA CoC 2022 Gaps Analysis, prepared by Diana T. Myers and Associates, noted the following characteristics:

- The Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for Lehigh Valley included 640 emergency shelter beds, 43 rapid rehousing beds, 134 transitional beds, 257 permanent supportive beds, and 35 other permanent housing.
- The Coordinated Entry system for Lehigh Valley received 1,086 enrollments in 2021 and of those enrollments, 397, or 36.6%, were attributed to Northampton County. For Northampton County 76% of enrollments were completed through “211” and 24% were completed at an Access Site.
- Of the 397 enrollments in Northampton County, 148 were Fleeing Domestic Violence, 54 were Youth 24 and Under, 39 were Chronically Homeless, 16 were Veteran, and 160 were No Subpopulation.
- Enrollments for Northampton County by Race were: 47.1% White; 27.5% Black, African American, or African; 20.2% were Unknown; 4.06% were Multi-Racial; 1.0% were American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous; and 0.3% were Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.
- Enrollments for Northampton County by Ethnicity were: 62.0% Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x); 22.9% were Latin(a)(o)(x); and 15.1% were Unknown.
- Coordinated Entry Referrals for Northampton County were: 389 Emergency Shelter; 353 Prevention Assistance; 69 Transitional Housing; and 49 Street Outreach.
- For Northampton County, the average length of time on BNL was 145 days for leavers and 61 days for stayers.
- For Northampton County, the outcomes from BNL were: 25% Active; 15% Permanent Housing; 8% Temporary Housing; 0.1% Institutional Settings; 1% Homeless Situations; 1% Other; and 50% Missing.
- For Northampton County, the exits from BNL were: 20% Permanent Housing; 11% Temporary Housing; 0.1% Institutional Settings; 1% Homeless Situations; 2% Other; and 66% Missing.

Northampton County is served by two (2) housing authorities: Northampton County Housing Authority and Easton Housing Authority. The Northampton County Housing Authority owns and manages 106 public housing units and administers 530 vouchers (56 project-based, 465 tenant-based, and 8 mainstream). The Easton Housing Authority owns and manages 372 public housing units and administers 514 vouchers (39 project-based and 475 tenant-based).

As of 2021, there were 520 individuals on the Easton Housing Authority's Public Housing Waiting List. Of those individuals, 80% were extremely low-income, 4% were very low-income, and 16% were low-income. Units requested are: 52% 1 BR, 38%, 2 BR, 7% 3 BR, and 3% 4+ BR. The

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largest demand for affordable housing on the waiting list is for affordable housing for extremely low-income households. The waiting list is currently open.

As of 2021, there were 733 individuals on the Easton Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List. Of those individuals, 75% were extremely low-income, 20% were very low-income, and 5% were low-income. Units requested are: 43% 1 BR, 31%, 2 BR, 18% 3 BR, and 8% 4+ BR. The largest demand for affordable housing on the waiting list is for affordable housing for extremely low-income households. The waiting list is currently open.

As of 2021, there were 594 individuals on the Northampton County Housing Authority's Public Housing Waiting List. Of those individuals, 70% were extremely low-income, 28% were very low-income, and 2% were low-income. Units requested are: 100% 1 BR. The largest demand for affordable housing on the waiting list is for affordable housing for extremely low-income households. The waiting list is currently open.

As of 2021, there were 616 individuals on the Northampton County Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List. Of those individuals, 92% were extremely low-income, 8% were very low-income, and 0% were low-income. The largest demand for affordable housing on the waiting list is for affordable housing for extremely low-income households. The waiting list is currently open.

The following tables summarize housing needs in the County:

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	51	17	70	-	0								
Transitional Housing	102	33	38	-	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	18	5	75	-	16								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	15	-	0								
Sheltered Homeless						74	216	33	16				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	28	4	11				
Current Gap										0	0	46	-

Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT) January 2022; 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) 2022; 3. Consultations

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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	32,682		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	1,895		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	1,425		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		7,385	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		5,885	
Current Gaps			9,950

Data Sources: 1. 2015-2019 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2015-2019 ACS

The following qualifying populations will be assisted with HOME-ARP funds to address their housing and service needs:

Homeless

The following data was collected during the January 2022 Point-In-Time Survey conducted by the CoC specific to Northampton County. The Point-In-Time Survey was performed at the following locations throughout the Eastern PA CoC service area: hospitals, soup kitchens, day programs, street outreach, shelters, transitional housing of various types, and permanent housing which addresses the needs of the homeless.

Unsheltered:

- Total Households – 28
- Total Persons – 36
- Children under 18 years old – 0
- Young Adults 18 to 24 years old – 3
- Adults over 24 years old – 33

Transitional Housing:

- Total Households – 59
- Total Persons – 102
- Children under 18 years old – 38
- Young Adults 18 to 24 years old – 15
- Adults over 24 years old – 49

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Emergency Shelter:

- Total Households – 237
- Total Persons – 399
- Children under 18 years old – 114
- Young Adults 18 to 24 years old – 34
- Adults over 24 years old – 251

Northampton County is comprised of rural, suburban, and urban areas. In general, the homeless populations in the rural and suburban areas are white while the urban areas are black or hispanic. The majority of homeless persons are over the age of 25. During the 2022 PIT count there were 66 out of 921 (7%) chronically homeless persons; 36 out of 921 (4%) unaccompanied youth under the age of 25; 86 out of 921 (9%) severely mentally ill persons; 26 out of 921 (3%) chronic substance abuse persons; 2 out of 921 (~0%) persons with HIV/AIDS; 185 out of 921 (20%) persons with a disability; 64 out of 921 (7%) veterans; and 66 out of 921 (7%) victims of domestic violence.

The following unmet housing and service needs of the homeless are:

- Increase the number of emergency shelter beds, temporary housing options, permanent supportive housing options to address the waiting lists for all type of housing units.
- Increase the supply of non-congregate housing options.
- Improvements to the County's Coordinated Entry system to include more service providers, additional locations for intake assessments, and alternative intake and referral systems.
- Increase the availability of supportive services such as intensive case management, housing navigators, employment services, food access, and home goods.
- Provide affordable access to physical and mental health services.

At Risk of Homelessness

According to the 2015-2019 ACS data, 10.1% (11,560 households out of 114,185 total households) of the households in the County had incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area's HAMFI. There were 22.6% (7,385 households out of 32,680 total households) of renter households with incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area's HAMFI and 75.1% (5,545 households out of 7,385 total households) of those households had one or more housing problems. There were 5.1% (4,175 households out of 81,505 total households) of owner households with incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area's HAMFI and 72.1% (3,400 households out of 4,175 total households) of those households had one or more housing problems. The lack of access to affordable housing that meets the minimum standards for housing conditions places these households at a higher risk of becoming homeless.

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The Northampton County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) processed 3,850 grants for rent and utility assistance during the pandemic. Approximately 15% of those receiving assistance were households that had incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area's HAMFI.

The CoC has a discharge policy in place for those exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution). This population is especially at risk of becoming homeless and requires skilled case managers to place these individuals in affordable housing.

