

CITY OF PINE BLUFF
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Consultation

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

The consultation process consisted of (1) a survey distributed to applicable agencies conducted in November 2021 and (2) one-on-one consultations with service providers at various times during February-March 2023. A survey was distributed to service providers, including members of the Southeast Arkansas Continuum of Care on November 23, 2021. Altogether five (5) surveys were collected. In addition, ECD consulted with the Jefferson County Veterans Office as well as HUD's Little Rock Field Office on fair housing matters to consider with this grant program.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
CASA Women's Shelter	Domestic violence service provider	Survey	Critical gap exists in housing/shelter for homeless populations. Agency must turn away homeless individuals/families that are not victims of domestic violence.
Pine Bluff Public Housing Authority	Public housing agency.	Survey	Unmet needs include utility deposits/payments, education and training, and childcare.
Salvation Army	Homeless services provider.	Survey	The principal unmet housing need is "affordable and available places to rent" and principal unmet service need is transportation.
Community Empowerment Council, Inc.	Homeless services provider for youths & ex-offenders.	Survey	Critical need for rental assistance, especially while clients are awaiting disability determinations.
City of Pine Bluff Outreach Personnel	Public organization that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities.	Survey	Persons/families calling for assistance are persons with special needs (disabling conditions), ex-offenders, and victims of domestic violence. Unmet needs include housing, food, and clothing.
CASA Women's	Domestic violence	Phone	Input on the size of domestic

Shelter	service provider	consultation	violence population.
Salvation Army	Homeless services provider	Phone consultation	Information update on the programs and services available.
Covenant Recovery	Homeless services provider	Phone consultation	Information update on services available and populations served.
Jefferson County Veterans Office	Veteran services provider	Email consultation	The representative confirmed that there is a need for supporting homeless veterans with housing and transportation matters.
HUD Little Rock Field Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity	Fair Housing/Civil Rights investigation and enforcement office.	Email consultation	The representative provided information on complaints/cases related to these matters. There was only one case, which pertained to a reasonable accommodation matter.
SOAR Continuum of Care	Network of service providers	Consultation with Executive Board	Information consistent with information provided through survey of member organizations.

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

Initial questions posed to the agencies centered on the subpopulations with the greatest need. The first question asked about the population considered to be “most at risk for homelessness.” While responses to this question were varied among the providers, all providers identified (1) single-parent families, (2) persons with special needs: mental illness, and (3) persons with special needs: substance abuse. Other subpopulations identified as most at risk for homelessness were: (4) veterans, (5) victims of domestic violence, (6) adult ex-offenders and (7) persons with special needs: disabilities. Additionally, agencies were asked to identify subpopulations of “individuals” that are in “greatest need of assistance.” The subpopulation identified most frequently was (1) adult men. This was followed by: (2) veterans, (3) ex-offenders, (4) individuals with disabilities or special needs, and (5) adult women. In addition to the survey, the Jefferson County Veterans Office confirmed that homelessness among veterans was a problem in this area, as well. Similarly, the only fair housing complaint pertained to reasonable accommodations, which will be a matter taken into consideration for the proposed project.

Agencies were also asked about the housing, health, social service, employment, education, and/or other needs of the populations served by the agency. A summary of responses is as follows:

Housing: All providers identified housing needs ranging from affordability to availability of housing. Affordability in this context includes those responses naming “rental assistance” and “utility assistance.” Availability pertains to the supply of rental housing. One response characterized this as “the ability to find housing quickly” and another as “available places to rent.” Other responses specifically addressed the availability to house clients awaiting disability determinations—who often have no income during the application process. Another availability

issue raised was the special housing needs of sex offenders, whose housing requirements include special location requirements (e.g. distances from certain places).

Health: Health needs, overwhelmingly, centered on mental health services, with responses ranging from “availability of quickly being seen by a mental health provider” to assistance with transportation to multiple appointments per month.

Social Service: Social service needs can be summarized as having help with accessing benefits and having case management assistance with goal setting, decision making, and accountability.

Employment: Responses ranged from availability of jobs for ex-offenders, assistance with removing barriers to employment (e.g., transportation), and job retention.

Education: Responses ranged included training in computer literacy, job skills training, and assistance with continuing education (certificate/degree programs).

Public Participation

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: 3/12/2023*
- *Public comment period: start date - 3/13/2023 end date - 3/28/2023*
- *Date(s) of public hearing: 3/21/2023*

Describe the public participation process:

The public participation process consisted of (1) public notices posted on the city’s website, (2) public notices in the local newspaper, (3) three public hearings and (4) one-on-one conversations with homeless individuals.

Two public hearings were held in November 2021 to notify the public about the amount of HOME-ARP funds available and range of activities that could be done with the funds. Attendees were asked about community needs at both public hearings conducted in November 2021. Notices for the November 18, 2021 public hearing were posted on the city’s website and were published in the *Pine Bluff Commercial* on November 7, 2021 and November 14, 2021. Notices for the November 30, 2021 public hearing were posted on the city’s website and were published in the *Pine Bluff Commercial* on November 21, 2021 and November 28, 2021.

The HOME-ARP Allocation plan was posted on the city’s website during March 2023, which consisted of a specific budget and the specific uses of funds toward transitional housing, supportive services, and administration. The public hearing held in March 2023 reviewed the budget and proposed uses of funds and accepted comments. Notices for the March 21, 2023 public hearing were posted on the city’s website and were published in the *Pine Bluff*

Commercial on March 12, 2023 and March 19, 2023. The public notices informed the public on the amount of HOME-ARP funds, proposed uses, and that the city would be accepting comments on the plan through 5:00 PM on March 28, 2023.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

In an effort to obtain valuable insight into the needs of the qualified populations, ECD staff held personal listening sessions with homeless and formerly homeless individuals and heads of families.

In addition, special outreach to the local Hispanic population was conducted. Outreach to the Hispanic population was conducted to determine the housing and service needs. One native-born person served as a translator during the outreach event. In summary, homelessness was not discussed as a significant need among the group, but the need to find pathways to employment—especially for undocumented persons.

