### **HOME-ARP Allocation Plan**

### Introduction

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of \$1,243,320 to the City of Parkersburg/Wood County HOME Consortium in supplemental HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds to perform eligible activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. Eligible activities include acquisition or development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, HOME-ARP rental housing, administration of HOME-ARP activities, and planning.

To receive funding, the Consortium must develop and submit to HUD a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. Development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must also be informed through stakeholder consultation and community engagement.

The American Rescue Plan requires that funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in specified "qualifying populations." Any individual or family who meets the criteria for these populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria.

### Consultation

In accordance with Section V.A of CPD Notice CPD-21-10, announcing and detailing requirements of HOME-ARP programs, a participating jurisdiction must, at a minimum, consult the Continuum of Care provider for the jurisdiction and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations to identify unmet needs in housing and service delivery systems.

The City of Parkersburg/Wood County HOME Consortium engaged in a public meeting in which many service providers and private citizens attended. Invitations were sent to 47 service providers, shelters, veterans' organizations, organizations that address fair housing, the Parkersburg Housing Authority, and organizations serving the needs of persons with disabilities. A complete list of those organizations will be included as Appendix A. The Balance of State Continuum of Care provider (WV Coalition to End Homelessness) joined virtually and provided notes to the Consortium. 13 participants attended the meeting to provide their input, while highlighting any gaps in current housing and service delivery systems. Attending organizations are detailed in the table below.

Organization	Function			
Consumer Credit Counseling Service	Fair Housing and Civil Rights Agency			
Children's Home Society	Homeless Service Provider			
House to Home Day Shelter	Homeless Service Provider			
Vienna PD	Homeless Service Provider			
Parkersburg PD	Homeless Service Provider			
Westbrook Health Service	Disability Service Provider			
Harmony Ridge	Disability Service Provider			
Latrobe Street Mission	Homeless Service Provider			
3 Unaffiliated Residents				

Much of the conversation during the public meeting centered around access to services. Providers noted availability after hours and knowledge of services as pressing issues. Shelter space or availability were also discussed.

The period leading up to and immediately following the public meeting, the Consortium distributed an online survey. The survey was sent to the 47 organizations invited to the public meeting. They were also opened to the public, via link on the City of Parkersburg's website and the City's Facebook page. 23 total responses were collected via hyperlink and QR code. The individual responses to the survey will be included as Appendix B.

Following the public meeting, the Consortium began additional consultation with stakeholders with known capacity and experience of filling service gaps of qualified populations. Discussions focused on current services and needs, organization capacity, inclusion of qualified populations, and preferred eligible activities. Consultations are summarized in the following table.

Organization	Type of Agency	Feedback
WV Coalition to End Homelessness	Area CoC	Gaps in services, lack of coordination among providers
Parkersburg Housing Authority	РНА	Shift from COVID related housing assistance to Section 8 vouchers imminent. Limited housing stock leaves many issued vouchers unused.
Children's Home Society	Homeless Service Provider	Shelter at capacity (physically and by license), services offered to participants outside shelter
Consumer Credit Counseling Service	Financial Literacy Advocate	Building staff capacity, renter education and legal aid needed
Family Crisis Intervention Center	Domestic Violence Provider	Frequently at capacity, limited space for services and shelter
Legal Aid of West Virginia	Fair Housing/Civil Rights Agency	Limited staff and outreach, tenant/landlord mediation and eviction prevention services

## **Public Participation**

The City of Parkersburg/Wood County HOME Consortium provided the opportunity for citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before the HOME-ARP allocation plan is submitted to HUD.

Consortium staff held a public meeting on October 11, 2022, as part of the consultation process. Notice for the meeting was published in the Parkersburg News and Sentinel for two consecutive weeks prior to the meeting. The Consortium also developed on online survey that was announced on the City of Parkersburg's website and Facebook page with a link. A press release was also distributed to area news outlets with a QR code linking to the survey. The survey contained information inviting guests to the

public meeting. The public meeting was also recorded, with the availability to 'call in remotely, with one participant organization, the WV Coalition to End Homelessness, who participated virtually.

Several aspects of the public meeting represent efforts by the Consortium to broaden public participation. Typical meetings (CAPER, Annual Action Plan) will have a notice in the newspaper for two weeks prior to the meeting. For the HOME-ARP meeting, the Consortium utilized online sources to distribute information regarding the meeting and the online surveys, allowing interested residents to provide some form of input. A press release also generated interest from media outlets and a QR code was attached to guide interested residents to the survey without the need for the text of the link.

Attendees to the public meeting expressed need for shelters, services, and housing. Much of the discussion centered around shelters and services regarding the lack of availability. It was agreed that stress on shelters could be alleviated with affordable housing and supportive services. Interest in rental assistance was stifled by lack of housing availability. Attendees also saw coordination and communication as a goal to significantly increase effectiveness of already limited levels of supportive service availability.