The following unmet housing and service needs of those at risk of homelessness are:

- Increase the supply of affordable housing units.
- Increase the availability of rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.
- Increase access to eviction mitigation and foreclosure prevention.
- Increase the supply of housing vouchers.
- Increase the availability of supportive services such as intensive case management, housing navigators, employment services, food access, and home goods.
- Provide affordable access to physical and mental health services.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is the area's provider for housing and supportive services to those fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. Turning Point helped a total of 3,548 survivors and their families in 2022. Turning Point received 2,583 helpline calls, delivered 1,280 hours of legal assistance, supplied 16,239 nights of shelter, provided 13,732 hours of counseling, and served 48,717 meals in 2022. Turning Point's housing was at 96-100% occupancy rate throughout 2022.

The following unmet housing and service needs of those fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking are:

- Increase the supply of non-congregate emergency shelter beds, temporary housing options, and permanent supportive housing options to address the waiting lists for all type of housing units.
- Increase the supply of affordable housing options.
- Improvements to the County's Coordinated Entry and Street Outreach systems to include more service providers, more education and communication, additional locations for intake assessments, and alternative intake and referral systems.
- Increase the availability of supportive services such as intensive case management, housing navigators, employment services, food access, home goods, and childcare.
- Provide affordable access to physical and mental health services.

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Other Populations

According to the 2015-2019 ACS data, 10.1% (11,560 households out of 114,185 total households) of the households in the County had incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area's HAMFI. There were 22.6% (7,385 households out of 32,680 total households) of renter households with incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area's HAMFI and 58.6% (4,330 households out of 7,385 total households) of those households were cost burdened over 50%. There were 5.1% (4,175 households out of 81,505 total households) of owner households with incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area's HAMFI and 68.5% (2,860 households out of 4,175 total households) of those households were cost burdened over 50%. The lack of access to affordable housing places these households at a higher risk of becoming homeless.

According to the 2015-2019 ACS data, 20.8% (23,705 households out of 114,185 total households) of the households in the County had incomes less than or equal to 50% of the area's HAMFI. There were 40.6% (13,270 households out of 32,680 total households) of renter households with incomes less than or equal to 50% of the area's HAMFI and 76.2% (10,110 households out of 13,270 total households) of those households had one or more housing problems. There were 12.8% (10,435 households out of 81,505 total households) of owner households with incomes less than or equal to 50% of the area's HAMFI and 73.3% (7,650 households out of 10,435 total households) of those households had one or more housing problems. The lack of access to affordable housing that meets the minimum standards for housing conditions places these households at a higher risk of becoming homeless.

The Northampton County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) processed 3,850 grants for rent and utility assistance during the pandemic. Approximately 25% of those receiving assistance were households that had incomes less than or equal to 50% of the area's HAMFI.

The CoC has a discharge policy in place for those exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution). This population is especially at risk of becoming homeless and requires skilled case managers to place these individuals.

There were 33 sheltered and 4 unsheltered veterans counted in the most recent PIT count. All of the veterans were male and single households.

The following unmet housing and service needs of other populations are:

- Increase the supply of decent safe sanitary accessible affordable housing units.
- Increase the availability of rent, mortgage, and utility assistance.
- Provide reasonable accommodation mediation and landlord education.
- Increase the supply of housing vouchers.

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- Increase the availability of supportive services such as intensive case management, housing navigators, employment services, food access, and home goods.
- Provide affordable access to physical and mental health services.

Based on consultations, public participation, and data analysis, the County identified the need for affordable housing as the greatest need for all qualifying populations in Northampton County. The County lacks decent safe sanitary accessible housing that is affordable. This supply issue places pressure on all types of housing in the County, as demand exceeds supply. There is not a sufficient supply of shelter housing, units for rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, rental housing (all income levels), and owner-occupied housing (all income levels). Additionally, there is a need for individualized supportive services for all qualifying populations to successfully reside in the new affordable housing units. Documented outcomes demonstrate lower rates of recidivism and higher rates of goal accomplishment by providing comprehensive household supportive services to beneficiaries.

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HOME-ARP Activities

Northampton County identified the need for decent safe sanitary accessible affordable housing as the greatest need in the County. While there is a gap in shelter housing, this gap is directly related to the availability of all affordable housing units in the County. Housing providers noted that the lack of available long term housing delays the turnover in shelter housing. The County intends to use a top down housing first approach to house homeless or those at risk of homelessness. By increasing the supply of affordable housing, more housing choice will be created that will assist in moving households from shelters to permanent housing.

The County will conduct an open competition for HOME-ARP funds to create new affordable rental housing. The process will start with a request for proposals from housing and supportive service organizations that serve the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Proposals will be ranked based on capacity, experience, scope, and investment return. The County will enter into subrecipient agreements with the housing and supportive services providers and monitor as agreed upon.

Northampton County developed its HOME-ARP Budget based on the identified needs from consultation with community stakeholders, agency surveys, the assessment of the data obtained from the Point In Time Count (PIT), Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), American Community Survey Data (ACS), HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and other statistical data provide from the CoC and Northampton County Department of Human Services. The County will use the following budget allocation for HOME-ARP funds:

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 233,878		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,754,086		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 116,939	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 233,878	10 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,338,781		

The County allocated 10% of the funds for Supportive Services, 75% of the funds for the Development of Affordable Rental Housing, 5% of the funds for Non-Profit Operating, and 10% of the funds for Administration and Planning. Supportive services may include some of the following eligible services: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services,

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transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance costs. Development of affordable rental housing is for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating cost assistance/reserves. Non-Profit operating will provide the affordable housing management organization with housing and supportive services staffing costs. Administration and planning will set aside 10% of the allocation to cover the cost to administer the HOME-ARP program by the County.

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HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Northampton County identified affordable rental housing as the largest need that will be addressed with HOME-ARP funding. Additionally, the County's Consolidated Plan identified the following two (2) priority needs for the low- and moderate-income households of Northampton County:

Housing Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need for decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible to homebuyers, homeowners and renters.

Goals:

- HS-1 Housing Support – Assist low- and moderate-income households to access decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible for rent or for sale through housing counseling, down payment and closing cost assistance.
- HS-2 Housing Construction – Encourage the construction of new affordable housing units throughout the County for both owners and renters.
- HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation – Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters in the County by addressing code violations, emergency repairs and handicap accessibility.

Homeless Strategy –

Priority Need: There is a need for housing for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

Goals:

- HO-1 Housing – Support the Continuum of Care's efforts to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, utility support, permanent supportive housing, and other permanent housing opportunities.
- HO-2 Operation/Support – Assist housing providers who operate or provide housing support services for the homeless and persons or families at-risk of becoming homeless.

The County estimates that it will create eight (8) new decent safe sanitary accessible affordable housing units with HOME-ARP funding. The new rental units will provide affordable housing to eight (8) extremely low (0%-30% AMI) and very low income (30%-50% AMI) households. The HOME-ARP funds will also be used to provide supportive services through intensive case management and program referrals. The HOME-ARP funds will be distributed by the County to the housing management agency to administer, manage, and maintain the HOME-ARP housing.

