HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template with Guidance

Instructions: All guidance in this template, including questions and tables, reflect requirements for the HOME-ARP allocation plan, as described in Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, unless noted as optional. As the requirements highlighted in this template are not exhaustive, please refer to the Notice for a full description of the allocation plan requirements as well as instructions for submitting the plan, the SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and the certifications.

References to "the ARP" mean the HOME-ARP statute at section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2).

Consultation

In accordance with Section V.A of the Notice (page 13), <u>before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan</u>, at a minimum, a PJ must consult with:

- CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area,
- homeless service providers,
- domestic violence service providers,
- veterans' groups,
- public housing agencies (PHAs),
- public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and
- public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state's boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

There is only one CoC serving Pinal County's geographic area: the Arizona Balance of State CoC (AZBOSCoC).

There are two public housing agencies serving Pinal County's geographic area: Pinal County Housing Authority, and City of Eloy Housing Authority.

The Pinal County consultation process included reviewing system level data and seeking input from the AZBOSCoC, the Pinal County and City of Eloy Housing Authorities, and community partners regarding their identification of needs and gaps, as follows:

Consultation with organizations regarding the following Qualifying Populations included:

1. Homeless

- The Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care (AZBOSCoC) is the only CoC serving Pinal County's geographic area. The Arizona Department of Housing serves as the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS lead agency for the AZBOSCoC for the 13 non-metro counties in Arizona. Pinal County is one of the 13 counties located within the AZBOSCoC geographic area. The AZBOSCoC is composed of representatives from Local Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH). The LCEH's are county based and represent geographically and culturally diverse communities throughout the state of Arizona. Pinal County is the Lead Agency for the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness.
- On August 2, 2022, Pinal County consulted via e-mail with the AZBOSCoC to obtain their input regarding unmet housing and homeless services needs within Pinal County. The AZBOSCoC identified a need for non-congregate shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and rental housing affordable to households with income less than 30% AMI. The AZBOSCoC also stated that a broad range of supportive services with emphasis on mental health, navigation, diversion, life skills, and vehicle repairs to ensure transportation are currently missing in the service delivery system. The AZBOSCoC also added that housing that is accessible and affordable to people with disabilities and to seniors, and shelter and services with for people with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and for unaccompanied youth and families with children are missing.
- On August 16, 2021, Pinal County hosted an on-site visit to a potential project site. Agencies who participated in the on-site visit were the Pinal County Housing Authority, and two housing and homeless service providers. During the on-site visit, there was a conversation about using some of the vacant housing units for emergency shelter and transitional housing. The agencies were concerned about the logistics of having service providers nearby, as the project site was a former army base and was located in an undeveloped area without access to public transportation.
- On October 12, 2021 during the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness meeting, Pinal County staff discussed the potential project site referenced above. Several providers were in the room and provided feedback about the potential project. The conclusion was that the location was not conducive to the participants being able to easily access services, employment, shopping, and other supports.
- Pinal County emailed a survey to 72 community stakeholders on January 20, 2022. The results are included in the table below.

- On January 11, 2022, Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness hosted a discussion with Director Simplot from Arizona Department of Housing regarding homelessness and housing needs in Pinal County. The results are included in the table below.
- On January 21, 2022 Pinal County held a virtual meeting to consult with the City of Eloy housing development representatives, affordable housing developers Chicanos Por La Causa, and a consultant from Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to discuss potential affordable housing development projects in the City of Eloy. Chicanos Por La Causa is currently looking for project sites within the City of Eloy.
- On January 24, 2022 Pinal County held one in person/virtual meeting. Pinal County is the Lead Agency for the Pinal Coalition to End Homelessness, one of 13 coalitions included in the Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care. The results are included in the table below.

At Risk of Homelessness

- Pinal County consulted in person with Helping, Honoring, Hiring our Heroes of Pinal County (HOHP) which partners with federal, state, and local organizations to provide services to Veterans and Military Families in Pinal County. HOHP commented that services missing for the at risk of homelessness population are long term follow up and long term housing that is affordable.
- Pinal County consulted via email with National Community Health Partners (NCHP), which provides veterans and their families the assistance they need to get and maintain stable housing. NCHP reported resources needed to achieve housing stability are eviction prevention funds that can be used with housing vouchers, employment and affordable grocery options, information on where to access food pantries. It is difficult to locate and access services in the more remote parts of the County.
- Pinal County consulted with the Arizona Balance of State CoC via email, which stated
 that a broad range of supportive services are needed to assist with achieving housing
 stability, with emphasis on services navigation, life skills and vehicle repairs so at risk
 individuals can access employment and needed services.
- 3. Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Human Trafficking
- Pinal County consulted with Against Abuse, Inc. (AAI), in person. AAI is a private non-profit organization which provides prevention and intervention services to individuals and families affected by family violence. AAI stated the following housing resources and services are most in need in Pinal County:
 - Transportation: There are a limited number of jobs that aren't near a survivor's abuser. A survivor must have dependable transportation to maintain employment.

- Affordable housing units: Housing Choice Vouchers are limited. There is a lack of affordable rental housing in Pinal County.
- Child care expenses: Survivors cannot maintain employment if they cannot afford child care.
- o Furniture and appliances are not usually covered by funding sources.
- Pinal County consulted with A New Leaf via email. A New Leaf provides shelter and support services for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. A New Leaf reported that the greatest unmet housing need is the lack of safe and affordable housing for survivors and the ongoing support and stability if/when they do get housing. This is especially difficult for single parents with children, as rents and daycare are expensive. Community based DV support, advocacy, and ongoing case management beyond the first few months in housing is a service that would greatly benefit survivors as well. Being able to establish safe and natural supports and connections can help survivors stabilize in housing and reduce their risk of future housing insecurity.
- 4. Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability
- Pinal County consulted with Southwest Fair Housing Council via email, and responded that more transitional housing, shelters, and landlords willing to work with re-entry population (formerly incarcerated) are needed. Also stated that education for renters about their fair housing rights and how to reach out when they fall victim to housing discrimination are needed. Also stated that more wraparound services are needed for high needs populations to keep them stably housed.
- Pinal County consulted with the Pinal County Housing Authority in person, who commented that resources missing are housing units and case managers. Most needed is long term rental housing.
- Pinal County attempted to consult with the City of Eloy Housing Authority via phone and e-mail, but no response was received.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Salvation Army Apache Junction	Homeless service provider	Survey response	Resources missing are rental assistance, heat relief, safe shelter, funding, and personnel. Most needed is long term rental housing, supportive services, TBRA.
Pinal County Housing Authority	Public housing authority	Survey Response	Resources missing are housing units and case managers. Most

			needed is long term rental housing.
Molina Complete Care	Healthcare provider	Survey Response	Resources missing are apartment units, shelter, and housing units within an appropriate location to services and basic necessities. Most needed is long term rental housing, NCS with option to vert to permanent housing.
Pinal County Public Health	Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations	Survey Response	Resources missing are affordable housing units and transportation. Most needed is long term rental housing, supportive services, TBRA.
Catalysts Helping Increase Potential	Homeless service provider	Survey Response	Resources missing are landlords willing to accept Section 8 vouchers, funding. Most needed is long term rental housing, NCS with option to convert to permanent housing, supportive services, and TBRA. Also need local motels willing to partner with agencies for NCS.
Southwest Fair Housing Council	Organization that addresses fair housing, civil rights.	Survey Response	Responded that more transitional housing, shelters, and landlords willing to work with re-entry population (formerly incarcerated) are needed. Also stated that education for renters about their fair housing rights and how to reach out when they fall victim to housing discrimination are needed. Also stated that more wraparound services are needed for high needs populations to keep them stably housed.
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System	Veterans' group	Email Survey	No response received
Central Arizona Council on Developmental Disabilities	Organization that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities	E-mail Survey	No response received
Helping, Honoring, Hiring our Heroes of Pinal County	Veterans' group	Survey Response	Homeless population: Service most needed is transportation to services. Affordable emergency shelter and affordable housing is most needed for housing needs. At risk population: services missing are long term follow up,

			long term housing that is affordable.
National Community Health Partners	Veterans' group	Survey Response	Resources needed are more HUD VASH vouchers for Pinal County, and more low barrier shelters. Services needed to locate and secure housing include housing navigation, more affordable units within the rent standard, resources to assist with paying security deposits and application fees, transportation assistance. Resources needed to achieve housing stability are eviction prevention funds that can be used with housing vouchers, employment and affordable grocery options, information on where to access food pantries. It is difficult to locate and access services in the more remote parts of the County.
Arizona Dept. of Veterans Services	Veterans' group	Email Survey	No response received
Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS)	Homeless service provider	Virtual meetings April 8 and May 10, 2021	CASS is interested in expanding into Pinal County. However they have commitments in Maricopa County. There may be future potential.
Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness	Local Coalition to End Homelessness within the Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care	Virtual meeting January 11, 2022	The Coalition welcomed Director Simplot from ADOH and discussed homelessness and housing needs in PC. Coalition members expressed the following needs, challenges, and gaps in resources for homeless and unstably housed households in PC: 1. There is a shortage of for profit and non-profit housing developers willing to build and operate affordable housing projects in PC. 2. There is a lack of navigation and resource centers to assist homeless individuals in locating and utilizing available resources.

Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC)	Affordable housing developer	Virtual meeting January 21, 2022	3. There is a gap between single family homes and other housing options such as apartments, condominiums, and townhomes. 4. There is a shortage of longer term supportive housing programs. High market rents make sustaining rent difficult after rental subsidies have ended. CPLC has two types of affordable housing development programs for low income households. CPLC has its own financing and construction programs and would like to build in Eloy, AZ.
City of Eloy	Public agency that address the needs of qualifying populations	Virtual meeting January 21, 2022	City of Eloy would like to partner with CPLC and Pinal County to develop affordable housing.
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)	Distressed cities technical assistance provider to city of Eloy	Virtual meeting January 21, 2022	LISC is providing technical assistance to the City of Eloy to assist with affordable housing development.
Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness	Local Coalition to End Homelessness within the Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care	In person/virtual meeting January 24, 2022	Most needed is long term rental housing and NCS with option to convert to permanent housing.
Higher Heights	Mental health service provider	In person/virtual meeting January 24, 2022	Resources missing are shelter, single family homes, collaboration with community partners, and accessibility to identification. Most needed is long term rental housing, non-congregate shelter (NCS) with option to convert to permanent housing, supportive services, and TBRA.
Against Abuse, Inc.	Domestic violence service provider	In person/virtual meeting January 24, 2022	Need affordable housing development, public transportation, child care and employment.
Horizon Health and Wellness	Healthcare provider	In person/virtual meeting January 24, 2022	There is a lack of emergency shelters in many or our small communities. There is also a lack of landlords who want to participate in subsidized housing

			programs. Transportation for housing search is needed.
Community Action	Homeless service	In person/virtual	Case management, landlord
Human Resources	provider	meeting January	incentives, NCS, affordable
Agency	Community (24, 2022	housing are needed.
Pinal Partnership	Community development group	In person/virtual meeting January 24, 2022	Would like to connect investors and developers in Pinal Partnership with funding for affordable housing development. There is a lack of affordable and workforce housing in Pinal County.
Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care	CoC	E-mail	The AZBOSCoC identified a need for non-congregate shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and rental housing affordable to households with income less than 30% AMI. The AZBOSCoC also stated that a broad range of supportive services with emphasis on mental health, navigation, diversion, life skills, and vehicle repairs to ensure transportion are currently missing in the service delivery system. The AZBOSCoC also added that housing that is accessible and affordable to people with disabilities and to seniors, and shelter and services with for people with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and for unaccompanied youth and families with children are missing.
City of Eloy Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Telephone and e- mail survey	No response received.

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

There was an overwhelming response that affordable rental housing units are most needed in Pinal County. Respondents stated:

- Developing more affordable housing units, and engaging more landlords to accept tenants assisted with publicly funded housing programs are the primary means to increase the affordable housing supply.
- Housing case management and supportive services are also needed to assist households with maintaining their housing.
- There is a lack of consistent, reliable emergency shelter beds.

 Transportation is needed for housing and employment search, and to participate in services. Information on where to access food pantries, housing services, and affordable grocery options.

Based on the feedback received, Pinal County decided to allocate its HOME AFP funds primarily to affordable rental housing development, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and supportive services.

Public Participation

In accordance with Section V.B of the Notice (page 13), PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

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

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

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

- *Date(s) of public notice:* June 9, 2022
- *Public comment period:* June 10, 2022 July 6, 2022
- *Date(s) of public hearing:* July 6, 2022

Describe the public participation process:

On July 6, 2022 Pinal County Board of Supervisors hosted a public hearing to review the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan and provide an opportunity for the public to comment and make recommendations on the proposed plan. Notice of the public hearing was posted in the

newspaper, at the Pinal County Housing Authority, Pinal County Library District, on the Pinal County Grants website, and at other Pinal County public information outlets via the Pinal County Public Information Officer.

During the public hearing on July 6, 2022, the following comment was received:

Pinal County District 1 Supervisor Cavanaugh asked how much of Pinal County's HOME ARP Allocation is for administrative costs compared to housing development. Heather Patel, Pinal County Grant Administrator, responded \$500,335 is allocated for Pinal County Administrative and Planning, Operating Expenses for CHDO's and Non-profits, and Capacity Building Assistance for Non-profits; and \$1,720,832 is allocated for TBRA, Supportive Services, and Affordable Rental Housing Development. The ratio of indirect costs to direct costs of delivering services and creating housing is 22:78.

No other comments were received during the public hearing on July 6, 2022.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

On June 9, 2022 Pinal County emailed the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan to all members of the Pinal County Local Coalition to End Homelessness (90 individuals) and to the Executive Directors of the Casa Grande Homeless Coalition and the Genesis Project Resource Center in Apache Junction to solicit their feedback, comments, and recommendations.

On June 14, 2022 Pinal County presented an overview of the allocation plan to the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness to solicit feedback, comments, and recommendations. The following comments were received:

- 1. Mary Lou Rosales, CAHRA indicated all the selected projects were great.
- Pat with Ahaya Living and Recovery Center asked if funding was still available for her organization to apply. She was advised that all funds were allocated according to the presented plan.
- 3. Maria-Elena Ochoa, Against Abuse congratulated Pinal County in the projects and the new housing being created.
- 4. Mary K. Allen, City of Casa Grande sent an email indicating, "Nice job with your HOME allocation plan. You did a nice job ensuring the funds were disbursed throughout the county and addressing many of the homeless needs. Good luck at your BOS meeting."

The following clause is placed on all public hearing notices:

"It is the policy of Pinal County to ensure services are meaningfully accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the requirement of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Pinal County Board of Supervisors and Pinal County Board of Directors do not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities admission to public meetings. If you need accommodation for a meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board Office at (520) 866-6068, at least (3) three business days prior to the meeting (not including weekends or holidays) so that your request may be accommodated."

The reference to a request for accommodation includes language translations, including sign language.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

The comments and recommendations received through the public participation process were supportive of the allocation plan. There was no opposition or negative feedback received on the proposed allocation plan.

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

No comments or recommendations were not accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of <u>all four</u> of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

Template:

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless					
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis		
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households		
Total Rental Units	102,046				
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	5,355				
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	4,855				
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		5,685			
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		5,070			
Current Gaps			545		

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

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

1. Population experiencing homelessness – 2022 Point in Time (PIT) Count data show there are a total of 257 homeless individuals, comprised of 176 households, in Pinal County.

# of households	176
# of individuals	257
# of households with children	5

Demographic breakdown is as follows:

Age	Percentage of	Number of Individuals
	Total	
25-64 years	80%	206
18-24 years	11%	29
65 years and older	6%	14
Under 18 years	3%	8
Total	100%	257

Gender	Percentage of Total	Number of Individuals
Male	64%	164
Female	34%	88
Not Singularly M/F	<1%	2
Questioning	<1%	2
Non Binary	<1%	1
Total	100%	257

Race	Percentage of	Number of
	Total	Individuals
White	74%	191
Many/Multiple Races	10%	25
Native American	11%	27
African American	5%	14
Asian	0%	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%	0
Total	100%	257

In addition:

- 73 individuals interviewed (41%) self-identified as chronically homeless, meaning they have a disability and have been unsheltered for at least the past twelve months.
- 68 individuals interviewed (39%) reported they are a survivor of domestic violence, with 39 reporting domestic violence caused their homelessness.
- 14 individuals interviewed (8%) reported they served in the armed forces.
- 2. There are currently 117 individuals on the Pinal County By Name List, 15% (17 individuals) of which are veterans.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

An individual or family is at risk of homelessness if they have an annual income below 30% of median family income for the area, have been notified their current living situation will be terminated or otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability, and do not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from entering into homelessness.

In Pinal County, according to the 2020 Census, 11% of the population is living below the federal poverty income threshold, which translates to roughly 50,000 persons. In 2020, the federal poverty income threshold equaled 24% of area median income, demonstrating at least 11% of Pinal County's population have annual household incomes below 30% of the area median income. Further increasing the risk of homelessness is the rental housing market, where a shortage of supply is driving up rents, making affordable housing more and more difficult to secure and maintain.

Rental assistance programs provided through Pinal County (U.S. Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program) in 2021 served 2,683 persons with rental assistance to prevent eviction and/or maintain stable housing. An additional 318 households received assistance with mortgage payments, rent payments, HOA fees, and utility payments funded by Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding in 2021. The recipients of these supportive services represent those with the greatest risk of housing instability. Source: Pinal County Finance Department, Grants Division.

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

During 2021 there were a total of 392 unduplicated domestic violence victims served by emergency shelters (this includes 177 accompanying children). In addition, 52 unduplicated individuals (19 adults, 33 children) lived in transitional housing, 22 unduplicated individuals (7 adults, 15 children) received rapid rehousing assistance, and 5 unduplicated individuals (2 adults, 3 children) received homeless prevention assistance. Source: Against Abuse, Inc., and Community Alliance Against Family Abuse.

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

Pinal County defines "other populations" as households who have previously been qualified as homeless, 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.