The stakeholders survey generated 6 responses from a range of organizations serving a variety of client demographics. Housing and shelters were consistently rated highest with suggestions of how their services can be leveraged to maximize effect.

The public survey responses were mostly from the general public. Shelters were a popular request with housing services closely following.

A draft of the Allocation Plan will be on display in the City of Parkersburg Development Department and on the City of Parkersburg website for at least 15 days, from March 4 to March 21. During this display period, the plan will be presented to the Parkersburg City Council and the Wood County Commission at a regular meeting for each.

Responses from the Balance of State CoC noted an apparent lack of services preventing homelessness.

No comments were rejected during this process.

### Needs Assessment

### Demographics

The total population of Wood County was 84,296 in the 2020 Census. The represents a decrease of 2,660 people from the 2010 Census. This downward trend is consistent with the State of West Virginia and much of the region. Of note within these total population numbers is the decrease in Parkersburg population from 31,429 to 29,738, a 6.4% decrease.<sup>1</sup>

Much of the population of Wood County is elderly. Ages of heads of household were used to estimate ages of the entire population. Over half of the households were headed by someone over 55 (53.4%). Also of note, a cohort aged 45-54 in 2010 decreased the most of any cohort from the 2010 Census to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> US Census 2020. Retrieved 2023.

2020 Census (450 or 1.0%) and the cohort aged 25-34 increased by 652 (2.0%) over the same time period. These numbers show the overall trend of a slow decrease in population from the area.<sup>2</sup>

Workforce participation in Wood County tends to lag behind national averages with much of the discrepancy amount less education workers. Wages for the area appear depressed with between 30% and 50% of residents making less than 80% of Median Household Income depending on the area.<sup>3</sup>

### **Demographics of Homeless**

Area shelters are often at or near capacity. Latrobe Street Mission, located in one of the oldest residential areas of the city, usually has 50 of its 80 beds occupied. This is a congregate shelter with limited capacity to segregate more sensitive populations or those presenting symptoms of communicable diseases. Other shelters for those fleeing domestic violence or children often use hotel rooms until space is available.<sup>4</sup> Shelter populations show less than half of the homeless population according to the Point in Time count for Wood County (159 for 2022).<sup>5</sup> While shelters are only a little over half capacity on average, the total capacity is about half of the PIT count and the PIT count is widely criticized as undercounting most homeless populations so additional homeless residents surely exist in the county.

### **Demographics of Those at Risk of Homelessness**

Many area renters and homeowners are living in housing that is old, substandard, and not affordable, demonstrating a broad range of housing affordability and quality issues. Over one-half of area housing units were built prior to 1970, which is a higher share than the state's average.

About 30% of households in Wood County are renters. This rate is far more concentrated in Parkersburg (39%) and less so in Vienna (24%), smaller towns, and unincorporated rural areas. Around 40% (46% in Parkersburg) of households live in cost burdened housing, paying over 30% of household income on housing costs. Most of these conditions are concentrated in the area around downtown Parkersburg. Cost burdened housing is also prevalent in owner-occupied housing with 64% of homes being unaffordable to those with median income.<sup>6</sup>

### Demographics of Those Fleeing Domestic Violence ect.

Family Crisis Intervention Center is one of 14 licensed domestic violence programs in West Virginia and one of 10 recognized rape crisis centers. This facility serves 8 counties sees 60-75 women annually and is licensed for 15 individuals in 8 bedrooms.<sup>7</sup> This site depends on high turnover and external lodging solutions to maximize the number of clients they see. The Parkersburg Police Department reports an average of 1,500 domestic violence calls per year since 2020.<sup>8</sup>

### Demographics of Those at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Housing Needs Assessment: Wood County, West Virginia. Bowen National Research. 2022. Pg IV-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>American Community Survey.</u> CPD Maps. 2020. Retrieved 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Public Hearing. Parkersburg Municipal Building. October 11, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Point in Time Count. 2022. WV Coalition to End Homelessness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Information collected from FCIC. January 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Collected from Parkersburg Police Cpt. Ricky Koher. December 2022.

Wood County's 42.8% share of cost burdened *renter* households is notably higher than the state average of 38.6%. Overall, the county has an estimated 4,192 renter households and 3,754 owner households that are cost burdened.