Northampton County will leverage the HOME-ARP funds with other Federal, State, local, Foundation, private, etc. funding sources. The specific funding will be determined by the final activity scope.

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Preferences

Northampton County will not use preferences to provide a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific qualifying population or category within a qualifying population to receive assistance. Prioritization, in the context of the coordinated entry process, refers to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability.

Northampton County will comply with all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) when applying preferences through its referral methods. Persons who are eligible for a preference have the opportunity to participate in all HOME-ARP activities of Northampton County in which they are eligible, including activities that are not separate or different, and cannot be excluded because of any protected characteristics or preferential status.

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Referral Methods

The County of Northampton is part of the Eastern PA CoC, serving a total of thirty-three (33) counties. The thirty-three counties are organized into five (5) geographically dispersed Regional Homeless Advisory Boards (RHABs). Northampton County is covered by the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board. The RHAB is made up of two (2) counties which include: Lehigh County and Northampton County.

The Eastern PA CoC utilizes a comprehensive Coordinated Entry process that is fully implemented in the Lehigh Valley. The Lehigh Valley Coordinated Entry coordinates access, assessment and referral to housing and services for families and individuals in Lehigh and Northampton Counties experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. Entry includes outreach services through Valley Youth House and three walk-in sites. The walk-in sites are operated by the Lehigh Conference of Churches in Allentown and Bethlehem and the Third Street Alliance in Easton. The goals of CE are:

- To respond to a housing crisis by providing low barrier, person centered, county-wide entry process that is fair and allows equal access to housing assistance and homeless prevention resources.
- To utilize the same assessment approach and decision-making processes to help people resolve their housing crisis, to become stably housed as quickly as possible and to implement an easily accessible process that allocates resources as effectively as possible no matter how or where people present.
- To ensure that people with the most severe needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance.
- To develop a Housing Stability Plan that identifies housing barriers, is inclusive of individual needs and includes client chosen referrals, linkages to services, housing assistance and financial stability resources.

Any family or individual experiencing a housing crisis in Lehigh or Northampton Counties can either call a toll-free hotline or visit a designated coordinated entry provider in Allentown, Bethlehem, or Easton. Veterans, those fleeing domestic violence, and transitional age, or runaway youth will be immediately connected to appropriate services. Families and single adults will be assessed using a national best practice vulnerability and service prioritization tool called the VI-SPDAT. Consumers will then be referred and connected to appropriate housing and services as they become available.

The CoC has adopted HUD CPD 16-11, HUD's Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as the accompanying updated HUD CPD-17-01 Notice. This notice established Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. All qualifying populations that are eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) process. All households seeking service are provided fair and equal access regardless of their location or method by which they access the system.

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Northampton County will use the existing Coordinated Entry system, as a referral method only, not a method to prioritize clients, along with other approved referral methods from sources such as Lehigh Valley Continuum of Care and the approximately 50 non-profit organizations, faith-based initiatives and government agencies servicing the four (4) qualified populations to ensure that those qualified populations are considered for access to all units funded with HOME-ARP. Such referral members include: Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering; Catholic Charities; Cay Galgon Life House; City of Allentown; City of Bethlehem; Community Action Lehigh Valley; Early Learning Resource Center; Lehigh Conference of Churches; Lehigh County; Lehigh County Housing Authority; Lehigh County Office of Veterans Affairs; Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living; Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council; New Bethany; North Penn Legal Services; Northampton County; Northampton County Mental Health; Northampton County Office of Veterans Affairs; Northampton County Prison; One Big Smile, Everlasting Ministries; Project of Easton; Resources for Human Development; Ripple Community, Inc.; Salvation Army; Second Chance Training Center, Inc.; SELF Lehigh Valley; Third Street Alliance; Turning Point of Lehigh Valley; United Way of Lancaster County; Valley Youth House; and Vet Beds. Referrals may also come from project specific waiting lists. Clients will be admitted in chronological order based on when referred, with no prioritization or preference. Should the final projects developed for HOME-ARP funding require preferences, the County will submit a substantial amendment to the Allocation Plan.

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Limitations in a HOME-ARP Rental Housing

Northampton County will not limit eligibility for HOME-ARP rental housing.

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HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

Northampton County does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

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Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

(i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;

(ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or

(iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

(2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

(i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;

(ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and

(iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;

(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:

(i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);

(ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;

(iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and

(iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English

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proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

(1) An individual or family who:

(i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;

(ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an Emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the “Homeless” definition in this section; and

(iii) Meets one of the following conditions:

(A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;

(B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;

(C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living Situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;

(D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;

(E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;

(F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or

(G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan;

(2) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(l) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(l)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or

(3) A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

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

Domestic violence, which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

- 1) A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term “spouse or intimate partner of the victim” includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship);
- 2) A person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- 3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- 4) A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving HOME-ARP funds; or
- 5) Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Dating violence which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means violence committed by a person:

- 1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- 2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - a. The length of the relationship;
 - b. The type of relationship; and
 - c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual assault which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- 1) Fear for the person’s individual safety or the safety of others; or
- 2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Human Trafficking includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102). These are defined as:

- 1) Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- 2) Labor trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

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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

(1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness is defined as households (i.e., individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as “homeless” as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

(2) At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below:

(i) has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs);

(ii) has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, AND meets one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at 24 CFR 91.5:

(A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;

(B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;

(C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;

(D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;

(E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;

(F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution);

or

(G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.

Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described above are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance.

Appendix

The following documentation is attached:

- SF 424 and Certifications
- Consultations
- Public Participation

SF 424 and Certifications

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M-21-UP-42-0225

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Northampton County, Pennsylvania

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

24-6000741

* c. UEI:

JP3KPKA8GYL3

d. Address:

* Street1: 669 Washington St

Street2:

* City:

Easton

County/Parish:

Northampton County

* State:

PA: Pennsylvania

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

18042-7411

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

DCED

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Frank

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Brooks

Suffix:

Title: Administrator

Organizational Affiliation:

DCED

* Telephone Number: (610) 829-6311

Fax Number:

* Email: fbrooks@northamptoncounty.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

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

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

Not Applicable.

* Title:

Not Applicable.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable.

Title:

Not Applicable.

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

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Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

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

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="2,338,781.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,338,781.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

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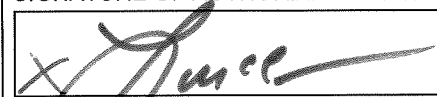
PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
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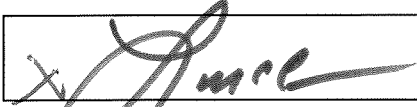
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

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.
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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.