"Other populations" size:

Assistance Type	Number	Number on Waiting List
Housing vouchers currently in use	457	1,991
Public housing units currently occupied	139	3,840
Households assisted with rent, mortgage, HOA fees, or utility payments to prevent eviction or maintain stable housing in 2021	3,001	N/A

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

Current housing programs and homeless services within Pinal County include:

Agency	Resource		
Higher Heights	3 Weeks Emergency Shelter		
	Assistance with obtaining identification		
Horizon Health and	Supportive Housing for homeless individuals with Serious		
Wellness	Mental Illness		
Against Abuse	Homeless Prevention		
	Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence		
	Rapid Rehousing for Domestic Violence		
	Transitional living for Domestic Violence		
Community Bridges	Rapid Rehousing for homeless individuals with Simulant Use or		
	Opioid Use Disorder		
	Street outreach		
Pinal County Housing	Rapid Rehousing		
Authority	Emergency Housing Vouchers		
AZ Dept. of Veterans	Homeless Prevention for Veterans		
Services	Rental assistance for Veterans		
Catalysts Helping Increase	Street outreach		
Potential	Assistance with obtaining identification		
	Support services		
Compassion Connect	Assistance with obtaining identification		
CAHRA	Emergency Shelter		
	Eviction Prevention		

	Rapid Rehousing
	Utility Assistance
National Community	Homeless Prevention for Veterans
Health Partners	Rapid Rehousing for Veterans
Community Partnership of	Emergency Shelter
Southern Arizona	Rapid Rehousing
Southern Arizona	HUD VASH Vouchers
Veterans Administration	
Health Care System	
CAAFA – Turn a New Leaf	Housing stabilization services for DV
HOPE, Inc.	Peer support
	Case management
	Outreach
	Wraparound services

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Of the 176 currently homeless households identified in the 2022 PIT:

- 103 households need short to mid-term supportive housing interventions (such as rapid rehousing, TBRA, or housing choice vouchers)
- 73 households need permanent supportive housing (households who meet the definition of chronically homeless)

In Pinal County, there is a lack of landlords willing to participate in subsidized rental programs to assist homeless households with securing and maintaining housing placements. The availability of long term, affordable rental housing is the biggest unmet housing need among our homeless population.

Unmet service needs among our homeless population include street outreach, housing navigation, and transportation.

Additional street outreach is needed to engage with individuals and build trust so they will be receptive to receiving assistance to secure housing and other services to improve their quality of life and move them toward housing stability. Once individuals are engaged and ready to seek housing, housing navigators and case managers are needed to work individually with clients to overcome the barriers that have prevented them from maintaining stable living situations. Transportation is needed so individuals can look for housing, access mainstream services, utilize resource centers, and meet with case managers.

Capacity building among our non-profit service providers is needed to provide supportive services such as transportation, assistance with locating and applying for housing, securing public benefits, employment assistance and job training, life skills training, and financial assistance for housing expenses must be in place and operational to successfully move individuals from homelessness to housing. Pinal County intends to fund three non-profit

agencies with capacity development assistance and operating expense assistance to hire and train new staff and expand current operations to successfully carry out HOME ARP funded activities.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Currently housed populations at risk of homelessness – households who have an annual income below 50% area median income need assistance with securing and maintaining employment, transportation, accessing entitlement programs such as Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, and Medicaid, and developing a network of natural supports to minimize housing instability.

More affordable rental housing development and affordable homeowner housing development is needed so households are not subject to unaffordable rent increases due to market conditions. More long term affordable housing units are needed to reduce the number of times households have to move due to rent increases.

Additionally, households exiting rapid rehousing programs are in need of after care and follow up after housing has been secured to ensure their housing placement is successful, and address any challenges or obstacles that could jeopardize the housing placement.

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

The greatest unmet housing need is the lack of safe and affordable housing for survivors and the ongoing support and stability if and when they get housed. Longer term rental assistance subsidies, such as TBRA, is needed to give survivors the time needed to overcome the trauma and challenges that DV Survivors face.

Community based DV support, advocacy, and ongoing case management beyond the first few months in housing is needed to establish safe and natural support systems to reduce the risk of future housing insecurity.

Transportation is also needed when a survivor does not have a vehicle and they must travel to obtain employment. Often available housing and available employment are not located in the same vicinity. There is also an unmet need of financial assistance for childcare for working survivors.

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

Unmet service needs include wraparound type services based on a households individual needs to stabilizing the housing placement. Wraparound type services include employment assistance and job training, life skills training, credit repair, assistance accessing mental health and substance abuse treatment services, legal services, and other services that will assist the family to succeed in maintaining stable housing.

Individuals exiting correctional facilities as especially vulnerable as securing housing for those with criminal histories is especially difficult. Education for tenants and landlords about fair housing rights is necessary to prevent housing discrimination.

Households who depend on financial assistance for housing are at greatest risk of housing instability. Unmet housing and service needs for this population include availability of landlords who are willing to work with subsidized housing programs, education and employment services, and transportation assistance.

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

Pinal County has no brick and mortar shelters, with the exception of domestic violence shelters. Emergency shelter is provided through motel vouchers. There is a lack of willing hotels that will accept the motel vouchers. Even if there is funding for emergency shelter, it is often difficult for service providers to find available hotel rooms, because hotel rates are very high, the hotels do not want to serve this population, or there is no vacancy.

There is a shortage of approximately 330 housing units affordable to households at or below 30% AMI in Pinal County, and a shortage of approximately 215 housing units affordable to households at or below 50% AMI. Source: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS).

Within the service delivery system, here is a need for housing navigators who can advocate for their clients and work one on one to pair clients with landlords. There is also a need for landlord engagement activities to cultivate trusted and mutually beneficial relationships with landlords in Pinal County. For rapid rehousing programs, rents must be at or below HUD's established fair market rate. Across the nation rental rates have increased well above HUD's established fair market rate. In addition, many landlords have monthly income requirements and credit score requirements that the qualifying populations cannot meet. Because there is a shortage of affordable rental housing, landlords are choosier about who they rent to, and many of them simply do not want to work with our programs.

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of "other populations" that are "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability," as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

Pinal County does not use the "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability" definition for "other populations", and therefore has no response to this question.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Priority needs for all qualifying populations (QP's) include the development of affordable rental housing and the delivery of supportive services to increase housing stability among all QP's.

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

Pinal County used preliminary 2022 PIT County numbers to determine the number of level of need for shelter and housing among the homeless population.

Using data from CHAS, Pinal County looked at the inventory of rental units affordable to households with income below 30% AMI, compared to the number of households with income 0-30% of AMI in Pinal County. This deficit is the level of need for the At Risk of Homelessness population.

Likewise, the inventory of rental units affordable to households at 50% AMI was compared to the number of households with income at 30-50% AMI to determine the level of need for Other Populations.

In addition, Pinal County used in person and virtual meetings with community stakeholders, as well as a stakeholder input survey, to determine gaps in the service delivery system and shelter and housing inventory.

HOME-ARP Activities

Template:

Describe the method(s)that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

On January 24, 2022, Pinal County hosted a public meeting to announce the availability of HOME-ARP funds, provide an overview of eligible HOME-ARP activities and program requirements, solicit stakeholder input, identify current, pipeline, and missing resources, and release a Letter of Interest to serve as an application for HOME-ARP funding. Notice of the public meeting was posted in the newspaper, at the Pinal County Housing Authority, Pinal County Library District, on the Pinal County Grants website, and at other Pinal County public information outlets via the Pinal County Public Information Officer. The Letter of Interest was reviewed during the public meeting, and stakeholders were invited to apply for HOME-ARP funding. Pinal County will contract with developers, service providers, and sub-recipients for all HOME-ARP activities. Pinal County reached out directly to non-profit affordable housing developers to encourage them to apply for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) status with Pinal County, as we currently do not have any CHDO's in Pinal County. The Letter of Interest was emailed to all Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness members. In addition, the HOME ARP Overview and Letter of Interest was posted on the Pinal County Grants website.

Pinal County received six Letters of Interest in response to the solicitation. County staff reviewed the proposed projects to ensure they are HOME ARP eligible activities serving the HOME ARP qualifying populations. County staff completed a preliminary underwriting and subsidy layering analysis to determine if the projects were viable, and had in person meetings with all applicants to further discuss their projects and discuss any questions or concerns the

County had. At this time, Pinal County has conditionally funded part or all of the projects submitted through the Letter of Interest. Projects were selected to address the gap in available affordable rental housing and supportive services, and provide rental assistance to the qualifying populations within Pinal County. Affordable rental housing development projects will be funded in both Casa Grande and Apache Junction areas, with TBRA and supportive services projects funded throughout the County.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Pinal County is responsible for the administration of its entire HOME ARP grant.

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

No portion of the HOME-ARP administrative funds was provided to a sub-recipient or contractor prior to the submission or acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

In accordance with Section V.C.2. of the Notice (page 4), PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

Template:

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 461,228		
Acquisition and Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 333,779		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 925,825		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 107,160	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 60,000	3 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 333,175	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$2,221,167		

Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:

Priority needs include the development of affordable rental housing and the delivery of supportive services to increase housing stability and reduce returns to homelessness among Pinal County residents. 42% of Pinal County's HOME ARP allocation is conditionally awarded to three affordable rental housing development projects. 21% of Pinal County's HOME ARP allocation is conditionally awarded to four non-profit agencies to provide supportive services. To further assist all qualifying populations in maintaining stable housing, 15% of Pinal County's HOME ARP allocation is conditionally awarded to one agency to provide TBRA. The remainder of the HOME ARP allocation will support three non-profit agencies with expanding their capacity to carry out supportive services and rental housing development projects, and support Pinal County's administration of the HOME ARP program.

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

The insufficient supply of affordable rental housing in Pinal County has been an ongoing barrier to keeping individuals and families stably housed. Rising rent prices and home sales prices have caused individuals and families to relocate to more remote areas where less services and supports can be accessed.