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

There were no comments or recommendations received in writing. There were no comments received at the public hearing on the HOME-ARP Plan, in particular. However, information about the needs and conditions of homeless persons was received via the personal listening sessions. During the listening sessions, ECD gained insight into the conditions facing children of homeless parents and parents at risk of homelessness. One parent discussed the reality of not being able to have custody or visitation for an extended period of time due to the fact he did not have a place to live. Another parent discussed how her homelessness caused a strain on her relationship with her child. This parent chose to have her child live with a non-relative, trusted adult instead of having her child cope with the uncertainty of where they would sleep each night. Another homeless individual provided insight that the homeless population was bigger than what most people know. This person had knowledge of certain abandoned houses where individuals were staying. This person provided an opinion on the attitudinal dispositions observed in young people when they “see their mother struggle and not be able to get any help.” Another homeless head of household spoke of how difficult it was to receive some assistance, when she was living in another part of the state. She spoke of how there were so many more resources in Pine Bluff and she was able to get temporary shelter at the Salvation Army. At the same time, it was a challenge living in this shelter and having to pack up and leave every morning (per shelter rules) with multiple children and no vehicle. In summary, the potential trauma/impact of housing instability or homelessness is experienced not only by homeless adults, but also their children.

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

There was one comment pertaining to use of HOME-ARP funding to provide reconstruction assistance. It was explained that the HOME-ARP funding has special qualifying populations.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	45	7	108	7	#								
Transitional Housing	8	1	12	2	#								
Permanent Supportive Housing	4	4	12	12	#								
Other Permanent Housing	#	#	#	#	#								
Sheltered Homeless						87	49	#	35				
Unsheltered Homeless						#	8	#	#				
Current Gap										#	#	#	#

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation
Note: This data is from the PIT, which includes shelter resources across the 15-county Southeast Arkansas (SOAR) Continuum of Care region.

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on information collected internally through engagement with inbound callers and outreach there were 56 individuals and 49 families self-reporting as "homeless" and in need of rehousing assistance. In addition, based on input from McKinney Vento liaisons at the public schools, there are approximately 180 homeless children receiving services within the school districts in Pine Bluff. Some individuals who are "doubled-up" have the propensity to lose their nighttime residence at any time or meet Category 3 of the definition of "homeless" found at 24 CFR 91.5. Racial demographic information was not collected on incoming callers; however, intake records revealed persons of Black, White, and Hispanic race and ethnicity were among the applicants. No racial demographic information was conveyed on the students receiving services; however racial statistics of the schools represented include 84% Black/African American, 12% White, 2% Asian, and 2% Hispanic at one school and 96% Black/African American, 2% White, and 2% Hispanic at another.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on information collected internally through engagement with inbound callers and outreach there were 160 individuals and 234 families self-reporting as at risk of homelessness and in need of homeless prevention services. Racial demographic information was not collected on incoming callers; however, intake records revealed persons of Black, White, and Hispanic race and ethnicity were among the applicants.

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

CASA is the principal service provider for this population within the city limits of Pine Bluff. CASA served 321 homeless individuals and families in 2020, 349 homeless individuals and families in 2021, and 274 individuals and families in 2022. This population in need varies from year-to-year, and it is difficult to determine the number of persons that would be victims of such crimes in any given year, as well. However, based on this information, the size of this population can be estimated at 300. No racial demographic information was conveyed on the clients served.

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

Based on information collected internally through engagement with inbound callers and outreach there were there were 56 individuals and 49 families self-reporting as “homeless” and in need of rehousing assistance. In addition, there were 160 individuals and 234 families self-reporting as “at risk of homelessness” and in need of homeless prevention services. While some of these individuals/families received temporary assistance services through the Emergency Solutions Grant or other service providers, many of those who were assessed were determined to have multiple barriers to housing stability, which requires longer-term assistance that what was available through the providers. Those who were assisted would be part of this qualified population that would represent “Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness.”

With respect to housing needs, persons with housing cost burdens as a percent of their annual income make up 85% of the households experiencing one or more of the housing problems identified in CHAS data. This need is especially pronounced among renters and those making less than 30 percent of the area median income (AMI). Housing cost-burdened households with insufficient reserves may be one or two paychecks from being at risk of homelessness. Of the households experiencing severe housing-cost burdens (greater than 50% of their incomes) there were 1800 renters and 1,070 owners. Of the renters, 1300 of them had household incomes less than 30% of area median family income and 450 renters had household incomes greater than 30% but less than 50% of the area median family income. In summary, 97% of all renters with severe housing cost burdens make less than 50% of the area median income. Among homeowners, 595 had household incomes less than 30% of area median family income and 245 renters had household incomes greater than 30% but less than 50% of the area median family income. In summary, 79% of all owners with severe housing

cost burdens make less than 50% of the area median income. This represents the total potential pool of applicants who could be part of this qualified population that would represent “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as described in the HOME-ARP guidance on “Other Populations.”

Veterans and dependents of veterans are listed among the “other populations” category, as well. The total population of veterans in Jefferson County, Arkansas in 2020 was 4,515. It is estimated by the USDA, Economic Research Service's (ERS) analysis of the American Community Survey estimates for 2015–19 that the poverty rate for veterans was 8.2%. If this statistic is applied to the Jefferson County population, an estimated 370 veterans in Jefferson County could be in poverty and at risk for housing instability and/or homelessness.

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

Listed below are agencies that provide homeless assistance for residents of Pine Bluff and Jefferson County.

City of Pine Bluff Permanent Housing Program: Operates a permanent, supportive housing program for chronically homeless persons with disabilities. This program is funded to serve up to 16 units of permanent housing, with some units available for qualified persons. This funding is available to serve the 15-county SOAR COC region as well.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor: Provides temporary emergency assistance for individuals and families that need food, clothing, utility payments, payment for prescriptions, and school supplies.

The Salvation Army of Jefferson County: Operates a transient/homeless shelter for men and a shelter for women and families. The facility has 24 beds and two units separated for families. The organization assists those who successfully complete their shelter program with items such as furniture, first month's rent, or utility assistance to help them achieve independence. Clients seeking self-reliance are given the opportunity to stay for up to six months. During that time, they are required to save 50% of their income in an effort to regain their independence. The Salvation Army provides dinner 365 days year to any person in the community who is hungry as well as providing shower facilities to anyone. Clients can also receive clothing vouchers for the thrift store.