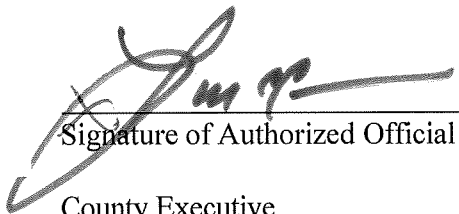
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

03/16/2023
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Consultations

NAME	ORGANIZATION	QUALIFYING POPULATION				ORGANIZATION TYPE						
		Homeless	At Risk of Homelessness	Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Other Populations	Continuums of Care (CoCs)	Homeless Service Providers	Domestic Violence Service Providers	Veterans' Groups	Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of person with disabilities
Susan Wandalowski	Northampton County Dept. of Human Services	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X
Robyn Barbosa	Northampton County Dept. of Human Services	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X
Alisa Baratta	Lehigh Valley RHAB CoC	X	X	X	X	X						
Gwen Didden	Northampton County Housing Authority	X	X	X	X					X		
Tyler Martin	City of Easton Housing Authority	X	X	X	X					X		
Jared Mast	Greater Easton Development Partnership	X									X	
Amy Beck	Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living	X	X		X						X	X
Alisa Baratta	Third Street Alliance	X	X	X	X		X				X	X
Pastor Philip Davis	Greater Shiloh Church	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Kathy Presto	Easton Area Community Center	X	X		X						X	
Jake Williams	Easton Area Neighborhood Center	X	X		X						X	
Jessica Elliott	Lehigh Valley Habitat for Humanity		X		X						X	X
Jake Williams	NAACP	X	X	X	X						X	X
Sarah Massaro	Safe Harbor Easton, Inc.	X	X	X	X		X				X	X
Janice Komisor	ProJeCt of Easton	X	X		X						X	X
Shaquera Martindale	City of Easton Redevelopment Authority	X	X	X	X						X	X
Kristen Wenrich	Bethlehem Bureau of Health	X	X	X	X		X				X	X
Dawn Godshall	CACLV, Inc.	X	X		X		X				X	X
Lori A Molloy	North Penn Legal Services	X	X	X	X		X				X	X
Lori Swensky	Turning Point of Lehigh Valley	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X
Alex Carrillo	Northampton County Network of Care				X				X		X	X

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Q1

Agency/Provider/Advocate Information

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?	None of the above, Other (please specify): VETERAN BENEFITS
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Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

19000 VETERANS RESIDING IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY RANGING FROM 18 TO SENIOR CITIZENS

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

FEDERAL BENEFIT APPLICATIONS FOR VA HEALTH CARE, VETERAN PENSION AND VETERAN COMPENSATION BENEFITS, SURVIVING SPOUSE BENEFITS, BURIAL BENEFITS, ETC

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:

NOT ENOUGH BEDS

Households who are at risk of homelessness

LACK OF STABLE INCOME, MENTAL HEALTH STATUS

Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness

MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability

PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH WITH LACK OF FOLLOW THROUGH

Persons living in unsuitable housing situations

UNK

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

NOT ENOUGH BEDS

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

THERE ARE LESS LOWER INCOME HOUSING OPTIONS. LANDLORDS HAVE RAISED THE RENT AND MORTGAGE RATES AND HOME SALE PRICES INCREASED

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

FOR VA TO DETERMINE A VETERAN IS HOMELESS, THEY NEED TO HAVE SLEPT IN CAR OR PARK. IF THEY SLEPT ON SOMEONES COUCH, THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED HOMELESS.

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

LOWER INCOME HOUSING OPTIONS

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	Medium
At Risk of Homelessness	Medium
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Low
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	Medium

Q11

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

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Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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Q1

Agency/Provider/Advocate Information

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Continuum of Care serving the jurisdiction's geographic area
,
Homeless service provider,
Public agency that addresses the needs of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness
,
Public or private organization that addresses civil rights and fair housing
,
Public or private organization that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

Congregation of 1000+
Northampton County residents

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

Faith based enrichment
Basic needs(food, clothing, shelter)
Financial literacy
Job training
Youth empowerment

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:	Permanent housing options
Households who are at risk of homelessness	Education of services ,resources, available optinos
Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	Choices and available places
Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability	Alternative places to live
Persons living in unsuitable housing situations	Available alternatives

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

Yes, mental health services are much needed

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Absolutely, and we are hoping to be of help in creating more housing and programs for the shelter insecure population

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Stipulations prevent some populations from moving forward such as those who have records, mentally ill etc.

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

100 percent lack of education in resources and options contributes,
Bad habits in terms of using housing resources- for other purposes
Lack of work that can sustain current housing costs due to lack of education/drive.

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	High
At Risk of Homelessness	High
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	High
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	High
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	There are more and more homeless youth under 35 who are in need of education that will gear them toward recovery(in some cases), work, habits

Q11

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

Some county designated funds, ESG, CDBG in some cases. Private entity resources, churches, non profits etc.

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Landlord shakiness

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

Education/Opportunity

Q14

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Please help government and non-government agencies to partner together with resources that can help people.

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Q1

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

None of the above,

Other (please specify):

community and economic development non-profit; housing related work

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

Our work is primarily focused on the downtown and West Ward neighborhoods of Easton

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

Our work on the housing front is currently centered around our work with a HUD Choice Neighborhood Planning grant, in partnership with the City of Easton and the Easton Housing Authority. We are looking to support the revitalization of public housing sites in Easton's West Ward via HUD Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant. In preparation for that we are working with partners and acquiring strategic sites to not simply maintain the current number of units, but to add units and create more sustainable developments.

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

affordable rentals; starter homes

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

first time home buyer programs; financial literacy programs; down payment assistance; lease to own options

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

underemployment/unemployment; eviction; sale of unit

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	Medium
At Risk of Homelessness	High
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Low
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Q11

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Q12

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Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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Q1

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

None of the above,

Other (please specify):

non profit youth and senior center that addresses the needs of families and seniors with programs and support services and refers families that need help with services that include but are not limited to mental health, risk of homelessness, etc.

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

approx. 300 youth and 30 seniors. Multi-racial demographics of which 45% are african american and 40% hispanic

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

after school programs, youth sports, summer camp, senior programs, and referrals for mental health support

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Households who are at risk of homelessness	yes
Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	yes
Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability	yes

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

over crowding / limits on stay

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

needs for affordable housing especially affordable apartments

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

need additional mental health support for families and children especially trauma / behavior support and child care/ pre-K / after school programs

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

We have many single parent households with multiple children so they struggle from day to day to meet the economic challenges to take care of their children (housing, transportation, food, child care, clothing, etc.) They have to work and this means they need child care or after school or preK assistance. Fortunately many live in areas where the children get free meals. But we see the economic challenges these families face day to day

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	Low
At Risk of Homelessness	High
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Medium
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	Medium
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	Single parent or grandpaernt households

Q11

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

Easton Neighborhood Center and Family Connections and Third Street Alliance offer a variety of services and programs and help the families navigate the process

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Cost of housing - rent or acquisition. maintenance
Transportaion costs high to get back and forth from the affordable housing areas to work

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

affordable housing
food insecurity
child care, after school programs so the parents can go to work

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

#5

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Q1

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Continuum of Care serving the jurisdiction's geographic area

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Homeless service provider,

Public agency that addresses the needs of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness

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Other (please specify):

Early childhood education opportunities including young children infant through elementary school aged) experiencing homelessness

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

The COC is a 33-county region comprising urban, suburban and rural areas. The majority of the CoC's geography is considered rural; with the exception of the Lehigh Valley which includes 3 cities recognized as the 3rd largest metropolitan region in the State.