There is an unmet need for housing navigation, housing case management, and landlord engagement. Often when households receive a housing voucher, or are participating in rapid rehousing services, they are unable to find a landlord who will rent to them because of the competitive nature of the rental housing market. In these cases the service delivery system gets stuck because households ready to move into housing get stalled and are unable to be housed.

There is an unmet need for services after housing move in. This includes long term case management, education and employment training, assistance accessing public services and programs, life skills training, and other supports that will increase housing stability and prevent a return to homelessness or housing instability.

With the exception of domestic violence shelters, there are no brick and mortar shelter in Pinal County. This makes engaging individuals with housing services even more difficult. Based on input received during the consultation process, Pinal County decided to focus on creating new affordable housing units, combined with robust supportive services, including case management and rental assistance, as the plan to serve all qualifying populations. Pinal County is funding affordable rental housing development projects and supportive services in areas of the County with the highest concentration of homeless and at risk of homelessness populations. These affordable rental housing projects, supportive services, and TBRA will be accessible to all HOME ARP qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Template

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

Pinal County will produce a minimum of 16 units of affordable rental housing, and support 15 units of affordable rental housing with its HOME ARP allocation.

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

The goal for Pinal County is to increase the supply of affordable rental housing and increase the availability of supportive services to reduce housing instability and prevent a return to homelessness for Pinal County QP's.

Pinal County has conditionally awarded the following HOME ARP projects:

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance to support 15 households for 18 months. Financial
 assistance to QP's may include rental assistance, security deposit payment, and utility
 deposit assistance. This project also includes personnel costs for one full time rapid
 rehousing case manager to assess, arrange, coordinate, and monitor the delivery of
 individualized services to QP's. TRBA may be provided for housing throughout Pinal
 County.
- 2. The development of 16 affordable housing rental units for permanent supportive housing. Eight of the rental units will consist of small mobile homes in near proximity to each other, at a location yet to be determined in the Casa Grande area. The other 8 rental units will result from rehabilitation of properties located in Apache Junction. All 16 units shall be occupied by individuals with serious mental illness or other disabilities who meet the criteria for one or more of the QP's. Supportive services will be provided to all residents of this project.

Meeting these housing production goals will address the County's priority needs by providing short to mid-term rental assistance to 15 households, and creating at least 16 new affordable housing rental units. These rental housing projects will be managed by non-profit operators, who will manage the properties and provide supportive services such as case management, education and employment training, assistance accessing public services and programs, life skills training, and other supports that will increase housing stability and prevent a return to homelessness or housing instability.

Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference

to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

Please note that HUD has also described a method of prioritization in other HUD guidance. Section I.C.4 of Notice CPD-17-01 describes Prioritization in CoC CE as follows:

"Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term "Prioritization" to refer 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. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice."

If a PJ is using a CE that has a method of prioritization described in CPD-17-01, then a PJ has preferences and a method of prioritizing those preferences. These must be described in the HOME-ARP allocation plan in order to comply with the requirements of Section IV.C.2 (page 10) of the HOME-ARP Notice.

In accordance with Section V.C.4 of the Notice (page 15), the HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give a preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive

eligibility requirements of another project funding source. If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan. For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

Template:

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

Based on the HOME ARP projects Pinal County intends to fund, the following preferences will be set:

- 1. Funding for Supportive Services provided to Against Abuse, Inc. will have a preference set to prioritize Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice.
- 2. Funding for Supportive Services provided to Honoring, Hiring, Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County will have a preference set for veterans and families that include a veteran family member in the Homeless population, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 *Homeless* (1), (2), or (3).
- 3. Funding for Supportive Services and TBRA provided to A New Leaf will have a preference set for Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness populations, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 *Homeless* (1), (2), or (3) and 24 CFR 91.5, respectively.
- 4. Funding for Supportive Services and Rental Housing Development to Higher Heights Human Services will have a preference set for Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness populations, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 *Homeless* (1), (2), or (3) and 24 CFR 91.5, respectively.
- 5. Funding for Rental Housing Development to Horizon Health and Wellness will have a preference set for Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness populations, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 Homeless (1), (2), or (3) and 24 CFR 91.5, respectively.

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

Individuals who meet the qualifying definition of Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness are most in need of housing and support services. The preferences set for each HOME ARP activity stated above are inherent to the operations of each individual agency selected to

provide HOME ARP activities. The agencies selected for funding have experience and resources in place to serve this specific population.

The preference for Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice, is a necessary preference, as this service provider only serves this population. This targeted assistance is needed for case management services to address the unmet need of locating safe, affordable housing and for ongoing support once the client is housed.

The preference for Homeless and At Risk of Homelessness for TBRA, rental housing projects, and supportive services, will decrease the number of individuals in need of short or medium term rental assistance, thereby filling a previously unmet need for affordable housing and supports to increase housing stability.

The preference for veterans and families that include a veteran in the Homeless population is a necessary preference, as this service provider only serves this population. This targeted assistance is needed to provide meals and groceries, and case management services to address the unmet need of outreach, engagement, and assist individuals in overcoming the barriers that have prevented them from maintaining stable living situations. Case management includes assisting clients with applying for and access to mainstream and veteran services.

Based on the 2022 point in time count, 8% (14 individuals) of Pinal County's unsheltered homeless population have served in the armed forces.

Currently, 15% (17 individuals) of the individuals on the Pinal County By Name List are veterans

Referral Methods

PJs are not required to describe referral methods in the plan. However, if a PJ intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the PJ must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page 10).

A PJ may use only the CE for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects and activities (as opposed to CE and other referral agencies or a waitlist) if the CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and implements the preferences and prioritization <u>established by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan</u>. A direct referral is where the CE provides the eligible applicant directly to the PJ, subrecipient, or owner to receive HOME-ARP TBRA, supportive services, admittance to a HOME-ARP rental unit, or occupancy of a NCS unit. In comparison, an indirect referral is where a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project or activity waitlist. Eligible applicants are then selected for a HOME-ARP project or activity from the waitlist.

The PJ must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in Section IV.C.2.ii) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in Section IV.C.2.iii) if:

- 1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to the PJ for the project or activity;
- 2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
- 3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE

If a PJ uses a CE that prioritizes one or more qualifying populations or segments of qualifying populations (e.g., prioritizing assistance or units for chronically homeless individuals first, then prioritizing homeless youth second, followed by any other individuals qualifying as homeless, etc.) then this constitutes the use of preferences and a method of prioritization. To implement a CE with these preferences and priorities, the PJ **must** include the preferences and method of prioritization that the CE will use in the preferences section of their HOME-ARP allocation plan. Use of a CE with embedded preferences or methods of prioritization that are not contained in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation does not comply with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page 10).

Template:

Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):

Pinal County intends to use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP projects, as follows:

- 1. Supportive Services provided by Against Abuse, Inc. will use a project/activity waiting list.
- 2. Supportive Services provided by Honoring, Hiring, Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County will use Coordinated Entry with additional referrals from outside organizations or project specific waiting lists.
- 3. Supportive Services and TBRA provided by A New Leaf will use Coordinated Entry with additional referrals from outside organizations or project specific waiting lists.
- 4. Supportive Services and Rental Housing by Higher Heights Human Services will use Coordinated Entry with additional referrals from outside organizations or project specific waiting lists.
- 5. Rental Housing by Horizon Health and Wellness will use Coordinated Entry with additional referrals from outside organizations or project specific waiting lists.

If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):

Pinal County is the lead agency for the Pinal County Local Coalition to End Homelessness (PCCEH), one of the 13 Coalitions that make up the Arizona Balance of State CoC (AZBOSCoC). There is no AZBOSCoC Coordinated Entry system. Each coalition within the AZBOSCoC has their own Coordinated Entry system. Pinal County hosts monthly Coordinated Entry / Case Conferencing / HMIS meetings and oversees and monitors the Coordinated Entry process within the geographical area served by Pinal County and the PCCEH.

Current Coordinated Entry processes used by Pinal County do not include all qualifying populations. Qualifying populations not included in the Coordinated Entry Process will be referred to HOME ARP projects by direct referrals from outside organizations to the service provider. The direct referral process will be detailed in the sub-recipient agreement with the service provider. The Coordinated Entry process will only be used for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects serving the Homeless QP.

HOME-ARP projects serving Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking; At Risk of Homelessness; and other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness will use direct referrals outside of the Coordinated Entry process as follows: outside organizations will refer an eligible applicant directly to the HOME-ARP projects providing the activities requested by the applicant. The providers of HOME-ARP services will use the established preferences for their programs to prioritize applicants for services.

If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

Pinal County will use the current Coordinated Entry process for direct referrals to HOME-ARP Projects serving the Homeless QP only.

Pinal County Coordinated Entry current process is to prioritize referrals for housing programs in the following order:

- 1. Chronic homelessness
- 2. Length of time homeless
- 3. VI-SPDAT score

If the PJ intends to use both a CE process established by the CoC and another referral method for a project or activity, describe any method of prioritization between the two referral methods, if any. (Optional):

Prioritization between CE process and direct referrals from organizations to HOME ARP activities will be based on a first come, first served basis. Applicants who meet the preference criteria for each program will be prioritized, regardless of the referral method.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Limiting eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project is only permitted under certain circumstances.

• PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.

- A PJ may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.
- Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.
- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population <u>if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan</u>.
- PJs may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

Template

Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

The PJ does not intend to limit eligibility for a HOME ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific population of a qualifying population.

If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Does not apply.

If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):

Does not apply.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

- Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity

 Does not apply.
- Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the
 property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that
 the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can
 be demonstrated.