Committee Against Spouse Abuse (CASA): Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, food, clothing, support groups, individual advocacy, and case planning to homeless victims of domestic violence, and is funded 100% by grants. CASA is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and also has a domestic violence crisis line that is answered by a trained advocate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Rules call for a maximum 30-day stay, with the possibility in certain circumstances for a 15 day

extension. The organization also operates a transitional housing program and can house up to eight clients for a period of up to 24 months. They provide support groups, domestic violence counseling, GED classes, life skills classes and educational classes. CASA is the only domestic violence shelter in Jefferson County.

Pine Bluff Housing Authority: Provides Section 8 vouchers for individuals and families. They have no dedicated homeless vouchers.

Community Empowerment Council: Operates a 20-bed licensed residential facility called Margie's House that provides housing and evidence-based programming for residents placed under community supervision by the Arkansas Division of Community Correction. Residents are offered transitional housing, job skills training, financial literacy, and substance abuse prevention counseling. In addition, CEC operates a youth residential program licensed by the Department of Human Services to provide residential and emergency shelter for male/female youths ages 6 to 18. Youths receive services such as cognitive behavior therapy, anger management therapy, substance abuse prevention, financial literacy, and life skills.

Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries: Provide counseling, substance abuse counseling, case management services, and transitional housing assistance to youths ages 18-21 in Pine Bluff. AFCYM receives funding from the Family and Youth Services Bureau's (FYSB) RHY Transitional Living Program (TLP), which provides shelter and supportive services for up to 18-months to youth ages 18 to 21 experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and the FYSB RHY Street Outreach Program (SOP), which connects with and serves young people living on the street. The youth and young adults AFC Youth Ministries works with have almost all experienced abuse and trauma. Some come from abusive families, some have been attacked on the street while they were experiencing homelessness, and some have lost loved ones. The programs include mental health, medical, and dental services, case management, assistance with setting and pursuing educational and career goals, and building recreational and life skills. The Pine Bluff location serves about 900 youths annually, according to the agency.

Covenant Recovery: Covenant Recovery offers transitional housing services to men seeking freedom from drug addiction and alcoholism.

Sobriety Living Center: A non-profit transitional living facility assisting men to live drug & alcohol free. The center is located in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and provides residential treatment as well as outpatient treatment for patients suffering from a substance abuse.

Central Delta Community Action Agency: Provides assistance obtaining a birth certificate, driver's license, or government ID; assistance with resume development; assistance with occupational clothing; financial aid enrollment; educational advising; assistance with SNAP/Medical insurance benefits; crisis utility and rental assistance payments of up to one time a year; workshops to prevent these types of crises; financial counseling; assistance with Social Security, SSI Applications; emergency food; community referrals; comprehensive case management that includes: engagement (intake), assessment, planning/goal setting, intervention, monitoring, and coordination.

Grant County Unified Community Resource Council: Provides Emergency Shelter, Rapid-Re-Housing, Homelessness Prevention assistance to Jefferson County residents as an Emergency Solutions Grant sub-recipient. The emergency shelter operated by this agency is for women fleeing domestic violence.

Lula Mae's Day Center's (LMDC): Offers a wide-range of programs such as a hot breakfast & lunch; crisis intervention; resource linkages/supportive services, adult literacy; education; and recreational activities that target welfare-to-work families, at-risk youth, ex-offenders and substance abusers for the purpose of empowering them to become self-sufficient.

Faith-Based Service Providers: There are a number of churches that provide services to homeless populations and persons at risk of homelessness. A resource directory to capture and convey the availability of resources through faith-based entities within the city has been discussed as a possible project, in partnership with a local business owner.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the inventory of resources available to this jurisdiction, several temporary and permanent housing resources exist for "specific" homeless populations or those with special service needs. These populations consist of (1) persons who are chronically homeless with disabilities, (2) persons fleeing domestic violence, (2) unaccompanied youths, and/or (4) persons needing substance abuse treatment and/or reentry service needs. However, limited resources exist for "non-specific" qualifying populations. The only non-specific or general population shelter resources are provided by the Salvation Army, at this time. Additional transitional shelter beds are being planned for individuals with the Opportunity House program that is under development within the city. Furthermore, with only two family shelter units available at Salvation Army to serve the estimated size of qualified families, this is considered an unmet housing need.

The range of supportive services identified as an unmet need varied immensely. These included utility assistance, transportation, employment and educational assistance, child care, and health care. Many of these resources are available through mainstream resources. However, qualified populations may need assistance connecting to those resources for which they qualify. For example, day-time, unlimited door-to-door transportation is available through Pine Bluff Transit for persons with disabilities for \$40 per month. Additionally, supportive services designed to help find meaningful pathways to employment are available through Adult Education, the local Arkansas Workforce Center funded with Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding, and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (for persons with disabilities). However, supportive services for connecting heads of families to these resources and helping to eliminate barriers to housing stability is an unmet need. Thus, case management is an unmet need.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

There is an unmet need for homeless prevention assistance within the city. This includes both rental assistance and utility assistance. Central Delta Community Action Agency (CDCAA) and the Grant County Unified Resources Council provide homeless prevention services to applicants within the jurisdiction. However, the assistance and the amount of funding available are limited. For example, CDCAA provides one-time assistance and pays up to two months of rental assistance. For those with significant barriers to housing stability, this assistance is insufficient to meet the longer-term housing stability assistance needs. As a result, some of these individuals/families may find themselves homeless and/or in need of a longer-term housing solution to allow sufficient time for elimination of barriers to housing stability.

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

Dedicated emergency and transitional shelter resources are available for this population, but sometimes the service providers are at full capacity and must turn individuals/families away. In fact, CASA indicated that during 2022 they were unable to house 15 clients. Additionally, adequate facilities, equipment, and skilled personnel resources exist to provide supportive services through CASA, with the exception of transportation for clients and additional funding. Since public transportation is only available during the day-time hours, transportation for clients that work at night is an unmet need.