In our 2022 PIT we encounter 2,023 person, including 570 children under the age of 18, 172 youth ages 18-24, and 1,290 persons over the age of 25. Subpopulations include veterans, victims of domestic violence, individuals with severe mental illness, and seniors over the age of 65. The majority of the population served is white, and the metropolitan regions serves a significant population of Black and Hispanic persons.

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

Through out the continuum of care we find diversion and prevention programs, street outreach, emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing.

Many of our providers partner with mainstream services and benefits providers, school districts, health and hospital systems and re-entry providers.

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:	We lack available shelter beds in rural, suburban and urban areas of the Continuum.
Households who are at risk of homelessness	The deeply escalating rate of rent has made affordable housing almost impossible to find in the region. Access to legal services in eviction cases is another unmet need.
Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	On going rental assistance, legal services, translation services
Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability	access to landlords willing to accept vouchers and housing subsidies; access to transportation linking affordable housing with workplace
Persons living in unsuitable housing situations	legal representation, blight and lead mitigation services and implementation on building codes to hold landlords accountable

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

LGBTQ and transition aged youth; single adults, households with children - all in urban, suburban and rural areas

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

See: <https://lvpc.org/data-lv-housing.html>

Lack of available single family homes and rental units, lack of public housing, rental units accepting vouchers, etc.

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Every sub population we serve in the CoC faces service delivery gaps: families doubled-up don't qualify as homeless by HUD definition, so can't access CoC-funded rental assistance.

We lack financial support for the case management services necessary to help folks transition from homelessness to stable housing. The is a huge public transportation issue throughout the continuum.

We lack adequate partnership with local and regional public housing authorities in terms of planning for housing development and service delivery.

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Economic challenges, eviction records, criminal records, fleeing dv, mental and behavioral health issues. Lack of available housing.

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

At Risk of Homelessness	High
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Medium
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	Medium
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	Families with minor children. STOP the pipeline to intergenerational homelessness.

Q11

Identify 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 CoC tracks inventory according to a Homeless Inventory Count. Please contact Brendan Auman at PA DCED to obtain a copy

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Rental units that are unregulated; landlords that raise rents to keep up with prevailing market. Units that are governed by month to month leases. Older housing stock that is poorly maintained, lead and blight. Landlords that have a history of regular evictions.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

#6

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Q1

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Q2

Homeless service provider

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

Approximately 888 families in PY 2021-2022

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

Voucher assistance for rental, hotel and utilities as well as info and referral to community partners

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

There is an insufficient number of shelter beds in Northampton County. The most concerning is the lack of shelter for women with children.

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Low income housing is unavailable. Any housing options currently available to low-income families have a wait list of more than 2 years.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

livable wage jobs, lack of housing, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless **High**

At Risk of Homelessness **High**

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking **High**

Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability **Medium**

Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance? **Wrap around services for mentally ill homeless populations.**

Q11

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

ERAP, ESG, EFSP, HAP

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

unsafe conditions, overcrowded conditions, high rental cost

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

affordable housing which reflects the average wage for residents

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

#7

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Q1

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Public or private organization that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

Across many LVCIL programs we serve about 1050 consumers a year. All have at least one disability. Over 90% live on low income. Otherwise demographics align with common diversities of Lehigh & Northampton Counties.

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

In addition to housing counseling/search assistance, we provide advocacy, peer support, independent living skills education, transition services (both for youth and from nursing homes), waiver supports coordination, 24/hr sign Language Interpreter Referral Service, Employment Service including job search and job coaching, youth transition services, school-based services, assistive technology referral and reuse, ADA information and site surveys, groups to avert social isolation for youth and others, as well as, specialty grant projects.

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:

More shelters for all people including single women, men, and single mothers

Households who are at risk of homelessness

More housing options for people with low income, as well as more accessible and/or multi bedroom units.

Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness

Affordable housing options, more subsidized units/vouchers.

Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability

All said above, more affordable options, more subsidized housing and Section 8 vouchers, more shelter beds especially for single women , men and single mothers

Persons living in unsuitable housing situations

Some protection for tenants who report serious issues, such as heavy mice infestation, only to have landlords evict them or do nothing. People are forced to live in unacceptable conditions. Plus everything listed above.

Any other populations

Young people with disabilities (18-26) have few options.

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

There are not enough beds overall. Also there are insufficient options for single women, single mothers and men. The system can separate children from parents which keeps parents from using shelters.

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

As mentioned the limited number of affordable units, accessible units and units for families.

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

The 211 system in our region does not seem to answer incoming calls directly, but seems to operate on a return call basis, and it often takes 2-4 days for people to get a call back.

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Lack of affordable options, long waits for vouchers, lack of accessible options, lack of multi-family units.

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	High
At Risk of Homelessness	High
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	High
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	High
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	Young adults with disabilities.

Q11

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

Below, is a list of agencies that provide resources to help the homeless population. Some agencies are located in Lehigh County but serve Northampton County too.

State Representatives – Information and Referral

Community Action Lehigh Valley – Sixth St. Shelter and Second Harvest

New Bethany Ministries – Rental Assistance, Transitional Housing, Room Rentals, Mollard Hospitality Center, Food Pantry

Third St. Alliance – Family Shelter, Rapid Rehousing(?)

ProJeCt of Easton – Rental Assistance and Food Pantry

Greater Shiloh Church – Rental Assistance

Safe Harbor - Shelter

Allentown Rescue Mission – Shelter

Victory House - Shelter

Salvation Army – Shelter, Transitional Housing, Food Pantry,

North Penn Legal Services – Tenant Rights

Valley Youth House – Street Outreach, Transitional Housing, Emergency Shelter

Northampton County Children & Youth – Temporary, Non-Congregate Shelter

JusticeWorks – Works with Children & Youth

Street Medicine – Health Care

Lehigh Valley Assertive Community Treatment – Mental Health

Sevita (formerly PA Mentor) – Behavioral Health Services (various types of services)

Service Access Management – Mental Health

ARC of Lehigh Valley – Mental Health

Haven House – Mental Health

Neighborhood Health Centers of Lehigh Valley – Health Care and Mental Health

Star Wellness – Health Care

Meals on Wheels – Food Insecurity

Allentown YMCA – Warming Station

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering – Warming Station

Bethlehem, Easton, and Northampton County Housing Authorities – Section 8 and Public Housing

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Housing that is:

Overpriced, or where rent has increased

Inaccessible

Offered by unscrupulous landlords

In a state of ill-repair or with code violations

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

Affordable housing options

Accessible housing options

Options for young adults with disabilities

Accessible family size units

Q14

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Improve the 211 system

Add shelter options for single moms, and women in general.

Increase options for young adults with disabilities.