Does not apply.

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

 Does not apply.
- Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.

 Does not apply
- State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

 Does not apply.
- Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable: Does not apply.



HOME-ARP Funding Public Meeting

January 24, 2022, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, AZ 85132, Ceremonial Courtroom
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/zgf-mrzk-aqr
Or dial: (US) +1 443-402-6852 PIN: 544 291 500#

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- 2. HOME-ARP Program Overview
- 3. Stakeholder Input
 - a. Current resources what housing programs and homeless services currently existing in Pinal County?
 - b. Pipeline resources what housing programs and homeless services are currently in development?
 - c. What resources are missing regarding shelter and housing?
 - d. What resources are missing regarding services to locate and secure housing?
 - e. What housing, shelter, or services are most needed to fill long-term (10-15 years) gaps for homeless and at risk of homelessness households?
 - i. Long term rental housing
 - ii. Non-congregate shelter with option to convert to permanent housing
 - iii. Supportive services for populations not already receiving services
 - iv. Tenant-based rental assistance
- 4. Letter of Interest for ESG, HOME and HOME ARP funding
- 5. Adjourn



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MEETING NOTES - Notes taken by Staci Parisi

1. The following individuals were in attendance:

Dynia Abraham, Against Abuse	Michelle Alberti, CAAFA – Turn a New Leaf	
Cecilia Cardona, Empact	Maria Chavoya, Arizona Complete Health	
Richard Cunningham, Catalysts Increasing	Taliashiere Williams, Pinal County Housing	
Human Potential	Authority	
Tammy Daniel, Catalysts Increasing Human	Mary Elena Ochoa, Against Abuse	
Potential		
Staci Parisi, Pinal County	Heather Patel, Pinal County	
Mary Lou Rosales, CAHRA	Joselyn Wilkinson, AZ Dept. of Veterans Affairs	
RaVette Taylor, Higher Heights	Barbara Joynes, Horizon Health and Wellness	
Dan Haley, HOPE Inc.	Deanna Bellinger, HOPE Inc.	
Rina Rien, Pinal Partnership	Tianna Cann, Higher Heights	
Rochelle Hooper, Higher Heights	Evelyn Guerrero, Chicanos Por La Causa	
Patricia Scott-Lopez, Arizona Complete Health	Sasha Hawman, Community Bridges	
Tiffany Chavez, Horizon Health and Wellness	Cinda Thorne, Molina Healthcare	
Melissa Weimer, City of Eloy		

- 2. HOME-ARP Program Overview See attached power point presentation.
- 3. Stakeholder Input Those in attendance were asked questions a. through e. See responses below each question.
 - a. Current resources what housing programs and homeless services currently existing in Pinal County?

Agency	Resource	
Higher Heights	3 Weeks Emergency Shelter	
	Assistance with obtaining identification	
Horizon Health and	Supportive Housing for homeless individuals with Serious Mental	
Wellness	Illness	
Against Abuse	Homeless Prevention	
	Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence	
	Rapid Rehousing for Domestic Violence	
	Transitional living for Domestic Violence	



Community Bridges	Rapid Rehousing for homeless individuals with Simulant Use or
	Opioid Use Disorder
	Street outreach
Pinal County Housing	Rapid Rehousing
Authority	Emergency Housing Vouchers
AZ Dept. of Veterans	Homeless Prevention for Veterans
Services	Rental assistance for Veterans
Catalysts Helping Increase	Street outreach
Potential	Assistance with obtaining identification
	Support services
Compassion Connect	Assistance with obtaining identification
CAHRA	Emergency Shelter
	Eviction Prevention
	Rapid Rehousing
	Utility Assistance
National Community Health	Homeless Prevention for Veterans
Partners	Rapid Rehousing for Veterans
Community Partnership of	Emergency Shelter
Southern Arizona	Rapid Rehousing
Southern Arizona Veterans	HUD VASH Vouchers
Administration Health Care	
System	
CAAFA – Turn a New Leaf	Housing stabilization services for DV
HOPE, Inc.	Peer support
	Case management
	Outreach
	Wraparound services

b. Pipeline resources – what housing programs and homeless services are currently in development?

Agency	Resource
Honoring, Hiring, Helping our Heroes of Pinal County (HOHP)	Transitional living program for 12 Veterans
City of Casa Grande	Pilot transportation program – similar to Uber or Lyft for a small fee each way

- c. What resources are missing regarding shelter and housing?
- Community buy in (agencies coordinating to make accessing identification easier when client has no identification)
- Street outreach
- Affordable housing units
- Non congregate shelter facility (other than hotels)
- Permanent supportive housing



- Emergency shelter options (hotels that will accept homeless individuals)
- Affordable housing/workforce housing developers
- Affordable rental housing management
 - d. What resources are missing regarding services to locate and secure housing?
- Housing case managers
- Housing navigators
- Housing database to locate available housing
- · Landlord engagement and incentives
- Landlord participation/cooperation
- Transportation for housing search
- Supportive services to help individuals pass background and credit checks
 - e. What housing, shelter, or services are most needed to fill long-term (10-15 years) gaps for homeless and at risk of homelessness households?
 - i. Long term rental housing (8 votes)
 - ii. Non-congregate shelter with option to convert to permanent housing (8 votes)
 - iii. Supportive services for populations not already receiving services (6 votes)
 - iv. Tenant-based rental assistance (4 votes)
- 4. Letter of Interest for ESG, HOME and HOME ARP funding see attached Letter of Interest if your agency would like to apply for ESG, HOME, and HOME ARP funding. Letters are due no later than March 7, 2022.

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Human				
Potential				

Public Meeting Notice

Pinal County Public Meetings on the use of HUD Program funding

FY2021 HOME ARP

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Pinal County to solicit input from community members to identify the needs, challenges, and gaps in resources for homeless and at risk of homelessness households within Pinal County. This process will support the creation of the County's allocation plan outlining the use of HUD HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds.

Pinal County would like to invite you to a public meeting. The meeting is to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems within our community. All Pinal County citizens are invited to provide input on which activities can be most impactful based on our community's specific needs and resources.

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Please contact Staci Parisi at (520) 866-6253 or by email at staci.parisi@pinal.gov with questions, comments, or project ideas. Comments must be received prior to the public meeting date.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, January 24, 2022	135 N. Pinal Street Ceremonial Courtroom Florence, Arizona 85132	2:00 pm

It is the policy of Pinal County to ensure services are meaningfully accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Upon request, auxiliary aids and accommodations are available to individuals with disabilities. Persons seeking accommodation should contact Pinal County at https://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/Grants/Pages/home.aspx or call 520-866-6253. Individuals with a hearing impairment can contact 711.

Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Reuniones públicas del condado de Pinal sobre el uso de los fondos del programa de HUD

HOME ARP Año fiscal 20-21

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE. UU. (HUD) requiere que el Condado de Pinal solicite la opinión de los miembros de la comunidad para identificar las necesidades, los desafíos y las deficiencias en los recursos para los que no tienen hogar y para los que están en riesgo de perder su hogar dentro del condado de Pinal. Este proceso apoyará la creación del plan de asignación del Condado que describe el uso de los fondos del Plan de Rescate Americano de HUD HOME (HOME-ARP).

El condado de Pinal desea invitarlo a una reunión pública. La reunión es para identificar necesidades insatisfechas y deficiencias en la vivienda o los sistemas para proveer de servicios dentro de nuestra comunidad. Se invita a todos los ciudadanos del Condado de Pinal a colaborar con sus opiniones acerca de las actividades que pueden tener un mayor impacto en función de las necesidades y los recursos específicos de nuestra comunidad.

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Los fondos de HOME-ARP se pueden utilizar para desarrollar y preservar viviendas con precios razonables; alquiler basado en la asistencia para inquilinos; servicios de apoyo, incluidos servicios de prevención de personas sin hogar y asesoramiento sobre vivienda; y la compra o desarrollo de refugios individuales, no aglomerados.

Para el año fiscal 2021, al condado de Pinal se le han asignado \$ 2,221,167.00 de fondos HOME-ARP, que se estarán utilizando a partir de este año, hasta el mes de septiembre de 2030.

Por favor comuníquese con Staci Parisi al Teléfono (520) 866-6253 o por correo electrónico a staci.parisi@pinal.gov si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o ideas para proyectos. Los comentarios deben recibirse antes de la fecha de la reunión pública.

FECHA	LOCALIZACIÓN	HORA
Lunes 24 de Enero del 2022	135 N. Pinal Street Ceremonial Courtroom Florence, Arizona 85132	2:00 pm

Es política del Condado de Pinal asegurar que los servicios sean significativamente accesibles para personas calificadas con discapacidades de acuerdo con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades. Previa solicitud, hay ayudas auxiliares y adaptaciones disponibles para personas con discapacidades. Las personas que busquen alojamiento deben comunicarse con el condado de Pinal en https://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/Grants/Pages/home.aspx o llamar al (520) 866-6253. Individuos con impedimentos auditivos pueden comunicarse con el número 711.

Public Hearing Notice

Pinal County Public Hearing on the use of HOME-ARP Funding

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- One non-profit agency to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to support 15 units of affordable rental housing.
- Four non-profit agencies to provide supportive services to increase housing stability and prevent a return to homelessness or housing instability.

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors would like to invite all members of the public to a public hearing on July 6, 2022 at 9:30am. The public hearing is to review the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan and provide an opportunity for the public to comment and make recommendations on the proposed plan. All Pinal County citizens are invited to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan.