Mental health and substance abuse facilities are often unable to have 24 hour staff for intake of patients at night. In the past, the local hospital would serve this role but this practice put undue strain on the hospital staff and has been discontinued.<sup>9</sup>

Available housing is mostly either occupied, substandard, or unaffordable. Occupancy rates of multifamily units are over 95% for Parkersburg, Vienna, and the Balance of Wood County.<sup>10</sup> Over half of all housing units in Wood County are 1970 constructions. At least 2% of units are overcrowded and 1% have incomplete plumbing systems, indication substandard conditions. Subsidized, affordable units are typically occupied <sup>11</sup> and market rate units collect more than HUD's Fair Market Rent for units reaching a "B" quality rating.<sup>12</sup>

### **Available Resources**

Latrobe Street Mission is the primary shelter for the area. This is a congregate shelter typically housing around 50 people and a capacity of 80. Salvation Army is another shelter provider with a mix of congregate and non-congregate shelter. Family Crisis Intervention Center is another shelter with non-congregate space for those fleeing domestic violence. Children's Home Society offers housing assistance to people aged 18-24 and operates a non-congregate shelter. Additional small-scale shelters are also available, usually related to local churches and religious organizations.<sup>13</sup>

Most of the shelters listed above offer supportive services. Several rehabilitation facilities are located in the City of Parkersburg. Support services are offered by a variety of churches and non-profit organizations including Community Resources, the Circles Campaign, United Way of the Mid-Ohio Valley, House to Home Day Shelter, and MOV Fellowship Home. These services include support groups, food pantries, life skill classes, job training, or mental health counseling. A Community Resource Guide is available from the Wood County Family Resource Network. This guide compiles a variety of service providers with contact information and a summary agency services.<sup>14</sup>

The City of Parkersburg has agreements with Children's Home Society and Community Resources to administer Tenant Based Rental Assistance. Children's Home Society averages around 8 clients while Community Resources has 4 participating. The lack of safe and sanitary housing is more pronounced than the number of eligible participants eager to join the program. According to Bowen National Research, apartment rentals are in high demand and there is significant pent-up demand for housing that serves very low- and low-income renter households. Overall, demand for multifamily rental housing is very strong within Wood County given that only 18 of the 2,273 surveyed units in the summer of 2022 were vacant, resulting in an overall 99.2% occupancy rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Public Hearing. Parkersburg Municipal Building. October 11, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Housing Needs Assessment: Wood County, West Virginia. Bowen National Research. 2022. Pg VI-5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> American Community Survey. CPD Maps. 2020. Retrieved 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Housing Needs Assessment: Wood County, West Virginia. Bowen National Research. 2022. Pg VI-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Public Hearing. Parkersburg Municipal Building. October 11, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Wood County Community Resource Guide. Wood County Family Resource Network. 2022.

The Parkersburg Housing Authority operates subsidized housing facilities containing 154 units. This organization also operates the Section 8 housing program for the county and typically has a lengthy waitlist.<sup>15</sup> Both Parkersburg Housing Authority and WV Coalition to End Homelessness have stated that residents utilizing Covid based rental assistance programs will be switching to Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and will likely cause a larger gap in subsidized housing availability.<sup>16</sup>

### Gaps in Shelter and Housing Inventory and Service Delivery System

The largest gaps are in safe, sanitary, and affordable housing and supportive services. The community lacks effective 24-hour mental health facilities. Some shelters, like Latrobe Street Mission are open 24-hours but case management is not guaranteed after business hours. Long term shelters tend to be full of people looking for housing. Emergency shelters often see much of the overflow from these facilities.<sup>17</sup> Knowledge of housing assistance programs has been lacking amongst the public.<sup>18</sup> Several providers offer housing education services, but these are not frequently attended.<sup>19</sup>

### Housing Characteristics Associated with Housing Instability

All of the "other populations" definitions can be used by Wood County residents. Notably, 50% AMI and less plus another condition are scenarios described by shelter representatives during a public hearing.<sup>20</sup> The "Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness" can be used to fill any gaps in need but will require additional definition before the City utilizes the definition.

Bowen National Research identified 463 blighted structures while visiting many residential streets within municipalities. This represents approximately 1.2% of the total housing stock. The Urban Renewal Authority works to acquire neglected properties in blighted areas and seeks to encourage redevelopment within the City of Parkersburg and demolishes between 10-20 structures each year.<sup>21</sup>

### **Needs for Qualifying Populations**

Affordable housing is the most requested priority in public and stakeholder surveys. Shelter representatives have also expressed a need for housing to alleviate strain on shelter resources.<sup>22</sup> The American Community Survey shows 22.46% of occupied housing units are cost burdened, especially low-income residents (19.80% of those making less than \$35,000).<sup>23</sup> Additional supportive services will also be necessary to prepare residents to occupy housing units, assist in crises that threaten homelessness, and serve qualified populations until necessary housing can be constructed.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Discussion with Parkersburg Housing Authority. November 2, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Public Hearing. Parkersburg Municipal Building. October 11, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> American Community Survey. CPD Maps. 2020. Rétrieved 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Public Survey Conducted September 27 – October 11, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Wood County Community Resource Guide. Wood County Family Resource Network. 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Public Hearing. Parkersburg Municipal Building. October 11, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Housing Needs Assessment: Wood County, West Virginia. Bowen National Research. 2022. Pg VII-30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Public Hearing. Parkersburg Municipal Building. October 11, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> American Community Survey. CPD Maps. 2020. Retrieved 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> American Community Survey. CPD Maps. 2020. Retrieved 2022

### **Methods in Determining Level of Need**

A survey was created and administered to area providers known to serve qualified populations. A second survey was created for the general public and any service providers that may have been missed in the initial search. These surveys were followed by a public hearing where additional anecdotal comments showed a theme of limited housing and services availability.