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

Again, for those with significant barriers to housing stability who have received an insufficient amount of rental assistance, there is an unmet need for a longer-term housing solution. Without such a solution, some of these individuals/families may find themselves literally homeless and in need of a longer-term housing solution, to allow for the mitigation of those barriers. Likewise, those renters with severe housing cost burdens may benefit from rental assistance or access to subsidized housing. On the contrary, assistance with helping to access better employment opportunities would be a more sustainable solution than temporary rental assistance. Therefore, housing stability case management is an unmet need. However, staff experience has documented the difficulty of providing case management for longer-term solutions when clients are still experiencing short-term crises concerning housing stability. Therefore, a longer-term housing solution (such as transitional housing) can help to create pathways to more sustainability in permanent housing. For owners experiencing severe housing cost burdens, an assessment of the causes of the burden would be necessary in order to prevent any risks to homelessness because of such burdens. For example, if the housing cost burden is due to high natural gas costs, rehabilitation assistance can be provided to weatherize the house and/or convert the housing unit to a more efficient heating source. In that respect, rehabilitation assistance is an unmet need.

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

Again, based on the inventory of resources available to this jurisdiction, several temporary and permanent housing resources exist for “specific” homeless populations or those with special service needs. These populations consist of (1) persons who are chronically homeless with disabilities, (2) persons fleeing domestic violence, (2) unaccompanied youths, or (4) persons needing substance abuse treatment and/or reentry service needs. However, limited resources exist for “non-specific” qualifying populations. The only non-specific or general population shelter resources are provided by the Salvation Army, at this time. Additional transitional shelter beds are being planned for individuals with the Opportunity House program that is under development within the city. Furthermore, with only two family shelter units available at the Salvation Army to serve the estimated size of qualified families, this is considered a significant gap in demand and the number of units available.

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:

An additional characteristic of other populations with risk for housing instability and homelessness include those living in substandard housing units. Very low income households living in substandard housing are at risk of homeless in the event of an order of condemnation, since they may not have access to resources to cure the substandard conditions contributing to the order. On more than one occasion, ECD has been asked by Code Enforcement to help individuals being forced to leave their substandard housing. However, ECD has only been able to refer individuals to other housing resources for which they may qualify.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Overwhelmingly, affordable housing is a priority need among all of the qualifying populations. The resources available through this grant are insufficient to expand the number of housing units needed to serve this need. However, the interim housing needs of many of the qualified populations can be served by making longer-term, move-in ready transitional housing units available. In addition to housing needs, priority supportive service needs include help (1) securing income—either through accessing disability benefits and/or employment, (2) eliminating other barriers to housing stability, and (2) accessing and sustaining permanent housing become critical elements for meeting this need.

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:

This determination was based on the inventory of shelter resources available to citizens of this jurisdiction in comparison to the estimated sizes of the qualified populations in need. As stated previously, several temporary and permanent housing resources exist for “specific”

homeless populations or those with special service needs. These populations consist of (1) persons who are chronically homeless with disabilities, (2) persons fleeing domestic violence, (2) unaccompanied youths, or (4) persons needing substance abuse treatment and/or reentry service needs. However, limited resources exist for “non-specific” qualifying populations. The only non-specific or general population shelter resources are provided by the Salvation Army within the city limits of Pine Bluff, at this time, which includes 12 beds for men, six (6) beds for women, and the two family shelter units. Persons enrolled in the longer-term transitional housing program at Salvation Army may stay at the shelter for up to six months.

The transitional housing units proposed for this grant can be serve the longer-term housing needs of both non-specific qualifying populations and specific qualifying populations, when other service providers are at capacity. Furthermore, this type of housing goes hand-in-hand with supportive services for connecting heads of families to resources that can help to eliminate barriers to housing stability. In addition, utilizing the grant funds to establish “brick-and-mortar” facilities that will be around for an extended period of time as opposed to temporary rental assistance was determined to be a use that could benefit more families in the long term.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

The City of Pine Bluff will serve as the developer and operator for its proposed HOME-ARP projects, and will not solicit applications from developers or sub-recipients. Additionally, any service providers and/or contractors will be procured in accordance with applicable policies and regulations. In light of the project scope, the project will require limited-scoped professional services (e.g., surveyors, architects), construction-related contractors, and property management services. An architect may be selected from a list of on-call architects compiled through a request for qualifications (RFQ) process, in accordance with applicable policies and regulations.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Pine Bluff will administer eligible activities directly, including oversight of any applicable service contracts (i.e., property management services).

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:

There are no sub-recipients or contractors utilizing administrative funds.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 50,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 720,261		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 50,000	# %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 820,261		

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

Development of Affordable Rental Housing

The City of Pine Bluff will expand the supply of affordable rental housing by developing eight rental units that will function as transitional housing for individuals and families. The units will consist of four dedicated family units and four “flex” units that can be utilized by individuals or families, based on demand. These units will be completely furnished and serviced with utilities in order to offer seamless transitions from “homeless-to-housed” for individuals and families. Of the eight units, four will be rehabilitated and four will be new construction. Therefore, a sizable portion of the funding is allocated toward the development of affordable rental housing for transitional housing units.

Supportive Services

Supportive services provided by City staff or partners will help transition individuals from “housed” to permanent housing. The permanent housing solution will be based on the needs and unique circumstances of each participant and may consist of: (1) permanent housing with a Section 8 Voucher or other subsidized housing unit, (2) permanent housing with assistance from the City’s COC Permanent Housing grant, (3) rehabilitation assistance of a client-owned substandard housing unit, (4) purchase of an affordable housing unit developed by the City, or (5) purchase assistance with an affordable housing unit on the market. Since the City plans to leverage mainstream resources and/or resources from other programs, the budget for supportive services is relatively small for the entire grant period.

Administration and Planning

A portion of the HOME-ARP funds are allocated to support compliance with HOME-ARP administrative requirements during the grant period.

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 rationale for the plan was based on a gap in the demand for longer-term housing solutions and the supply of transitional and/or rapid rehousing resources available. The proposed units will be unique in that they will be fully furnished and move-in ready that would serve the needs of any of the qualifying populations.

Additionally, there are a number of mainstream services provided through other agencies. Therefore, a limited supportive services budget was included for eligible services not accessible from other sources.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The City of Pine Bluff will expand the supply of affordable rental housing by developing eight affordable rental units that will function as transitional housing units.

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 City of Pine Bluff will expand the supply of affordable rental housing by developing eight rental units that will function as transitional housing for individuals and families. The units will consist of four dedicated family units and four "flex" units that can be utilized by individuals or families, based on demand. These units will be completely furnished and serviced with utilities in order to offer seamless transitions from "homeless-to-housed" for individuals and families. Of the eight units, four will be rehabilitated and four will be new construction. These eight (8) units will address the priority housing and service needs of any of the qualified populations, with a special focus on families.