For a copy of the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan, to ask questions, or provide comments please contact Staci Parisi at (520) 866-6253 or staci.parisi@pinal.gov. Comments will be accepted from June 10, 2022 to July 6, 2022.

The proposed plan may be viewed at:

https://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/Grants/Pages/NoticesDocuments.aspx

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday, July 6, 2022	Board of Supervisors Hearing Room Administrative Complex 135 North Pinal Street Florence, AZ 85132	9:30 am (MST)

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Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Audiencia Pública sobre el uso de fondos del programa de HOME-ARP

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE. UU. (HUD) requiere que el Condado de Pinal desarrolle un plan de asignación de Plan de Rescate Americano HOME (HOME-ARP) y lo envíe a HUD como una enmienda sustancial a su plan de acción anual para el año fiscal 2021. El plan de asignación debe describir cómo el Condado de Pinal tiene la intención de distribuir los fondos de HOME-ARP, incluso cómo utilizará los fondos para abordar las necesidades de las poblaciones que califican para HOME-ARP.

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El Condado de Pinal propone otorgar los siguientes proyectos con fondos de HOME-ARP:

- Tres proyectos de desarrollo de vivienda de alquiler asequible para producir un total de 17 unidades de vivienda de alquiler asequible.
- Una agencia sin fines de lucro para brindar asistencia de alquiler basada en inquilinos (TBRA) para apoyar 15 unidades de viviendas de alquiler asequibles.
- Cuatro agencias sin fines de lucro para brindar servicios de apoyo para aumentar la estabilidad de la vivienda y evitar el regreso a la falta de vivienda o la inestabilidad de la vivienda.

La junta de Supervisores del Condado de Pinal quisiera invitar a todos los miembros del público a una audiencia pública el 6 de julio de 2022 a las 9:30 am. La audiencia pública es para revisar el plan de asignación de HOME-ARP propuesto y brindar una oportunidad para que el público comente y haga recomendaciones sobre el plan propuesto. Todos los ciudadanos del Condado de Pinal están invitados a comentar sobre el plan de asignación de HOME-ARP propuesto.

Para obtener una copia del plan de asignación HOME-ARP propuesto, hacer preguntas o proporcionar comentarios, comuníquese con Staci Parisi al (520) 866-6253 o staci.parisi@pinal.gov. Se aceptarán comentarios desde el 10 de junio de 2022 hasta el 6 de julio de 2022.

El plan propuesto se puede ver en:

https://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/Grants/Pages/NoticesDocuments.aspx

FECHA	UBICACIÓN	HORA
Miércoles, 06 de Julio del 2022	Sala de audiencias de la Junta de Supervisores Complejo Administrativo 135 Norte Calle Pinal Florence, Arizona 85132	9:30 am (MST)

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STATE OF ARIZONA

COUNTY OF PINAL

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Affidavit of Publication

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Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care

Pinal County-Local Coalition to End Homelessness

Coordinated Entry Procedures and By Name List Case Conferencing Procedures

I. COORDINATED ENTRY

A. Coordinated Entry Overview

The Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness (PCCEH) has adopted the policies and procedures that are contained in this document, including homeless prevention referrals.

The Coordinated Entry (CE) system is intended to apply to all providers in the PCCEH jurisdiction of Pinal County. Connecting homeless persons with needed services as soon as possible is a goal to which all providers in our area can contribute to and benefit from. All Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and CoC recipients in the PCCEH must participated in CE.

CE is a process that ensures that people with the greatest needs receive priority for any type of housing and homeless assistance available in the local community, including Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and other interventions.

The CE system improves service delivery for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and increases the efficiency of the homeless response system by simplifying access to housing and services for people experiencing homelessness; prioritizing housing assistance based on need; and quickly connecting households to the appropriate housing intervention.

The CE process makes referrals to all projects receiving Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and CoC Program funds, including emergency shelter, RRH, and as well as other housing and homelessness projects.

The CE system provides households experiencing homelessness fair and equal access to services from cooperating agencies at multiple locations throughout the County.

Entry into the system may be initiated in person at a program access point or community hub location. All access point providers will enter into Agency Agreements with Arizona Department of Housing and complete all HMIS requirements including but not limited to submission of signed Code of Ethics and all assigned trainings.

CE Access Point	Location	Assessment Hours
COMMUNITY ACTION	109 N. Sunshine Blvd.	Monday - Friday
HUMAN RESOURCES	Eloy, Arizona	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
AGENCY (CAHRA)		
CAHRA-outreach locations	564 N. Idaho Road , #11,	3 rd Wednesday of the
	Apache Junction	month from 11 a.m. – 2
		p.m.
CAHRA-outreach location	CG Helps 350 E. 6 TH	Monday – Friday
	Street, Casa Grande	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NCHP-outreach location	CG Helps 350 E. 6 th	Wednesdays from
	Street,	10:00am-2:00pm
	Casa Grande	-
NCHP-Apache Junction	564 N. Idaho Road, #11	UPDATE DAYS/TIMES
Resource Center	Apache Junction	
National Community	501 N. Florence Street,	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. M-F
Health Partners-Pinal	Casa Grande	
Veterans		
Pinal County Housing	970 N. Eleven Mile Corner	Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.
Authority	Rd.	– 5:00 p.m.
	Casa Grande 85194	

Arizona Complete Health- Complete Care Plan (AzCH-CCP) participates in BOS HMIS as the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA), Behavioral Health Integrated Care Providers are entering VI-SPDAT's into BOS HMIS for enrolled RBHA members who have a Health Homes, not a public access point. There are some enrolled RBHA members who will also meet HUD criteria for Chronically Homeless and would potentially be on the COC BNL.

CE marketing strategies include the use of flyers distributed throughout Pinal County at service sites, public locations, and mainstream service providers.

PINAL COUNTY FINANCE GRANTS DIVISION, the Lead agency, is responsible for oversight of the Coordinated Entry System.

B. Coordinated Entry Process

Phase 1: Pre-screen

The Pre-Screen process is conducted either in person or telephone at a CE Access Point. A few easy questions will be asked to help identify the most pertinent needs of a client including housing.

These questions are:

- 1. Are you currently experiencing, or at risk of, violence in your relationship?
- 2. Are you over 18 years old?
- 3. Do you have an urgent medical or mental health need?
- 4. Are you in imminent danger?
- 5. Do you have a place to stay tonight?
- 6. Are you interested in long-term housing?

If the client is an unaccompanied youth, fleeing from Domestic Violence, etc., they will be referred immediately to the appropriate provider.

If the client is in need of non-housing services such as mainstream resources, they will be referred to the appropriate non-housing provider.

If the client is in crisis and in need of housing they will move to Diversion.

Phase 2: Diversion

This is a continuation of the Pre-screen. It tries to divert a client from entering the homeless system and explores resources and support systems the client may be able to utilize. This includes referrals to community mainstream resources if possible and shelters if necessary.

Questions to be asked:

- 1. Do you have friends or relatives that you can stay with tonight?
- 2. Can we help contact friends or relatives for possible housing?

Phase 3: Initial Assessment and Referral

All households facing homelessness should be assessed and may not be prevented from accessing CE because of any barriers including but not limited to income, active or history of substance use, domestic violence history, lack of interest in services, disabling condition, evictions or poor credit, lease violations or any type of criminal record.

If the individual is at risk of losing their current housing, or is homeless and seeking housing assistance, enroll the individual in HMIS CE system as follows:

- 1. Have the client read and sign the HMIS Release of Information.
- Complete the HMIS Intake Form with the client and enroll client in the Coordinated Entry project in HMIS within one business day of intake, or the intake can be completed directly in HMIS with the client.
 - a. For Homeless Prevention (HP) applicants: Access Event is "Referral to Prevention Assistance Project". Do not complete the Coordinated Entry Sub Assessment for HP households. HP households are not placed on the By Name List and the VI SPDAT does not need to be completed
 - b. For Rapid Rehousing (RRH) applicants: Access Event is "Referral to Scheduled Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment". Complete the Coordinated Entry Sub Assessment. Complete the appropriate VI-SPDAT for the household type. The VI-SPDAT is included in the Coordinated Entry Sub Assessment.

Phase 4: Prioritization and By Name List

PCCEH will use the Arizona Balance of State CoC (AZBoSCoC) By Name List (BNL) generated and distributed weekly from the AZBoSCoC HMIS Contractor. Prioritization

and management of the BNL will take place by the PCCEH HMIS/CE/BNL Case Conferencing Committee (Committee), which meets monthly.