A Housing Needs Assessment had previously been commissioned and was due for completion in the weeks after the survey was distributed. This study provided statistical data demonstrating a need for housing units of all types (senior focused, single-family, multi-family, ect) with bedroom counts primarily in one- or two-bedroom units.

The WV Coalition to End Homelessness (Balance of State CoC) was consulted for information regarding shelter capacity, Point in Time Count, and HMIS data.

Data was also retrieved from the American Community Survey via CPD Maps applications. These data were used to determine the housing market conditions.

All available data was inserted to the Inventory and Gap Analysis Tables provided in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan template to determine level of need for shelter units/beds and non-homeless housing needs.

### **HOME-ARP** Activities

### **Selection Process**

The PJ consulted with several service providers and developers to determine what needs or gaps could be filled by these organizations. Applications were distributed to responsive organizations with ability and capacity to provide necessary services. Desired services include fair housing and eviction diversion, shelter expansion for QPs, and supportive services for QPs.

No administrative funds have been expended prior to acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

	Funding Amount	Percent of	Statutory
		Grant	Limit
Supportive Services	\$375,000	30.16%	~
Acquisition of Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$788,000	63.38%	~
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0	0%	~
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$0	0%	~
Non-Profit Operating	\$0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$80,320	6.46%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$1,432,320	100%	~

### **Rationale for Activities**

Through consultation with the WV Balance of State CoC, the PJ has determined that eviction prevention measures were an important need in the community. The WV Balance of State CoC and Parkersburg Housing Authority both expressed concern that many residents were utilizing Covid related rental programs rather than Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and would soon be exiting the Covid related programs. This will lead to a mass of people needing rental assistance in a short period of time. The PJ intends to create eviction diversion measures and provide education services to serve those imminent danger of eviction.

During the consultation process, the PJ met with representatives of the Family Crisis Intervention Center. This facility is the only domestic violence program in 8 counties and is a rape crisis center. These services are offered in a facility with limited capacity. The PJ has identified the need for additional capacity in this facility. While domestic violence calls to the Parkersburg Police Department have decreased over the last 3 years, these calls still total over 1,000 each year for this single jurisdiction. FCIC serves the balance of Wood County and 7 additional counties with little to no domestic violence support systems. The PJ will provide funding to create non-congregate shelter units at the FCIC facility. These units will allow the shelter to take additional clients and create better lodging conditions for families.

These activities are intended to further an eviction prevention effort within Wood County.

### **HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals**

The PJ does not intend to produce affordable rental units.

As determined by consultation with WV Balance of State CoC, eviction prevention measures will be more cost effective and will reach more residents belonging to QPs than constructing housing units.

### Preferences

The PJ has identified a lack of services to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking victims. Funding will be provided to expand capacity of these services. This will function as a limitation. West Virginia Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Office was contacted regarding this limitation and no opposition was received.

### **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

No HOME-ARP funds are refinancing existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

### Summary of Reponses

### Surveys

A survey was distributed via email to stakeholders in the homelessness prevention community. Of the 47 surveys distributed, 6 organizations responded. The following table outlines those responses. Individual responses will be included as Appendix B.

Organization	Type of Agency	Feedback
WV Coalition to End	WV Balance of State CoC	Gaps in services, lack of
Homelessness		coordination among providers
Parkersburg Housing Authority	Housing Authority	Shift from COVID related
		housing assistance to Section 8

		vouchers imminent. Limited housing stock leaves many issued vouchers unused.
Children's Home Society	Homeless Service Provider	Shelter at capacity (physically and by license), services offered to participants outside shelter
Consumer Credit Counseling Service	Public Agency Serving Needs of QPs	Building staff capacity, renter education and legal aid needed
Family Crisis Intervention Center	Domestic Violence Service Provider	Frequently at capacity, limited space for services and shelter
Legal Aid of West Virginia	Fair Housing and Civil Rights Agency	Limited staff and outreach

A survey was made available to the public. This survey was advertised on the City of Parkersburg website and the City Facebook page via hyperlink. A QR code was also distributed to local media outlets to assist in linking to the survey from visual media. 17 surveys were returned. The following are summaries of the responses:



### Which of these best describes you? 18 responses



Which best describes the type of organization you are affiliated with? 18 responses





# How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

Respondents tended to be service providers or business owners. Most respondents discussed a desire for housing or shelters. More comprehensive answers addressed a need for a simplified services delivery system. Some responses seemed to be addressing some specific event unrelated to HOME-ARP activities. Additional opportunity for comment in the survey produced a variety of responses. Senior focused programs were a popular option. Many responses were unrelated to HOME-ARP or confusing HOME-ARP with ARPA funds. Ineligible activities such as business relief and police support were proposed. A listing of all responses will be provided as Appendix B.