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Q1

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Continuum of Care serving the jurisdiction's geographic area

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Homeless service provider

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

EANC- Serves hundreds of clients in our Food Pantry

EANC- Serves 5 Families in Transitional Housing

EANC- Serves hundreds of clients in Holiday Services

EANC- Serves 25 Clients in SSRP -Rep Payee Services

EANC- Serves Entire Community in Emergency Services - Including Information & Referral Services

EANC- Serves as Case Manager for the Mill @ Easton a Mix Income Housing Unit newly constructed on Easton's Southside.

EANC- Is partnering with NORCO to deliver Social Determinants of Health Services - to County Clients in need.

EANC- Has partnered with the United Way to deliver a Senior Program across the city of Easton in conjunction with The Easton Housing Authority.

EANC- In partnership with the City of Easton, has received a \$50,000 expansion grant for the Urban Farm which produced over 11,000 lbs of produce each of the last two years.

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

See Above

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:	The Need to expand Bridge Housing - Expand to 10 units
Households who are at risk of homelessness	Constant phone calls - EACH & EVERYDAY
Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness	Alot of people need help with High Entrance fees only... Security and 1st payment to be held in escrow
Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability	Single Parents
Persons living in unsuitable housing situations	Multi generational house holds
Any other populations	D & A population

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

There is no real temporary solution in Easton PA. Easton could use a larger, more accepting facility to house people especially during inclement weather

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Affordable housing is becoming harder and harder to come by in Easton. The entry fees are 3x ect..

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

211 does not have up to date information

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Lack of employment

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	Medium
At Risk of Homelessness	Medium
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	High
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	Low
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	<p>We get a lot of people who need help with the initial downpayment and 1st months' rent. There should be a way to vet those people who present with cases where they are in housing now, but risk being evicted.</p> <p>Examine the reasoning behind the crisis and help those who present reasonable, provable circumstances that are one time thing or extraordinary for that moment.</p> <p>Offer Case Management and Financial Counseling ect.. to prevent further crisis.</p>

Q11

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

We all have list provided by Non-Profit and the County

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Easton Area rents are soaring..., outside migration and gentrification are causing rents to soar.

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

Building / Buying housing units that are fee friendly and rent controlled. Funding additional "Bridge Housing" would help struggling families with children find stable housing and get the Case Management that will enable them to be successful moving forward.

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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Q1

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Q2**Domestic violence service provider**

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

Turning Point serves domestic and intimate partner abuse (DIPA) survivors in Lehigh and Northampton Counties as part of a statewide network of DV programs. Through our staff and local partners, we offer a full range of trauma-informed services to more than 3,000 people yearly. Approximately 40% of our clients, annually, are Northampton County residents and represent all genders, ethnicities, races, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

Turning Point offers a comprehensive range of direct and indirect services that are meant to empower and support survivors and their families as they transition out of abusive relationships. By far, our most intensive and costly service is our emergency Safe House Program. While in our Safe House Program, survivors and their family members have access to all of Turning Point's life-saving services, including individual and group empowerment counseling, legal advocacy, onsite medical screening, individualized case management, and more .

During intake, survivors are provided emergency financial assistance to cover losses of clothing, documents, food, transportation, and other items as identified. All adult survivors are neurologically screened for Traumatic Brain Injury within 72 hours and have access to onsite medical attention thanks to our partnerships with Lehigh Valley Health Network's Street Outreach Program and Good Shepherd. Survivors also have access to:

- Safety planning and individualized case management.
- Trauma-informed individual and group counseling for both adults and children.
- Legal advocacy and referrals to North Penn Legal Services for survivors seeking Protection From Abuse orders.
- Assistance with establishing legal residency through the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC) and HIAS.
- Transitional housing assistance and relocation funds to help cover the cost of rent, security deposits, moving and storage fees, and other related relocation expenses.
- Financial literacy and wellness programs, with a dedicated resource room that includes laptops so survivors can securely access important personal information and financial documents.

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:

Ability to find affordable units

Households who are at risk of homelessness

Financial abuse often leads to eviction or inability to afford units/mortgage if abusive partner leaves or is removed

Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability

Ability to compete for units when 3 months rent is due at lease signing and landlords often have bias against persons receiving help from social service agencies

Persons living in unsuitable housing situations

Often only truly affordable units for those on fixed incomes will not meet habitability standards & are not accessible; many more PSH units are needed

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

We receive hundreds of calls each year from people not fleeing abuse but who need a roof over their head. In winter months, at least single adults can access warming sites but there are no options for families with children. This often leads to county agencies and non-profits feeling frustrated that no one is able to help.

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

The LVPC reports say it all

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

See #6. Also, in addition to needing more PSH units, it is really hard to access case management services for adults with MH or ID diagnoses. We often end up housing adults with limited skills for many months until we can find any safe option, and usually 3rd party contractors of county MH systems disappear or claim people don't qualify for assistance, leaving us to try to help. We recently had (another) county AAA caseworker tell us they didn't believe a senior citizen could have MH issues and be living in there car with no money or family supports. She got sent to us by a well-intentioned referral, but there was no (current) abuse and we were not an appropriate agency to serve her. However, when the on-call AAA supervisor said her only suggestion was to tell her to go to a truckstop or Walmart parking lot, we did choose to use donated funds to at least put her in a hotel for a few nights and give her clean clothes & toiletries so she could shower. I'm at a loss how there seem to be no governmental safety nets for older adults in her predicament.

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

In our case, it's directly & indirectly because of abusive partners.

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	High
At Risk of Homelessness	Medium
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	High
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	Medium
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	As above, those with issues that make accessing services most difficult...persons with MH & ID, older adults, those who English is a second language or do not speak English

Q11

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

This is all in the CoC info, sorry not sure what else you want here

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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Q1

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Public agency that addresses the needs of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness

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Public or private organization that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities

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Other (please specify):

Organization that addresses the needs of the community, veterans, children and families, those with drug and alcohol issues, those with mental health issues, early intervention, individuals with intellectual disabilities and the aging population

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

The Human Services Division serves the entire population of Northampton County. The Division serves clients to qualify for services and those who voluntarily want services and those who may be court ordered to comply with services.

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

Emergency Services - 24 Hour Crisis Hotline, Mobile Crisis, Walk-in Crisis Services, Mental Health Commitments, Crisis Intervention and linkage to community services and services offered by the Human Services Division.

For Veterans - Burial Allowance, as well as Widow's Burial Allowance, Headstone financial assistance, Flags and Grave Markers, assistance with obtaining Certified copies of Documents, assistance with tax preparation/filing, emergency assistance and home loan assistance.