In preparation for the monthly Committee meeting, the Committee Lead shall sort the most current BNL in the following order:

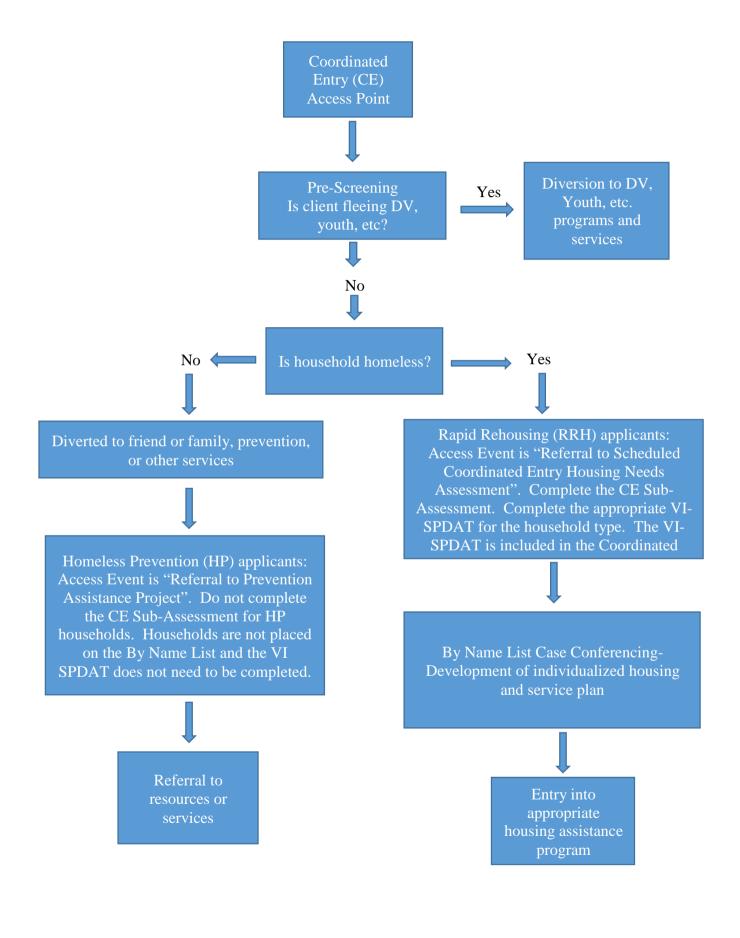
- 1. Chronic Homelessness
- 2. Length of Time Homeless
- 3. VI-SPDAT Score

Referrals and prioritization of people with the greatest needs will be determined by chronic homelessness criteria, length of time homeless, and by use of the individual and family VI-SPDAT scores.

Households on the BNL will be case conferenced in the above order during the monthly Committee meeting. Case conferencing involves the review and discussion of households on the BNL to determine the most appropriate service and housing resources for the household. Referrals may be made to emergency shelter, RRH, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, Veteran's housing, DV shelter, and other housing and homelessness programs. Based on the results of the case conferencing process, households will be contacted directly by a member of the Committee and connected to appropriate resources and housing programs.

Phase 5: Entry into Housing Assistance Program

When a household enters into a housing assistance program, the provider agency will exit the household from the Coordinated Entry System and enroll them in the provider agency's HMIS program. Exit from the Coordinated Entry System will remove the household from the BNL.



C. Coordinated Entry for Domestic Violence (DV) Service Providers

Victims of domestic violence (DV) require enhanced protection of their confidentiality. As a result, the PCCEH will utilize an alternate coordinated entry process which protects client's confidentiality to determine eligibility.

Referrals may come from local DV organizations as well as from other organizations who have identified victims of DV.

- 1. The agency referring a victim of DV will complete a VI-SPDAT or alternate assessment.
- 2. The completed VI-SPDAT or alternate assessment will be forwarded to the Committee Lead.
- 3. The Committee Lead will determine eligibility and prioritize the VI-SPDATs and alternate assessments to create a DV By Name List.
- 4. The Committee Lead will meet with referring agencies for case conferencing of prioritized applicants.
- 5. The Committee Lead will send prioritized referrals for services to the appropriate agency.

II. BY NAME LIST CASE CONFERENCING

A. HMIS/CE/BNL Case Conferencing Committee

The HMIS/CE/BNL Case Conferencing Committee (Committee) is formed from members of PCCEH and other agencies who enter into HMIS in Pinal County. The committee will meet a minimum of once monthly to determine availability of community resources, assign tasks to members including but not limited to reestablishing contact with applicants to provide services, and act as community liaisons. A case conference meeting is used to review cases of individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. This allows for a review taking into account the worker's knowledge, client intake, and the VI-SPDAT to determine the most appropriate housing resource. Conferencing provides individual attention and conversation but still maintains a uniform, transparent process. The process is person-centric, not program-centric (i.e. the end result will not always be RRH but rather to match a person to the appropriate housing resource).

PCCEH will use the Arizona Balance of State CoC (AZBoSCoC) By Name List (BNL) generated and distributed weekly from the AZBoSCoC HMIS Contractor. The BNL contains the names of all homeless households seeking housing assistance within Pinal County.

The following policy is adopted regarding the BNL:

- The BNL generated from the HMIS system will only be shared at an official Committee meetings and only with those in attendance at those meetings.
- The BNL will only be shared via screen within the Committee meeting, and no paper copies will be distributed.
- The Committee Lead will be responsible for reporting updates at PCCEH Committee meetings. The Committee Lead will be responsible for reporting updates and corrections to the AZBoSCoC HMIS contractor.
- The Committee will be limited to members with data sharing agreements.
 Outside agencies may submit information to the Committee for review or sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Arizona Department of Housing and the HMIS Code of Ethics.

B. Committee Discussion Prioritization

In preparation for the monthly Committee meeting, the Committee Lead shall sort the most current BNL in the following order:

- 1. Chronic Homelessness
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C. <u>Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Prioritization</u>

Prioritization for PSH is consistent with HUD's Prioritization/PSH Notice. Persons eligible for PSH are prioritized for available units based on the following criteria (applying the definition of chronically homeless set by HUD in its December 2015 Final Rule):

- 1st Priority Chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness and with the most severe service needs.
- 2nd Priority Chronically homeless individuals and families with the longest history of homelessness but without severe service needs.
- 3rd Priority Chronically homeless individuals and families with the most severe service needs.
- 4th Priority All other chronically homeless individuals and families not already included in priorities 1-3.

- 5th Priority Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and severe service needs.
- 6th Priority Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and a long period of continuous or episodic homelessness.
- 7th Priority Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and are coming from places not meant for human habitation, Safe Havens, or emergency shelters.
- 8th Priority Homeless individuals and families who are not chronically homeless but do have a disability and are coming from transitional housing.

For the purposes of AZBoSCoC Prioritization in PSH, "most severe service needs" or "high acuity" is defined as a VI-SPDAT score of 9 or above.

D. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Prioritization

RRH Prioritization follows the prioritization categories defined under PSH with the exception that "most severe service needs" or "high acuity" for RRH is a VI-SPDAT score between 4 and 8.

E. PCCEH Priorities (Tiebreakers)

In the event of individuals/households with equal priority under these standards, PCCEH will use the local established policy of focusing on Veterans and individuals over the age of 55.

F. Eligibility

Programs serve any individual prioritized on the BNL using this prioritization policy. In the event a project does have legitimate eligibility requirements (ex: only families, only single adults, Veterans, SMI status), the Case Conferencing process refers the highest priority person or household who meets the eligibility requirement. Projects may require additional documentation related to their eligibility requirements including verification of information contained in HMIS (e.g. Chronic Homeless documentation, disability determination).

G. Mainstream Housing Projects (VASH, RBHA, ADOH Housing Trust Fund)

When making referrals from the BNL to other mainstream housing programs for targeted populations, the CoC prioritized list can be shared (subject to confidentiality and other disclosure policies included herein), but the other mainstream entity may elect to utilize other proprietary information or priorities (ex: RBHA –Social Determinants Of Health/Acuity factors-AzCH-CCP determines who is approved for RBHA housing, VA HOMES clinical assessment and data) for the prioritization of their resources. If the person is to be housed in a CoC or general Coordinated Entry participation housing project, the CoC prioritization applies.

H. Non HMIS Acuity Information and Data

In certain circumstances, a provider or Case Conferencing participant may have additional information on prioritization factors that result in reconsideration of housing prioritization. Examples of additional information include:

- medical information,
- proof of chronicity,
- documentation of additional length of time homeless,
- change in circumstances that increase likelihood of harm or risk if not housed.

Additional information may also inform prioritization for persons unable or unwilling to complete the standard VI-SPDAT assessment, especially those with limited capacity, mental health issues or other high needs/high risk populations.

The incorporation of additional non-HMIS data for prioritization review by Case Conferencing must be written documentation of the above mentioned conditions and must be approved unanimously by the Case Conferencing Committee. Documentation of the re-prioritization will be entered into HMIS as updates to the BNL and statuses based on the additional information provided.

I. Impact of Refusal of Housing or Prior Failed Housing Search on Prioritization

In the event a prioritized individual or household affirmatively turns down a housing opportunity referred through case conferencing or a household was unable to utilize a previous housing opportunity due to a failed housing search, the individual/household will maintain their housing priority on the BNL and will be offered future housing opportunities consistent with their prioritization.

Denied offers of housing and/or failed housing searches will be entered into HMIS to update notes on the BNL.

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Para obtener una copia del plan de asignación HOME-ARP propuesto, hacer preguntas o proporcionar comentarios, comuniquese con Staci Parisi al (520) 866-6253 o staci,parisi@pinal.gov. Se aceptarán comentarios desde el 10 de junio de 2022 hasta el 6 de julio de 2022.

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HOME – American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)



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HOME-ARP

- Background
- Qualifying populations
- Eligible activities

Background

March 11, 2021 President Biden signed ARP into law, \$1.9 trillion \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through HOME HOME-ARP activities:

- 1. Development and support of affordable housing
- 2. Tenant based rental assistance (TBRA)
- 3. Provision of supportive services
- 4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units

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Qualifying Populations

Any individual or family who meets the criteria for the following "qualifying populations" is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria, such as income criteria.