## Service Provider Applications

The Consortium identified a selection of gaps in services available to QPs in the jurisdiction. The Consortium and the City of Parkersburg turned to providers with a track record of effectively providing the identified services. Those providers submitted proposals for programs to fill the unmet needs of the community. An additional organization submitted solicitation, which was accepted and reviewed. The following is a summary of applications and determinations regarding proposals:

## Children's Home Society

Children's Home Society provides case management, education, resources, and in some cases, housing to young adults aged 16 – 24. They also administer a Tenant Based Rental Assistance program for the Consortium and have shown success in their wrap-around services. CHS proposed hiring an additional case manager to expand capacity. The anticipated cost of the program is \$420,667 over 3 years. This project is evaluated as eligible supportive services.

## Consumer Credit Counseling Service

The Consortium has previously worked with CCCS to provide homebuyer counseling courses in conjunction with the Down Payment Assistance Program. The HOME-ARP proposed project would involve additional housing education. The application noted that CCCS is the only HUD certified housing counselor within 80 miles. Education will be limited to eligible topics. The request was for \$25,000 and was combined with additional resources. This project is eligible as supportive services.

### Latrobe Street Mission

Latrobe Street Mission is embarking on a renovation plan that will increase their dormitory capacity, provide maintenance, and ADA enhancements. A later project will develop semi-private rooms for transitional housing. Latrobe Street Mission requested \$400,000 from HOME-ARP funds to be combined with \$500,000 from Federal Home Loan Bank for all projects. None of the proposed shelter upgrades develop non-congregate shelter. These projects are not eligible for HOME-ARP funding.

## Appendix A

Company	Address	City	Group
Alzheimers Association			Disability
American Red Cross	220 8th St	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
Boys and Girls Club			QP Service Provider
Catholic Charities	1226 Market St.	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
Central West Virginia Aging Services	1222 Market St.	Parkersburg	Disability Service Provider
Children's Home Society	1717 St. Marys Ave	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
Children's Listening Place	200 Star Ave, Suite 212	Parkersburg	Domestic Violence Service Provide
Circles Campaign of the MOV			QP Service Provider
City of Parkersburg	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	QP Service Provider
Community Resources	1037 Market St	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
Consumer Credit Counseling	2435 Dudley Ave	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Downtown Bethel	517 Market St.	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
Family Crisis Intervention Center	PO Box 695	Parkersburg	Domestic Violence Service Provide
Gabriel Project of WV	609 Market St	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
Habitat for Humanity of the MOV	600 16th St B	Vienna	Homeless Service Provider
Jobs & Hope WV			QP Service Provider
KISRA	410 Market St	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Latrobe Street Mission	1725 Latrobe St	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
Legal Aid of WV	327 9th St	Parkersburg	Fair Housing/Civil Rights
MOV Fellowship Home	1030 George St	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
MOV Health Department	211 6th St	Parkersburg	Fair Housing/Civil Rights
Parkersburg and Wood County Library	3100 Emerson Ave	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Parkersburg Area Community Foundation	1620 Park Ave	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Parkersburg Boys and Girls Club	1200 Mary St	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Parkersburg Housing Authority	1901 Cameron Ave	Parkersburg	РНА
Salvation Army	508 5th St	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
SW Resources	1007 Mary St	Parkersburg	Disability Service Provider
The Arc of the MOV	1917 Dudley Ave	Parkersburg	Disability Service Provider
United Way of the MOV	404 Market St	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Vienna Senior Citizens Center			Disability Service Provider
Voice of the StreetEssentially Yours	1341 Juliana St	Parkersburg	Homeless Service Provider
We Have Your Six	Î		Veterans Group
Westbrook Health Services	2121 7th St	Parkersburg	Disability Service Provider
Wood County Day Report Center	·	<u> </u>	Fair Housing/Civil Rights
Wood County Family Treatment Court	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Fair Housing/Civil Rights
Wood County Schools	1210 13th St	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Wood County Senior Center	524 Green St	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Wood County Society	317 8th St	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
Workforce Development Board			QP Service Provider
WV Birth to Three	350 Capitol St, Room 427	Charleston	QP Service Provider
WV Coalition to End Homelessness			CoC
WV Dept of Veteran's Assistance	1824 Murdoch Unit F101	Parkersburg	Veterans Group
WV Division of Rehabilitation Services		T unkersoung	Disability Service Provider
WV Head Start	PO Box 361	Summersville	QP Service Provider
WVU Extension	1 Court Sqare, Suite 408	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider
YMCA of Parkersburg	1800 30th St	Parkersburg	QP Service Provider

## Appendix B

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# HOME-ARP Public Survey

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Where do you live?