Children & Youth - services to assist families with truancy, parent-child conflict, counseling services, housing stability services, adoption, foster care, out-of-home placements

Mental Health Division - Case Management; assistance with obtaining outpatient and inpatient care; assistance with obtaining vocational/employment programs; outpatient services for children without insurance; linkage to drop-in centers and linkage to community resources and housing programs

Drug and Alcohol - linkage to community resources, referrals for drug and alcohol evaluations, assistance with outpatient and inpatient treatment

Early Intervention - assessments for care and services, case management, service coordination, linkage to community resources

Developmental Programs - case management services to assist those with intellectual disabilities, waiver assistance, inpatient and community resources

Aging Services - assistance with obtaining hot meal deliveries, transportation assistance, nutritional education, health and wellness programs, income tax assistance, information and referral services, assistance with benefit applications and health insurance concerns, linkage to social activities

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:

Multiple Shelters informed us that they do not have disabled accessibility. They cannot take anyone with a walker/wheelchair/cane. Lack of long-term shelter options - many have to leave for the day and hope they can enter the shelter each night; shelters do not want individuals with serious mental illness - they seem to want the "perfect" homeless people

Households who are at risk of homelessness

Many of the elderly who lost housing due to rent increase/sale of rental property, cannot find a new housing in Lehigh Valley area. Most elderly are on limited income. Large households where income is limited and the family is living paycheck-to-paycheck and expenses rise or repairs on the home need to be made, thus contributing to even lower expenses for families to afford housing.

Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness

Lack of affordable housing options

Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability

Lack of affordable housing options especially for aging and those with serious mental illness

Persons living in unsuitable housing situations

Lack of affordable housing options; when housing deteriorates, mental health concerns become more prominent and affect individuals, as well as D&A addictions and the cycle repeats itself

Any other populations

Assisted living closings: I think at least two low income assisted living just recently closed out in the Northampton county area. Most personal care homes/assisted living are very expensive.

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

Multiple Shelters informed us that they do not have disabled accessibility. They cannot take anyone with a walker/wheelchair/cane.

There is lack of shelter options for men with children and pregnant women.

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

There is no affordable housing for low-income families and the elderly population.

There is a housing shortage for D&A clients, especially with the new restrictions surrounding recovery housing.

Affordable housing with rents at or below HUD's guidelines for Fair Market Rent (below \$939/mo. for singles)

Useable HUD/Mainstream and Bridge Vouchers

Increased Public Housing (Project Based units)

New affordable housing stock—zoning for low income (% below AMI) in new housing projects across the county.

Fair Market Value to income ratio is too high and makes most housing options impossible for individuals with disabilities to afford

Hospital Network respite housing (medical) options

Hospital Networks contribute to developing and funding housing options for individuals with serious mental illness who are unstably housed.

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

There is a lack of funding for those who don't qualify for funding other than grants that the divisions currently have.

Many times there are resources in the community that others are not aware of.

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Little or lack of income; rent prices increasing; household expenses increasing; landlords selling properties, leaving tenants no where to go that they can afford - landlords should be mandated to assist their tenants in locating another dwelling to ensure a smooth transition.

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	High
At Risk of Homelessness	High
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	High
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	High
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	Aging, those with serious mental illness and fathers with children; large families (6+).

Q11

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

Various funding streams to help prevent homelessness such as rental assistance and shelter assistance; case management services; in-home services

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Lack of affordable housing, lack of appropriate housing, landlords who sell properties without assisting tenants finding a new rental, especially when children and the aging population are involved.

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

There needs to be more shelters or housing options for low-income families, aging families, those with serious mental illness and those with disabilities. There needs to be more housing vouchers.

Q14

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Landlords should be granted tax breaks or something for building long-term affordable housing.

Homeowners should receive financial assistance for expensive home repairs to ensure housing stability.

Local health networks should be doing more regarding housing in the county.

There should be more guidance from the state and federal government. They disseminate money and tell the counties, do what you need with it, but they don't hold others accountable when it comes to instituting mandates. Counties receive funds for shelters, but shelters are picky about who they accept - who holds them accountable to take in the clientele we need.

#11

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Q1

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Q2

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Other (please specify):
Local government

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

Bethlehem is a City of about 76,000 residents. About 61% of City residents are low and moderate income.

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

Within Bethlehem's Department of Community and Economic Development the following bureaus are housed: CDBG/HOME entitlements; planning, zoning and code enforcement; housing inspections; residential rehab/façade improvements; Northside Alive neighborhood revitalization program and economic development. The health bureau and recycling also falls within the department.

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons:

There were 922 homeless persons in the 2022 PIT. The Bethlehem Area School District reported 414 homeless children registered in 2022

Households who are at risk of homelessness

Bethlehem has 6520 rental households and 2,781 homeowners facing affordability challenges, according to the most recent HUD CHAS data

Persons who are at greatest risk of housing instability

Bethlehem has 6,520 renter households with housing affordability challenges; We have 9,301 owner-occupied households with affordability challenges. That means nearly 32% of Bethlehem households struggle to afford housing.

Persons living in unsuitable housing situations

About 9.4% of homeowners live in housing with one substandard condition; 23% of renters, per the ACS

Q6

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

There is a huge need for emergency sheltering beds, especially for families, LGBTQ+ populations and single women. The Lehigh Valley needs 1,485 family beds and 1,547 adult beds, according to the COC 2021 gap analysis. The LV also needs more transitional and permanent supportive housing as well.

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Yes, there are huge gaps in the Lehigh Valley's housing inventory, especially in Bethlehem units costing less than \$1,000 a month. There is a gap of 6,545 housing units per the ACS CHAS data.

Q8

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

We need more in-person Coordinated Entry points -- currently it can take hours to get through the hotline to register to get on the BNL to access services.

Q9

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

The rising costs of housing, utilities and food all mean it is increasingly difficult for those with good paying jobs to make ends meet. We are seeing people experiencing housing instability/homelessness at greater rates.

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Homeless	High
At Risk of Homelessness	High
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	Medium
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	High
Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?	We are seeing increasing demand for services for families at-risk of homelessness/experiencing homelessness. The Bethlehem Area School District has New Bethany Ministries housing navigators working in schools to connect families with housing. In recent years, NBM has had 50-100 families living in hotels, unable to transition to more permanent housing.

Q11

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

Allentown Housing Authority Allentown Rescue Mission
 Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering, Inc.
 Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown
 Cay Galgon
 Life House
 Community Action Commission of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV)
 Easton Area Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
 Family Promise of Lehigh Valley
 Greater Valley YMCA
 Lehigh Conference of Churches
 Lehigh County Housing Authority
 New Bethany Ministries
 Northampton County Housing Authority
 Project of Easton
 Resources for Human Development, Inc.
 Safe Harbor
 Salvation Army of the Lehigh Valley
 Third Street Alliance for Women & Children, Inc.
 Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
 Valley Housing Development Corporation
 Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.
 Victory House of Lehigh Valley

Q12

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Cost-burdened households are the most at-risk for homelessness. The Lehigh Valley's housing shortage has meant skyrocketing rents and home sales prices. Bethlehem's median sales price has risen by 52% over the last three years, while its average rental prices jumped 57%.

Q13

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

The Lehigh Valley needs more affordable housing units across all communities. We cannot rely on the built-out cities to provide the majority of subsidized units. We need interventions to prevent folks from becoming homeless and we need more units. We need more landlords willing to take Section 8 vouchers, we have at least 400 available between Northampton County and Bethlehem.

We also need more emergency sheltering beds/ transitional housing units.

Q14

Other Comments/Suggestions:

The City of Bethlehem intends to use its HOME-ARP allocation for non-congregate sheltering for a regional, low-barrier, year-round emergency shelter. We know Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering is operating at its 70-bed capacity, drawing clients from all over the Lehigh Valley. We'd welcome Northampton County collaboration and financial investment in this regional solution.