- 1. Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, *Homeless* (1), (2), or (3) https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-A/part-91/subpart-A/section-91.5
- 2. At risk of Homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 At risk of homelessness https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-A/part-91/subpart-A/section-91.5
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Qualifying Populations

- 4. Other Populations whose household meets one of the following criteria:
 - a. Previously homeless (as defined above) who are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.
 - b. Has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of AMI, and is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs.

Qualifying Populations

- c. Has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of AMI, AND:
 - Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; OR
 - Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR
 - 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;
 OR
 - 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 lowincome individuals; OR
 - Lives in a single room occupancy where there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons room; OR
 - Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

Eligible Activities: Housing

Acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing.

Housing includes:

- Manufactured housing and manufactured housing lots
- Permanent housing for disabled persons
- Transitional housing
- Single room occupancy housing
- Group homes

DOES NOT INCLUDE Emergency Shelters.

Eligible Activities: Rental Housing Requirements

- at least 70% of HOME-ARP assisted units must be restricted for occupancy by households that are qualifying households at the time of the household's initial occupancy.
- no more than 30% may be restricted to low-income households.

Eligible Activities: Rental Housing Eligible Costs

- Development hard costs
- Acquisition
- Related soft costs
- Costs related to payment of loans for an eligible HOME-ARP project
- Operating cost assistance

Eligible Activities: Rental Housing Compliance

- 15 year Compliance Period
- Units restricted for qualifying households must be occupied by households that met the definition of a qualifying household at the time of initial occupancy.
- Units available for low income households must be continuously occupied by households who are income eligible.
- Unit must comply with the ongoing property condition standards established by the County.
- Each household must have an executed lease that complies with tenant protections established by HUD.

Eligible Activities: TBRA

- Up to 100% rental assistance, security deposit payments, utility deposit assistance.
- Participant contribution to rent is based on household's income, as set by County policy.
- Each household must have an executed lease that complies with tenant protections established by HUD.

Eligible Activities: Supportive Services

- Child care
- Education services
- Employment assistance and job training
- Meals or groceries
- Housing search and counseling services
- Mediation
- Credit repair
- Landlord/ tenant liaison

- Financial assistance for housing expenses
- Legal Services
- Life skills training
- Mental health services
- Outpatient health services
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Case Management
- Victim services

Eligible Activities: Non-Congregate Shelter

- Acquisition and development
- Private units or rooms used as temporary shelter, occupants are not required to sign a lease.
- Funds may be used to:
 - Acquire land and construct NCS
 - Acquire and/or rehabilitate an existing structure to be used for NCS
- Funds may NOT be used to pay operating costs of NCS.

Eligible Activities: NCS Use Period

During the restricted use period, NCS may:

- Remain as HOME-ARP NCS.
- Be used as non-congregate emergency shelter under ESG.
- Be converted to permanent affordable rental housing.

Type of Project	Length of Restricted Use Period
New Construction	15 years
Rehabilitation	10 years
Acquisition only	10 years

Eligible Activities: Capacity Building

Up to 5% of the County's HOME ARP allocation may be used to pay costs to develop the capacity of non-profit organizations to carry out HOME-ARP activities:

- salaries for new hires
- costs related to employee training or other staff development that enhances an employee's skill set and expertise
- Computer software or programs that improve organizational capacity
- Upgrades to materials and equipment
- Contracts for technical assistance or for consultants with expertise related to the HOME-ARP qualifying populations

In any fiscal year, may not exceed the greater of 50% of the organizations operating expenses, or \$50,000.

Eligible Activities: Non-profit Operating Assistance

- Up to 5% of the County's HOME ARP allocation may be used to pay general operating costs for non-profit organizations to carry out HOME-ARP activities.
- In any fiscal year, may not exceed the greater of 50% of the organizations operating expenses, or \$50,000.

• If an organization receives both Operating Assistance and Capacity Building Assistance, the total amount of assistance cannot exceed the greater of 50% of the organizations operating expenses for that fiscal year, or \$75,000.

Benefits

- No maximum per unit subsidy limit
- Operating costs are eligible costs for rental housing
- No length of time cap for TBRA
- Eligibility based on qualifying populations, not income (except 30% of HOME-ARP assisted rental units)

Budget

Pinal County HOME-ARP Program	Amount
Pinal County HOME-ARP Allocation	\$2,221,167
PJ Administrative and Planning Costs (up to 15%)	\$333,175
Net Available Funding*	\$1,887,992

* Includes up to 5% each for

Operating Expenses for CHDO's and Non-profits (up to 5%)	\$111,058
Capacity Building Assistance for Non-profits (up to 5%)	\$111,058

Stakeholder input received from public meeting held on 1/24/2022 and stakeholder input survey:

- What resources are missing regarding shelter and housing?
 - Community buy in (agencies coordinating to make accessing identification easier when client has no identification)
 - >Street outreach
 - ➤ Affordable housing units
 - ➤ Non congregate shelter facility (other than hotels)
 - ➤ Permanent supportive housing
 - Emergency shelter options (hotels that will accept homeless individuals)
 - ➤ Affordable housing/workforce housing developers
 - ➤ Affordable rental housing management
 - ➤ Heat relief
 - > Rental Assistance
 - **>** Funding

- What resources are missing regarding services to locate and secure housing?
 - ➤ Housing case managers
 - ➤ Housing navigators
 - ➤ Housing database to locate available housing
 - ➤ Landlord engagement and incentives
 - ➤ Landlord participation/cooperation
 - ➤ Transportation for housing search
 - >Supportive services to help individuals pass background and credit checks
 - **>** Funding

- What housing, shelter or services are most needed to fill long-term (10-15 years) gaps for qualifying populations?
 - ➤ Long-term rental housing (11 votes)
 - ➤ Non-congregate shelter with option to convert to permanent housing (9 votes)
 - >Supportive services for populations not already receiving services (9 votes)
 - ➤ Tenant-based rental assistance (9 votes)

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Funding Matrix

Activity	ESG	HOME	HOME ARP
Homeless Prevention (housing relocation			
and stabilization, rental assistance)	Yes - up to 24 months	No	Yes - No time limit
Street Outreach	Yes	No	No
Supportive Services	Yes	No	Yes
Rehabilitation of Emergency Shelter	Yes	No	No
Operating Costs Emergency Shelter	Yes	No	No
Essential Services in Emergency Shelter	Yes	No	No
Hotel voucher when no emergency shelter			
is available	Yes	No	No
NCS Acquisition & Development	No	No	Yes
NCS Operating Costs	No	No	No
Rapid Rehousing (housing relocation and			
stabilization, rental assistance)	Yes - up to 24 months	No	Yes - No time limit
Rental Housing Development	No	Yes	Yes
Rental Housing Operating Costs	No	No	Yes
TBRA	Yes	Yes	up to 100% of rent
Homeownership Housing Development	No	Yes	No
Non-profit operating expense	No	Yes - u)/ts-25/% 6HDA DO set	Yes - 5%
Non-profit capacity building	No	aside	Yes - 5%
HMIS Data Contribution Costs	Yes	No	No
Maximum per unit subsidy	No	Yes	No
CHDO Set Aside	No	15%	No
	100% - can use funds from		
	another Federal program as		
	match, unless using ESG funds		
	as match for that program, or		
Match	prohibited by that program	25% (Non-federal only)	No
Section 3 (contracts over \$200,000)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Davis Bacon (prevailing wage)	No	Yes - if over 12 units	Yes - if over 12 units
Affirmative Marketing	No	Yes - if over 5 units	Yes - if over 5 units
Broadband infrastructure	No	Yes- if over 4 rental units	Yes- if over 4 rental units
Environmental Review	Yes- by HUD (part 50)	Yes - part 58	Yes - part 58
Administration and Planning	up to 7.5%	up to 10%	up to 15%



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Kara K. Cooper, first being duly sworn deposes and says: That he/she is a native born citizen of the United States of America, over 21 years of age, that I am an agent and/or publisher of the Pinal Central Dispatch, a newspaper section published at Casa Grande, Pinal County, Arizona, Thursday of each week; that a notice, a full, true and complete printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was printed in the regular edition of said newspaper, and not in a supplement thereto, for ONE issue. The publications thereof having been on the following date:

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Question	Response
Types of service provided.	1
Do you have a waiting list(s) for your	
program(s)? If yes, please indicate current	
number on each waiting list, and type of	
program.	
Based on your agency's experience in serving	
homeless households, what resources are	
missing in regards to shelter and housing?	
Based on your agency's experience in serving	
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homeless and at risk of homelessness	☐ Non-congregate shelter with option to
households, what housing, shelter, or services	convert to permanent housing
are most needed to achieve long term housing	Supportive services for populations not
stability? Check all that apply.	already receiving services
	Tenant-based rental assistance

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La junta de Supervisores del Condado de Pinal quisiera invitar a todos los miembros del público a una audiencia pública el 6 de julio de 2022 a las 9:30 am. La audiencia pública es para revisar el plan de asignación de HOME-ARP propuesto y brindar una oportunidad para que el público comente y haga recomendaciones

Affidavit of Publication

Kara K. Cooper, first being duly sworn deposes and says: That he/she is a native born citizen of the United States of America, over 21 years of age, that I am an agent and/or publisher of the Tri-Valley Dispatch, a newspaper published at Casa Grande, Pinal County, Arizona, Thursday of each week; that a notice, a full, true and complete printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was printed in the regular edition of said newspaper, and not in a supplement thereto, for (ONE) issue. The publications thereof having been on the following date:

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Sworn to before me this 2/5

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