- Parkersburg City Limits
- 🔵 Vienna
- 🔵 Williamstown
- Unincorporated area within Wood County
- Outside of Wood County

What is your age range?	
18 and under	
19-34	
35-54	
55-75	
75+	
Which of these best describes you?	
O Public employee	
Non-profit stakeholder	
Wood County resident	
Which best describes the type of organization you are affiliated with?	
Homeless Service Provider	
Domestic Violence Service Provider	
Veteran's Group	
Civil Rights Organization	
Fair Housing Organization	
Organization Serving People with Disabilities	
None of the Above	
Other:	

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Describe your involvement with the following qualifying populations:

- a. Individuals or families experiencing homelessness
- b. Individuals or families at risk of homelessness
- c. Fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, or trafficking
- d. Others of greatest risk of housing instability
- e. Little to no direct involvement

How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

	Of no importance	Of little importance	Somewhat important	Most important
Production and preservation of affordable housing (acquisition, construction, conversion, or rehabilitation of rental housing)	0	0	0	٢
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	$\bigcirc$	0	0	
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	$\bigcirc$	0	0	۲
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	0	۲

For your top priority activities, what specific needs do you see in our community? What solutions would you propose?

Affordable housing

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

Our city of Parkersburg website is very opaque concerning any of these topics. Links are not not working. Makes very difficult as a citizen to access information that may benefit.

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## Google Forms

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How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

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Tenant Based Rental Assistance	0	0	۲	0
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	٢	0	0
Development of non-congregate shelter	$\bigcirc$	0	۲	$\bigcirc$

For your top priority activities, what specific needs do you see in our community? What solutions would you propose?

Affordable, clean decent housing.

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

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Tenant Based Rental Assistance	0	0	۲	0
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	0	
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0		О ,

For your top priority activities, what specific needs do you see in our community? What solutions would you propose?

Transitional housing, rental and first-time home buyer assistance, home repair

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Other: Government, informal networks of non-profit service providers

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A- we have had homeless people live with us; advocate for homeless people; friend B- advocate, neighbor, friend

C- Director of EVE, inc- shelter for sexual and domestic violence survivors, Birth to Three Child Developmental Specialist; and other networks for child and adult survivors of abuse and neglect; training as child and adolescent trauma specialist, foster parent, teacher at Options High School for teens with SUD and behavior problems

D- Neighborhood Housing Coordinator for local church- ministry to 500 low/ middle income families in District 4; advocate, program development;

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Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0		0

### How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

For your top priority activities, what specific needs do you see in our community? What solutions would you propose?

Co-op Housing for single parents, with mutual aid/ support/ wrap around services; build or rehab more Section 8, Public Housing to eliminate waiting list; rent caps; incentives- reduced rent for tenants who complete "being a good tenant " courses; incentives or penalties for property owners who fail to repair or maintain code requirements; clear eviction reasons, process, no fear of retaliation; home repair grants for people who fall thru cracks- too high income for HUD, too low to self-pay; energy audits to help people reduce energy costs; tap into solar, wind, hydroelectric renewable energy sources; deconstruction teams to remove usable materials before houses are demolished; inspection of rental property with certification of health and safety standards met; weatherization; funds for gutters and downspouts; mental health support groups for grandparents/kin raising children or who recovering addicts in the family- how to maintain healthy lifestyles after treatment; more trauma informed training for law enforcement, court system, CPS, jurors, hospitals using the ACES info (Adverse Childhood Experiences)- more high quality, affordable, accessible mental health care, prevention program, self-defense courses; Housing First Approach, get involved with Built for Zero (eliminate homelessness program). Support House to Home; more collaboration and adherence to evidence based practices for various homeless groups(Salvation Army, Latrobe St Mission; tie Medicaid funds for rehab/ treatment to successful outcomes-

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

Rehab- refit homes for people with disabilities, vets, seniors- check the Locust Program in Charlotte, NC; reduce taxes/ increase access resources so seniors can age in place- ie Legacy program in Atlanta

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Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	۲	0

For your top priority activities, what specific needs do you see in our community? What solutions would you propose?

Senior housing buildings

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provide low income housing to individuals and families in wood county

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something to do with the back pack people

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Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	0	۲

keeping money district 4 for its original purpose of use-

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allow low to moderate income families to be able to use home consortium monies even if the fall out of the income guidelines rather than using the money for storm sewers.