Preferences

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

First and foremost, ECD plans to give preference to families (adults with children and youth) as a subpopulation within each of the qualified populations. More specifically, the order of preference will be as follows:

- (1) Adults with children and youth qualified as homeless
- (2) Adults with children and youth qualified as fleeing domestic violence
- (3) Adults with children and youth qualified as "other populations"
- (4) Adults with children and youth qualified as "at risk of homelessness"

- (5) Adults qualified as homeless
- (6) Adults qualified as fleeing domestic violence
- (7) Adults qualified as “other populations”
- (8) Adults qualified as “at risk of homelessness”

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:

There are a limited number of emergency and transitional housing units and/or shelter beds that allow families to stay together during an episode of homelessness. Based on input received from homeless families, children are sometimes separated from a parent due to (1) limited accommodations for families, (2) concerns with having children in shelters with strangers, (3) concern for the safety of children, and (4) desires of parents to limit the destabilizing effects of several moves or living in a place not meant for human habitation. Adults who are unable to provide a fixed nighttime residence for their children also run the risk of separation due to the involvement of the Administration for Children and Families. Therefore, giving preferences to families will help to alleviate and/or prevent some of the trauma that homeless children may face during such an incidence. Furthermore, it may also help to alleviate or prevent the negative effects that housing instability can have on child development. In fact, residential instability among low-income households has been linked to several childhood risk factors, such as lack of school readiness, child maltreatment, poor health, and behavioral problems.²

Referral Methods

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):

ECD plans to utilize an indirect referral process where “a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project waitlist.” Agencies referring clients can assist them with completing an online application for the transitional housing units, which will be occupied according to the preferences listed above.

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):

This project will not utilize the CE process established by the Southeast Arkansas Continuum of Care. All qualifying populations will be eligible for the project, again, with a preference for families as described above.

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):

This project will not utilize the CE process established by the Southeast Arkansas Continuum of Care. All qualified applicants can apply directly for assistance.

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):

This is not applicable.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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:

Assistance will not be limited to a particular qualifying population or subpopulation. However, preferences will be utilized to serve adults with children and youth before serving other adults.

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:

This is not applicable.

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):

This is not applicable.

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 which 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***

This is not applicable because the project scope will not include refinancing.

- ***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.***

This is not applicable because the project scope will not include refinancing.

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

This is not applicable because the project scope will not include refinancing.

- ***Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.***

This is not applicable because the project scope will not include refinancing.

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

This is not applicable because the project scope will not include refinancing.

- ***Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:***

This is not applicable because the project scope will not include refinancing.

Citizen Participation Records

**CITY OF PINE BLUFF
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2022 CAPER
& HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
Public Hearing
Virtual by Zoom
March 21, 2023 – 5:00PM**

AGENDA

- I. Introductions & Purpose of Hearing***
- II. Overview: 2022 CAPER***
- III. Overview: HOME-ARP Allocation–***
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS***
3 minutes per person or organization
Please state name, address and agency you are representing
- V. Closing Remarks***

***Written comments and recommendations will also be received at the Economic & Community Development Office, 716 S. Georgia Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71601.
Comments can also be submitted to ecd@cityofpinebluff.com.***

Adjourn

CITY OF PINE BLUFF
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2022 CAPER &
HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN
March 21, 2023
5:00PM

Virtual Public Hearing

The public hearing to accept comments on the 2022 CAPER and HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was held March 21, 2023 at 5:00PM.

Attendees were asked to list their name and address in the chat box as a sign-in record upon login. Lori Walker called the meeting to order and informed the attendees that there were two items on the agenda for public comment. One was the annual report which is submitted to HUD, and explained that CAPER was an acronym for Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report and the other agenda item will be about the use of HOME-ARP funds. Lori Walker stated that a copy of the 2022 CAPER and HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was made available on the city website and the ECD office for review. She stated that comments could be received at the meeting or via email at ecdhomes@cityofpinebluff-ar.gov.

Prior to discussing the accomplishments, Ms. Walker provided an overview of the programs offered by the department. Ms. Walker provided an overview of the activities completed during the year. She then explained how the city had received \$820,261 in HOME-ARP, which is from the American Rescue Plan. This allocation of funding is available for persons who are experiencing homelessness and persons at risk for homelessness. She stated these funds are being proposed for transitional housing, and it also includes \$50,000 for administration and \$50,000 for supportive services.

The meeting was opened for comments and recommendations.

There was a comment by Denita R. Wright who indicated that she was there for her 82 year-old mother who is disabled with health issues. She indicated her house burned on March 16, 2020 at a total loss and that she and her family are working to get her mother assistance with either a place to live or a reconstructed home on her property within the fourth ward. Ms. Wright sought additional information on the nine homes Ms. Walker mentioned and asked was there was a certain area where the city was building homes. Mrs. Walker clarified that ECD did not build any homes last year, but they were homes that had been rehabilitated. Ms. Walker stated that the rehabilitation program prioritizes people that are over 65 years of age and that her mother would qualify for that priority consideration. Ms. Walker restated that the program is a rehabilitation program. Mrs. Walker stated that the office is moving toward an online application process that will help with management of the applications and that application process would reopen soon.

Ms. Wright asked if ECD builds homes. Mrs. Walker stated that the department has not built homes in a while. She indicated that there are some new-construction projects being planned, but they have not been done, because costs have been out-of-range for affordability. Ms. Wright

asked if there was a certain area that we are targeting for assistance with homebuyers. Ms. Walker stated that the homebuyer assistance program is city-wide. She stated that homebuyers are people who are buying an existing home. She informed Ms. Wright that what her mother is in need of is reconstruction and that the department has not done a reconstruction project in a long time. Ms. Walker said that she is not saying that we would not do reconstruction, but ECD does not have a program where people can apply directly for reconstruction. She stated that those that those reconstruction projects in the past were done when there was a rehabilitation project that was beyond repair and the homeowner was able to get financing and use ECD money in conjunction with their financing money in order to build a house. Ms. Wright asked if it would be possible for her mother to qualify for reconstruction. Mrs. Walker stated that it could be possible, but that there is not a current program available to apply for reconstruction assistance—it's only been through our rehabilitation program.