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Q1

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Q2**Public housing agency**

Which of the following agency types describes your organization?

Q3

Describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve

The Housing Authority (HA) provides housing to low and very low income individuals and families. HA provides 378 Public Housing units and 562 Housing Choice Vouchers(HCV).

Q4

Describe the range of programs and services you provide

We provide both public housing and housing choice voucher programs.

Q5

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?

Any other populations

We have a combined waiting list of around 900.

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?

Q7

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Not enough affordable housing in the community. HCV landlords are too few.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Q10

What is the level of priority for each population listed below?

Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent HomelessnessB. Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

High

Are there any specific subpopulations of the groups above that need more assistance?

Disabled individuals have an even tougher time finding suitable housing.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Public Participation

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**NOTICE OF DISPLAY AND PUBLIC
HEARING FOR THE HOME-ARP
ALLOCATION PLAN
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA**

Notice is hereby given that Northampton County, Pennsylvania will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 3:30 PM, prevailing time, in the County Council Chambers, on the third floor of the Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042 on the proposed HOME-ARP Plan during the regularly scheduled Economic Development Meeting.

Por la presente se notifica que el Condado de Northampton, Pennsylvania, celebrará una audiencia pública el Jueves 2 de Marzo de 2023 a las 3:30 PM, hora prevalectente, en las Cámaras del Consejo del Condado, en el tercer piso del Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Northampton, 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042 sobre el Plan HOME-ARP.

To provide additional public participation, a virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1:00 PM, prevailing time, on the proposed HOME-ARP Plan through Zoom Meeting ID 386 121 4762 or use the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86565035730?pwd=bnB3TjNaUllSEw4ZDK2a0xUeUwyZz09>

Dial in participation is available by dialing (301) 715 8592 and using Meeting ID 666542.

The Northampton County Courthouse and the County Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please call Mr. Frank Brooks, Administrator, at (610) 829-6311 to make those arrangements. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact Northampton County through the "Pennsylvania Relay Service" by dialing "7-1-1" or going online to www.parelay.net. If requested, a foreign language and/or sign language interpreter will be provided if the County is notified three (3) days in advance of the meeting. ... Si se solicita, se proporcionará un intérprete de idioma extranjero y / o lenguaje de señas si se notifica al Condado tres (3) días antes de la reunión.

The purpose of this public hearing is to present the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which shows the proposed use of HOME-ARP funds. Northampton County has been notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it is eligible to receive a Federal Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$2,338,781 in HOME-ARP funds. The Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before March 31, 2023.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies and other interested parties, Northampton County has placed the Plan on display for 30 days beginning Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the following locations in Northampton County, as well as the Northampton County website

<http://www.northamptoncounty.org>
• County Department of Community and

Economic Development at the Human Service Building - 2801 Emrick Boulevard, 1st Floor, Bethlehem, PA 18020
• Bangor Public Library - 39 S. Main Street, Bangor, PA

• Easton Area Public Library - 515 Church Street Easton, PA 18042

• Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity Library - 295 E. Center Street, Nazareth, PA 18064

• Northampton Area Public Library - 1615 Laubach Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067

• Hellertown Area Community Library - 409 Constitution Avenue Hellertown, PA 18055

This document will be available to the public during normal hours of operation for a period of thirty (30) days until Wednesday, March 15, 2023, after which time the Plan will be submitted to County Council for approval at the regularly scheduled Council meeting at 6:30 PM, Thursday, March 16, 2023.

The County proposes to use the HOME-ARP funds it receives as described below, subject to public comments received and approval by the Northampton County Council.

Supportive Services \$233,878
Development of Affordable Rental Housing \$1,754,086

Non-Profit Operating \$116,939
Administration and Planning \$233,878

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed use of HOME-ARP funds under the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Written comments may be addressed to Mr. Frank Brooks, Administrator, County Government Center, 2801 Emrick Boulevard, 1st Floor, Bethlehem, PA 18020, or by email at fbrooks@northamptoncounty.org or oral comments may be made by calling (610) 829-6311; no later than March 15, 2023.

The Honorable Lamont G. McClure, Jr.
County Executive

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Notice of Northampton County Council Committee Meetings

Notice is hereby given that the following Northampton County Council Committees will be meeting in the County Council meeting room, room No. 3116, third floor, Northampton County Government Center, 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA, on the dates and times indicated below:

On March 2, 2023, commencing at 3:30 p.m., prevailing time, the Economic Development Committee will convene a meeting to receive presentations from ArtsQuest and Lehigh Heavy Forge RACP, and an introduction of the HOME ARP plan, as well as to consider any other pending business.

On March 2, 2023, commencing at 5:00 p.m., the Human Services Commit-

tee will convene a meeting to receive an update from Drug and Alcohol, as well as to consider any other pending business.

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council

COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution List DATE: March 17, 2023

FROM: Linda M. Zembo

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2021 HOME American Rescue Act Plan

Please be advised that at the meeting held March 16, 2023, the Northampton County Council approved a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 HOME American Rescue Act Plan. Attached is a copy of Resolution #22-2023 concerning this matter.

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THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON



RESOLUTION

Number 22-2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 (FY 2021)
HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF
NORTHAMPTON

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, due to the nationwide impact of COVID-19, Congress through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Congress appropriated \$5 billion dollars to communities across the United States to provide housing, services and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and to other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) ARP Plan is to identify housing needs and to develop specific goals and objectives to address those needs as a requirement of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the County must meet in order to receive HOME ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, these HOME ARP program funds were then allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through HOME from HUD; and

WHEREAS, CPD Notice 21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME ARP Program (September 13, 2021) requires the submission of an Allocation Plan for the implementation of the HOME ARP program; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Plan was presented for review and comment via a survey to individuals and agencies participation with the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Assistance Board and through focus groups with the Eastern Pennsylvania Continuum of Care; and

WHEREAS, the Allocation Plan was published for review and comment with two (2) public hearings held on March 2, 2023; one in person at the Northampton County Council Economic Development Committee meeting, and a second virtual meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Northampton:

1. That the FY 2021 HOME ARP allocation plan needed to secure this funding is hereby approved.

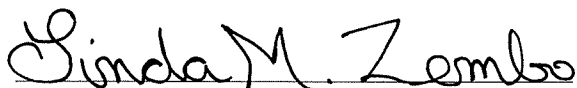
2. County Council is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of programs when using Federal financial assistance.

3. That the County Executive and the Northampton County Department of Economic Development are authorized to execute and file the financial assistance application for two million three hundred thirty eight thousand seven hundred eighty one dollars (\$2,338,781) for the HOME ARP allocation plan to HUD that has made this amount available to carry out Northampton County's program.

4. That the County Executive is hereby authorized to provide such assurances and/or certifications as required by HUD and to provide any additional documents that may be requested.

ATTEST:

INTRODUCED BY:



Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council

Tara M. Zrinski

The above resolution was adopted by the Northampton County Council at the meeting held March 16, 2023.

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