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I have lots of homeless people who have hurt my business with their stealing and destruction of property

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Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	0	

Emergency shelter or shelters for homeless people who can't be connect d quickly

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Help the police as they spend too much time dealing with homeless people

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Affordable housing

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The homeless population has exploded since I opened my business and their behaviors including theft, trespassing, public deification, urination have hurt my business the past few years, I am losing customers daily who no longer feel safe and my daily activity is dominated with dealing with these people and their actions.

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Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	۲	0
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	0	۲

Develop an emergency shelter for homeless people to be placed while they are set up with help for their issues so that they are not back logging the hospital and the police officers.

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

Too many shelters in town are not doing their job; those in existence are not helping they are attracting homeless from out of town and out of state.

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Homeless people have become an impediment to my business

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**Emergency Short Term Shelter** 

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Police Officer support

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Veteran's Group
Civil Rights Organization
Fair Housing Organization
Organization Serving People with Disabilities
None of the Above
Other:

- a. Individuals or families experiencing homelessness
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- e. Little to no direct involvement

	Of no importance	Of little importance	Somewhat important	Most important
Production and preservation of affordable housing (acquisition, construction, conversion, or rehabilitation of rental housing)	0	۲	0	0
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	0	۲	0	0
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	0	۲
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	0	۲

A short term facility that could be used to temporarily house those that need assistance while a resolution to their circumstance can be facilitated.

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Tenant Based Rental Assistance	$\bigcirc$	0	۲	0
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	0	۲
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	0	

A temporary facility that has access to ALL services, to get them where they need to be

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Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0		0

Wood County is one of the most prolifically needy counties in the state of WV in regards to substance use, mental health, and issues of homelessness. With the largest rate of homelessness in the WV Balance of State CoC (44 counties) and a homelessness profile largely made up of highly vulnerable people, Parkersburg is ground zero for a homelessness crisis of epic proportions in any community, but certainly by WV standards. Deeply accepting of the criminalization of homelessness and the 'driving out' of people from the community while making it more and more difficult to serve people in the community through harassment of active negligence of clients, non-profit providers, and those attempting to provide recovery services, Parkersburg's problems will continue to multiply, become more severe, and have greater impact on the community-at-large. Belief in common myths such as 'creating more services will draw people here' when the data clearly show that the problem is a local one (71% of the persons served in the homelessness response system from 7/1/20-6/1/22 were local to Wood County) will compound the problem further. The issue in and of itself is already larger than the local capacity to address it affectively. HOME ARP should be used to the fullest extent to create new, creative forms of accessible, affordable housing in the area, while arming providers who utilize best practices with historic levels of Tenant Based Rental Assistance to compliment those units already allocated to Parkersburg/Wood County and the Supportive Services including prevention and intensive case management to keep more people from becoming homeless while ensuring that people who are currently homeless can be placed into housing and kept there (homelessness proofed) so that the problem can be first lessened in Wood County and potentially ended altogether. In short, resources should be allocated to house and provide services for individuals and families so that homelessness can, treatment and supportive services can begin, and the clearly visceral problem of homelessness and substance use can be addressed for the impact it is having on vulnerable people and the public at large. HOME ARP could provide an opportunity to create a solid plan and bring resources to scale to grater improve conditions in Parkersburg proper with positive, resonating impact throughout Wood County.

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WVCEH currently provides over \$500,000 in homelessness assistance (between housing subsidies and human resources/staff) in Parkersburg, and clearly this is not solving the prevalent problem of homelessness in the area. Any influx of resources would be critical in solving the homelessness and substance use issues in Parkersburg, but more critical would be the will of the City and County to deal with the problem at hand, not the problem they wish to be present. Only through proper planning, direct action like provision of housing and supportive services, and appropriate follow-up services and community partnership amongst stakeholders, all of which WVCEH is willing to facilitate under proper circumstances, will be problem of homelessness be properly alleviated in the area. The will must be present, beyond the allocation of HOME-ARP resources, to see a way to truly ending the problem by taking services to those who need them the most. Bussing, policing, and punitive policies will not alleviate the problem, or they would have by now.
HOME-ARP Public Survey

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The homeless explosion has hurt my families business

How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

	Of no importance	Of little importance	Somewhat important	Most important
Production and preservation of affordable housing (acquisition, construction, conversion, or rehabilitation of rental housing)	۲	0		$\bigcirc$
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	۲	0	0	0
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	۲	0
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0		0

Emergency shelter to allow for the police to take homeless someplace safe where they can stay while they get connected to services for help

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

Anything to allow the business community some relief from the assault on our livelihoods and ability to conduct business

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Other: Non-profit serving low-moderate income	e families	

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Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	۲	0
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	۲	0	$\bigcirc$

Funding

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- None of the Above
- Other:

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How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

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Tenant Based Rental Assistance	0	0		0
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	$\bigcirc$		0
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	۲	0

Short term emergency shelter for law enforcement

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None of the Above	
Other:	

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How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

<i>14</i>	Of no importance	Of little importance	Somewhat important	Most important
Production and preservation of affordable housing (acquisition, construction, conversion, or rehabilitation of rental housing)	0	0	0	۲
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	0	0	0	۲
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	۲	0
Development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	۲	0

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- Homeless Service Provider
- Domestic Violence Service Provider
- Veterans Group
- Civil Rights Organization
- Fair Housing Organization
- Organization Serving People with Disabilities
- Other Organization Addressing Qualifying Populations (see next question)
- Other: SUD population

Which of the following Qualifying Populations does your organization have involvement?