Ms. Wright made a comment about the \$820,000 in HOME-ARP funds, in light of her mother's emergency case. She stated that if we have not had the funding for reconstruction and that money is there, where is the money being spent, if it is allocated for assistance.

Ms. Walker restated that the HOME-ARP funds are for people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or fleeing domestic violence, which is a special allocation. Ms. Walker restated that the proposed use of that funding is for transitional housing. She stated the funding is not for reconstruction at all. Director Larry Matthews asked Ms. Wright if she could come into the office to continue the conversation on what she needs. Afterwards, the public hearing closed.

**2022 CAPER &
HOME-ARP Allocation
Virtual Meeting
March 21, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

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This notice is to inform the public that there are two (2) vacancies on the Pine Bluff Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is responsible for adopting the city's land use plan or master street plan, zoning ordinances, review requests for zoning changes or variances to zoning rules and make recommendations for changes for zoning ordinances. Commission members should be qualified by knowledge or experience to act upon matters pertaining to the physical, social and economic development of the city. Applicants must be a qualified elector within Pine Bluff, AR, and shall serve for a term of three (3) years. These are volunteer positions with no compensation. To apply, submit an application declaring your qualifications and desire for a position to the Pine Bluff Mayor's Office at mayor@cityofpinebluff-ar.gov by Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm.
This notice is to inform the public that there is one (1) vacancy on the Pine Bluff Advertising and Promotion Commission. The Advertising and Promotion Commission is charged with the responsibility of administering the city's advertising and promotion fund. The available position is

estate of the above decedent on March 7, 2023. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them; duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate. Provided that claims for injury or death caused by the negligence of the decedent shall be filed within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice, or they shall forever be barred and precluded from any benefit in such estate.
The Notice first published the 12th day of March, 2023.
Administratrix:
Patti McVay
c/o Owens Law Firm
7500 Dollarway Road, Suite 405
White Hall, AR 71602
Attorney for Administratrix
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of HAZEL VIRGINIA HANKINS, Deceased
NO. 35PR-23-139
NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF SMALL ESTATE WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION
Last known address of Decedent: 0624 Glendale Road, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603
Date of Death: October 29, 2022
In accordance with Arkansas Code Section 28-41-101, on March 15, 2023, an Affidavit of Small Estate was filed. A contest of the filing of the Affidavit of Small Estate can be effected only by filing a Petition within the time provided by law.
The Estate includes real estate located in Jefferson County, Arkansas; more particularly described as follows:
The North Ten (10) acres off the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Seven (7) South, Range Nine (9) West, less and except beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Seven (7) South, Range Nine (9) West, thence South 330 feet; thence East 594 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 638 feet to the point of beginning, containing Five (5) acres more or less.
The North Two (2) acres off of the following parcel containing Ten (10) acres more or less,

Assessor Parcel ID: 22J0150002400, and formerly owned by Harold "Buddy" Cold (d/o/d - 3/5/11) and wife, Mary Ruth Cold (d/o/d - 10/16/13), who was unmarried at her date of death. All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them; duly verified, to the distributee or his attorney, within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published the 19th day of March, 2023.
Jesse Allen Nelson, Sole Distributee, 704 Brewer Street, Jacksonville, Arkansas 72076, (501) 517-7905
Daniel M. Traylor, Ark. Bar 82-160, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 94342 North Little Rock, Arkansas 72390-4342, (501) 372-3330. Email: danny@traylorlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD HATCHETT, DECEASED
No. 35PR-22-475
NOTICE
Last known address of Decedent: 15 Lakewood Lane, Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Date of Death: August 10, 2022
The undersigned were appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of the above decedent on October 4, 2022.
All persons having claims against the estate must exhibit them; duly verified, to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit in the estate.
This notice first published the 12th day of March, 2023.
Anthony Hatchett and Adrienne Hatchett
Co-Executors of the Estate of Donald Hatchett
c/o Drew C. Benham
Gill Ragon & Owen, P.A.
425 W. Capitol Avenue
Suite 380
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN WILLIAM WINNER, DECEASED
NO. 35PR-15-206

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Meetings/Hearings 1230
PUBLIC HEARING & COMMENT PERIOD
The City of Pine Bluff will host a virtual public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$820,261 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding on:
DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2023
TIME: 5:00 PM
LINK: MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <https://www.cityofpinebluff-ar.gov/economic-and-community-development>
This funding is proposed to be used for development of transitional housing services to promote stable housing; and administration and planning costs. Comments on the use of these funds will be accepted beginning March 13, 2023 through 5:00 PM March 28, 2023.
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PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Pine Bluff Economic and Community Development Department will be accepting public comments on the 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) beginning March 14, 2023 through 5:00 PM on March 29, 2023. You may review this report online at <https://www.cityofpinebluff-ar.gov/economic-and-community-development> or a hardcopy can be made available upon request by calling 870-543-1820. Comments can be made at: ecdhomes@cityofpinebluff-ar.gov or mailed to Economic & Community Development, 716 S. Georgia, Pine Bluff, AR 71601.
Also, a public hearing to receive comments on the CAPER will be held:
DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2023
TIME: 5:00 PM
LOCATION: MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <https://www.cityofpinebluff-ar.gov/economic-and-community-development>
The City of Pine Bluff Economic & Community Development Department will submit the 2022 CAPER to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on March 30, 2023.
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party initiating foreclosure can be contacted at or in care of its servicer initiating foreclosure at: U.S. Bank National Association 4801 Frederica Street Owensboro KY 42301 at Telephone No. 800-365-7772; and WHEREAS, there may be tenants that claim an interest in the real property herein based upon said tenancy; and WHEREAS, the undersigned is the substitute trustee and is acting on and with the consent and authority of the lender who is exercising its power of sale under Ark. Code Ann. §18-60-115 which implies a power of sale in every Deed of Trust of real property situated in this state that is duly acknowledged and recorded; and default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, specifically the installment due May 1, 2020; and each subsequent payment to date are now due and the same is now therefore wholly due; and the holder of the debt has requested the undersigned to sell the property to satisfy said indebtedness. This state is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat or bill(s) of assurance; any restrictive covenants, easements, set back liens or encroachments; any unpaid and/or delinquent taxes or special assessments; any statutory redemption rights of any governmental entity; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a UCC or fixture filing; and, to any matter that an accurate survey of the property might disclose. This property is being sold "as is" with no representation as to the condition of any structure(s) thereon or the accuracy of the above legal description. Transfer taxes and recording fees are the responsibility of the purchaser. WITNESS my hand this 26th day of January, 2023. Albertelli Law, Kevin Rogers, 2012031, 1 Information Way, Suite 201 Little Rock, AR 72202, 501-406-0855; A LAW No. 22-004482. Prepared by: ALBERTELLI LAW, 1 INFORMATION WAY SUITE 201 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202, (501) 406-0855, ALAW File 22-004482. 75658409Z

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DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2023
TIME: 5:00 PM
LINK: MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE AT: <https://www.cityofpinebluff-ar.gov/economic-and-community-development>
This funding is proposed to be used for development of transitional housing, services to promote stable housing, and administration and planning costs. Comments on the use of these funds will be accepted beginning March 13, 2023 through 5:00 PM March 28, 2023.
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Vision

Pine Bluff is an anchor and driving force for growth and prosperity in Southeast Arkansas. It is a safe, beautiful, and vibrant city filled with thriving individuals, families, neighborhoods, businesses and commercial centers. We have an engaged, educated and highly-skilled citizenry that fuels the region's competitiveness in the global economy. Our young people are prepared for life in a global society and empowered as authors of their own destinies and keepers of the legacy and future of Pine Bluff.

Mission

The mission of Economic and Community Development is to champion our community's vision and work for the advancement of the City of Pine Bluff by shepherding the development of thriving neighborhoods and thriving commercial districts.

The City of Pine Bluff's plan for economic development consists of moving forward with an overall agenda that encompasses the components necessary for long-term, sustainable economic development. This agenda can only move forward effectively with the inclusion and collaboration of key stakeholders, including the hard-working citizens of Pine Bluff. This agenda is as follows:

- Establish a strategic direction
- Align systems with strategic direction
- Focus on business retention and expansion
- Focus on quality of place
- Focus on developing and growing our workforce
- Engage in aggressive attraction and creation of new businesses/jobs

The community must challenge itself to coordinate efforts in housing, transportation, community, economic, and workforce development activities in an effort to promote more livable communities throughout the city. This approach provides a comprehensive solution for helping all residents—especially low-income citizens—attain a higher quality of life for themselves and their families. The Economic & Community Development Department contributes to more livable communities through public works projects, housing programs, public services, and economic development activities that support thriving neighborhoods and thriving commercial districts.

Director: Larry Matthews

larrym@cityofpinebluff.com

716 S Georgia Street Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

Tel: (870) 543-1820

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Citizen Participation Records

- [NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2023 Annual Action Plan.pdf](#)
- [HOME-ARP Allocation](#)
- [2022 CAPER Program Year](#)

- [NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CDBG-CV AMENDMENT.pdf](#)
- [NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for 2023 Annual Action Plan.pdf](#)
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- [Public Hearing Notice 2: 2022 Annual Action Plan and HOME ARP Funding](#)
- [Public Hearing Notice 1: 2022 Annual Action Plan and HOME ARP Funding](#)

All Citizen Participation Records can be made available in large print, Braille, or other languages upon written request via email at ecdhomes@cityofpinebluff-ar.gov or by calling 870-543-1820.

***2022 City of Pine Bluff's funding for Community
Development Block Grant & HOME Investment
Partnership & HOME-ARP***

Public Hearing

Virtual by Zoom

November 30, 2021 – 5:00PM

AGENDA

- I. Introductions & Purpose of Hearing-
Sarah Price***
- II. Assessment of needs for 2022 Budget
Discussion of canceling the Emergency Rehab List-
Lori Walker- Assistant Director***
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3 minutes per person or organization
Please state name, address and agency you are representing***
- IV. Closing Remarks***

***Written comments and recommendations will also be received at the Economic & Community Development Office, 716 S. Georgia Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71601.
Comments can also be submitted to ecd@cityofpinebluff.com.***

Adjourn

**2022 Annual Action Plan
for Community Development Block Grant &
HOME Investment Partnership & HOME-ARP
Virtual Public Hearing –November 30, 2021**

The public hearing to discuss and review the 2022 City of Pine Bluff's funding for Community Development Block Grant & HOME Investment Partnership & HOME-ARP was held virtually Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Opening Remarks

Sarah Price opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and introducing members of the staff. She provided an overview of public comment process, stating that each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to speak. She stated that speakers must state their name, address and the organization represented (if any). Attendees were notified that if there were concerns not related to the Economic and Community Development Department (ECD), ECD would forward the concerns to the correct department.

Lori Walker provided an overview of the eligible uses of the funds and asked about the needs (if any). Lori Walker asked what is the greatest need in our community? There was a comment from staffer Michael Gilliard about funding allocation for a local housing counseling agent. Lori Walker then asked what type of assistance does he think the City would provide that person? Mr. Gilliard stated that he sees it as one or two options, one being either partial or full rent of a facility that is large enough to accommodate training sessions maybe once a week or once every other week. The other option could be fees paid towards a counselor that is contingent upon the client completing housing counseling, to provide a copy of the completion certificate before any reimbursements would be issued. That is could be a per person reimbursement fee for the counselor.

Lori Walker went on to discuss the elimination of the Emergency Rehabilitation waiting list in 2023. This would be done by providing assistance to the individuals on the waiting list from 2011 and 2012 during the 2022 calendar year, then introducing a lottery pick for the persons who have contacted ECD beyond 2012 through 2022. The contact list would be pre-screened using client-based and needs-based criteria to reach populations with the greatest need for assistance. Then, eligibility determinations will be made from the pre-screened list. Then, a lottery pick would be made from the verified-eligible applicants until budget funds are exhausted. Beyond 2022, the process will be as follows: (1) public notice for accepting applications, (2) pre-screen of applications using client-based and needs-based criteria, (3) eligibility determination and (4) lottery pick of clients from verified-eligible applicants. Anyone not selected for assistance in the budget year would have to reapply in subsequent years. Mrs. Walker asked for comments on the waiting list approach.