- Individuals or families experiencing homelessness
- Individuals or families at risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, of trafficking
- Other at greatest risk of housing instability
  - Little to no direct involvement with these populations

Describe the demographic composition (ages, income source and amount, number of people, ect) of qualifying populations your organization serves.

20-50 and little to no income. I have about 25 clients that could qualify for assistance due to the rental assistance program in WV ending.

How would you prioritize the following allowable activities? *					
	Of no importance	Of little importance	Somewhat important	Most important priority	
Production and preservation of affordable housing (acquisition, construction, conversion, or rehabilitation of rental housing)	0	0	$\bigcirc$		
Tenant based rental assistance	0	0	0		
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	0	0	0		
Purchase and development of non-congregate shelter	0	0	0	۲	

clean, safe, stable housing

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

More stable, safe and clean housing where those who are in recovery can live.

If your organization would like to continue consultation with the Consortium, please provide your contact information, including name, email, phone number, and address.

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- Other: Child Advocacy Center

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3-18 yoa, physically or sexually abused.

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Tenant based rental assistance	0	0	٢	0
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling	$\bigcirc$	0		$\bigcirc$
Purchase and development of non-congregate shelter		0	0	

Temporary housing for children removed because of abuse. CPS is using hotels.

How would you prioritize the following allowable activities?\*

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16-senior workers, low income, dislocated workers, unemployed/underemployed, veterans, those with barriers to employment

How would you prioritize the following allowable activities? *					
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Production and preservation of affordable housing (acquisition, construction, conversion, or rehabilitation of rental housing)	0	0		0	
Tenant based rental assistance	0	0	۲	0	
Supportive services, including homeless prevention and housing counseling		$\bigcirc$	۲	0	
Purchase and development of non-congregate shelter	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	۲	$\bigcirc$	

A work based, career/talent pipeline development system that allows self worth and ownership of ones achievements,

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

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83% of our clients served fall at low to moderate income income levels; all ages 18+, all races)

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For your top priority activities, what specific needs do you see in our community? What solutions would you propose?

Rental prices are high, even for substandard rentals. Potential renters moving from homelessness need guidance on affordability and even empowerment toward homeownership when the time is right. Also, there are more homeownership barriers than ever before for low to moderate income households due to high home prices, high interest rates, strict credit requirements, which all create affordability issues. These barriers can be overcome with housing counseling guidance from a HUD certified counselor who can help an individual/family understand and live within their affordability, improve their credit-worthiness, and preserve these important tasks throughout homeownership.

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

Please consider including Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Mid-Ohio Valley and our valuable housing counseling programs as a recipient of HOME-ARP funding. We staff 2 certified HUD housing counselors, are a HUD certified housing counseling agency, have 51 years of financial guidance experience, and have close partnerships with many housing professionals in our community that are equipped to assist Parkersburg residents through housing crises and toward their housing goals.

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Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Mid-Ohio Valley, Shelene Shrewsbury, shelene@wvcccs.org, 304-485-6280, 2435 Dudley Avenue, PO Box 7, Parkersburg, WV 26101

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Transitional Living Program serves youth ages 16-23 who are homeless by federal definitions - living on the streets, couch surfing, or their place of habitation is not fit for human habitation or is dangerous to them. The agency as a whole also operates a Family Support Center offering a Food, Hygiene, Clothing, and Baby Pantry; as well as Early Childhood Services of Parents as Teachers, Right from the Start and Birth to Three; Youth Emergency Shelter; Foster Care and Adoption; Safe at Home and CSED Wraparound Programs; Healthy Grandfamilies Program; WE CAN Mentoring Program and other assistance as we are able to children and families and homeless individuals.

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Affordable housing options - helping landlords defray the costs of rent with a sliding scale to allow people to slowly build up their ability to pay their full rent.

Is there anything else you would like to add as it relates to the HOME-ARP funding?

I think this is a valuable resource that can really benefit this community as we are seeing an increase in homeless youth. We do know that being able to intervene and house youth who are homeless increases their likelihood of a successful outcome. They are less likely to use substances, commit criminal acts, and become victims themselves.

If your organization would like to continue consultation with the Consortium, please provide your contact information, including name, email, phone number, and address.

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People with disabilities from birth through senior citizens of all socio-economic areas. @5,000 annually.

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Greater collaboration. More community involvement.

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