Closing Remarks

There will be another public hearing in the Spring of 2022 to discuss the 2022 City of Pine Bluff budget. Inquiries can be made to the Economic and Community Development Office at 716 Georgia Street or email to ecd@cityofpinebluff.com.

November 30, 2021 Public Hearing Virtual Sign in Sheet

16:53:50 From Sarah Price : Good evening, Thank you for logging on. If you would please type your name and agency in the chat box please? Thank you!

16:54:06 From Teanna Williams : Teanna Williams ECD

16:55:15 From Cortina : Cortina Johnson ECD

17:03:03 From Michael D Gilliard : Michael Gilliard

17:06:24 From Albert King Jr : Albert King Jr ECD

17:06:39 From iPhone : Larry Matthews

17:06:49 From Michael D Gilliard : Michael Gilliard, Economic and Community Development Department

17:08:46 From Michael D Gilliard : Funding allocation for a local housing agent.

17:09:14 From Michael D Gilliard : Housing Counseling

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PUBLIC HEARING

Our second virtual public hearing to discuss proposed activities and the allocation of \$820,261 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding will be held:
DATE: Tuesday, November 30,

2021
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Charles G McNeice Jr

STATE OF ARKANSAS, COUNTY OF Pulaski

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30 day of Nov 2021

Signature of Notary Public *[Signature]*

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DEBORAH F. CHANEY
NOTARY PUBLIC-ARKANSAS
SALINE COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 02-20-29

***2022 City of Pine Bluff's funding for Community
Development Block Grant & HOME Investment
Partnership & HOME-ARP***

Public Hearing

Virtual by Zoom

November 18, 2021 – 5:00PM

AGENDA

- I. Introductions & Purpose of Hearing-
Sarah Price***
- II. Assessment of needs for 2022 Budget
Discussion of canceling the Emergency Rehab List-
Lori Walker- Assistant Director***
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3 minutes per person or organization
Please state name, address and agency you are representing***
- IV. Closing Remarks***

***Written comments and recommendations will also be received at the Economic & Community Development Office, 716 S. Georgia Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71601.
Comments can also be submitted to ecd@cityofpinebluff.com.***

Adjourn

**2022 Annual Action Plan
for Community Development Block Grant &
HOME Investment Partnership & HOME-ARP
Virtual Public Hearing –November 18, 2021**

The public hearing to assess community needs for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership & HOME-ARP Funds was held virtually Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Opening Remarks

Sarah Price opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and introducing members of the staff. She provided an overview of public comment process, stating that each speaker would be allowed 3 minutes to speak. She stated that speakers must state their name, address and the organization represented (if any). Attendees were notified that if there were concerns not related to the Economic and Community Development Department (ECD), ECD would forward the concerns to the correct department.

Lori Walker provided an overview of the types of eligible projects that can be done with CDBG, HOME, and HOME-ARP funds and asked about the needs (if any).

Lori Walker discussed the elimination of the Emergency Rehabilitation waiting list in 2023. This would be done by providing assistance to the individuals on the waiting list from 2011 and 2012 during the 2022 calendar year, then introducing a lottery pick for the persons who have contacted ECD beyond 2012 through 2022. She explained that a criteria-based screening system would replace the waiting list and clients would be randomly selected.

There were no members from the public available, so another public meeting would be scheduled to receive input on community needs.

Closing Remarks

Sarah Price stated that in addition to the next public hearing within two weeks, there would be another public hearing in the Spring of 2022 to discuss the 2022 City of Pine Bluff budget, once the funding allocation was known. Inquiries can be made to the Economic and Community Development Office at 716 Georgia Street or email to ecd@cityofpinebluff.com.

Virtual Public Hearing

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PUBLIC HEARING
A virtual public hearing to discuss proposed activities and the allocation of \$820,281 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding will be held:
DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2021
TIME: 5:00PM
LINK: Available at www.cityof-pinebluff-ar.gov
This funding can be used for a range of activities, including: affordable rental housing, transitional housing, group homes, rental assistance for tenants, services to promote stable housing and prevent homelessness, non-congregate shelter units, operating assistance and capacity building for non-profit organizations completing HOME-ARP activities, and administration and planning costs.
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SF 424 & Certifications

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify):**

*** 3. Date Received:**

3/30/2023

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State: 03/30/2023

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: CITY OF PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

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

71-6009954

* c. UEI:

JVKED9XA3BH5

d. Address:

* Street1: 716 S. GEORGIA STREET

Street2:

* City: PINE BLUFF

County/Parish:

* State: AR: Arkansas

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 71601-5014

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

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

Prefix:

* First Name:

LARRY

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

MATTHEWS

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 870-543-1820

Fax Number:

* Email: LARRYM@CITYOFPINEBLUFF-AR.GOV

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

N/A

* Title:

N/A

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN INCLUDES ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING UNITS AS WELL AS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

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

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

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="820,261.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="820,261.00"/>

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

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

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

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

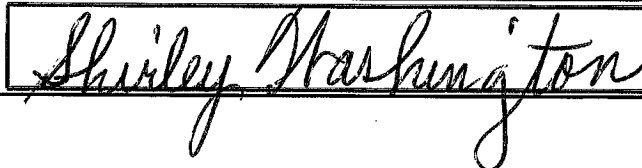
Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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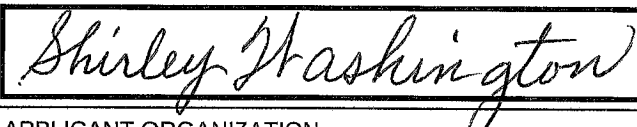
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances.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

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Pine Bluff, AR	DATE SUBMITTED 5/5/2023

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

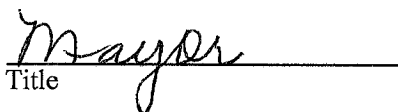
Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


Signature of Authorized Official

5/4/23
Date


Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) _____ [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Shirley Washington
Signature of Authorized Official

5/4/23
Date

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Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Shirley Washington 5/4/23
Signature of Authorized Official Date

Mayor
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Shirley Washington
Signature of Authorized Official

5/4/2023
Date

Mayor
Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Shirley Washington
Signature of Authorized Official

5/4/23
Date

Mayor
Title

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

Shirley Washington
Signature of Authorized Official

5/4/23
Date

Mayer
Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.