

### 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:**

09/22/2021

**4. Applicant Identifier:**

**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:**

**5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

**State Use Only:**

**6. Date Received by State:**

**7. State Application Identifier:**

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**\* a. Legal Name:** City of Port Arthur

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

74-6001885

**\* c. UEI:**

EMVNEFYW2KN4

**d. Address:**

**\* Street1:** 444 4th Street; P. O. Box 1089

**Street2:**

**\* City:** Port Arthur

**County/Parish:**

**\* State:** TX: Texas

**Province:**

**\* Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

**\* Zip / Postal Code:** 77641-1089

**e. Organizational Unit:**

**Department Name:**

Development Services

**Division Name:**

Planning and Zoning

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

**Prefix:** Ms.

**\* First Name:** Pamela

**Middle Name:**

**\* Last Name:** Langford

**Suffix:**

**Title:** Director of Development Services

**Organizational Affiliation:**

**\* Telephone Number:** 409-983-8135

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

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\* Other (specify):

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

Department of Housing and Urban Development

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME-ARP

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M21-MP480217

\* Title:

American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

### 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:

HOME-ARP

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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## 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 (\$):

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,000,453.00"/>

## \* 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 218, 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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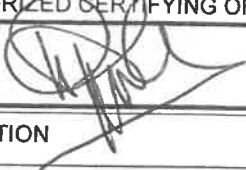
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. 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.
7. 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 or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with 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.

9. 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.
10. Will comply, if applicable, 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.
11. 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).
12. 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.
13. 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.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. 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.
17. 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."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. 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 City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Port Arthur	DATE SUBMITTED 7/25/22

RESOLUTION NO. 22-245

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE 2021 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).**

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homeless and other vulnerable populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$1,000,453.00 HOME-ARP grant funding to the City of Port Arthur. In order to receive the HOME-ARP funding, Port Arthur is required to develop and submit an allocation plan to HUD and a substantial amendment to its Fiscal Year 2021 annual action plan. The allocation plan must describe the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and the process for soliciting applications and/or selecting eligible projects. The plan must also identify any preferences being established for eligible activities or projects. However, the plan is not required to identify specific projects that will be funded in the HOME-ARP allocation plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the process of developing the allocation plan, two community meetings were held on April 13, 2022, and April 28, 2022, and several community organizations were consulted to identify the needs of the community. Citizens were given an opportunity to view and comment on the drafts of the 2021 substantial amendment and the allocation plan from May 16 to May 31, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, the submission to HUD will include the 2021 Substantial Amendment, HOME-ARP allocation plan, certifications, and SF 424 form (see Exhibit A).

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, is required to designate an official to sign all documents in connection with the amendment and allocation plan submission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:**

**THAT** the City Manager is authorized to submit the amendment to the 2021 Consolidated Annual Action Plan and the HOME-ARP allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant for \$1,000,453.

**THAT** a copy of the amendment and plan in attached hereto in substantially the same form as Exhibit "A"; and,

**THAT** the City Manager is designated to sign all documents in connection with the amendment and allocation plan.

**THAT** a copy of the caption of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City Council.

**READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 7th day of June, 2022 at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas by the following vote:


**AYES: MAYOR** Bartie, Mayor Pro Tem, Holmes;

**COUNCILMEMBERS:** Jones, Kinkau, Marks  
and Frank

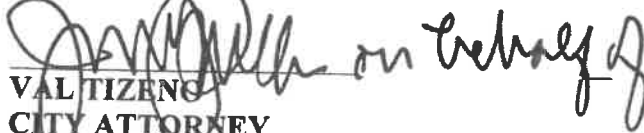
**NOES:** None

  
**THURMAN BARTIE,  
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

  
SHERRI BELLARD  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
VAL TIZENG  
CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION:

  
RON BURTON  
CITY MANAGER

  
PAMELA LANGFORD  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR



# CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

## HOME - ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

### JUNE 13, 2022

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## Introduction

The City of Port Arthur is a federal entitlement community that receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As an entitlement community, the City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan detailing the uses of CDBG funds to meet its affordable housing and community development goals as outlined in its Consolidated Plan.

For Program Year 2021-2022, the city is proposing to make substantial amendments to its submitted Annual Plan. The purpose for the substantial amendment is to include \$1,000,453 HOME-ARP grant funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the allocation is to serve households who are at greatest risk of housing instability, including individuals and families experiencing homelessness and/or who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Meeting this requirement, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is the substantial amendment to the adopted Action Plan FY 2021-22.

HOME-ARP funds can only be expended on eligible activities:

- Provision of Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance)
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters: Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter (these structures can remain in use as a non-congregate shelter or can be converted to 1) emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program; 2) permanent housing under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; or 3) affordable housing under the HOME Program)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing (such as acquisition and rehabilitation)
- Non-Profit Operating (5% maximum allocation) (may not exceed the greater of 50 percent of the general operating expenses of the organization for that fiscal year)
- Non-Profit Capacity Building (5% maximum allocation) (may not exceed the greater of 50 percent of the general operating expenses of the organization for that fiscal year)
- Administration and Planning for the HOME ARP Program (15% maximum allocation)

HOME-ARP funds must be used primarily to benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at the risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other families requiring services, housing assistance, or to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

Below are definitions for terms that are used frequently in relation to HOME-ARP funds.

**NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER:** As opposed to congregate settings, such as traditional homeless shelters, non-congregate shelter provides more private accommodations (individual rooms). During the COVID-19 pandemic, people living in congregate facilities have been at higher risk of contracting or having complications from the virus because physical distancing is difficult.

**QUALIFYING POPULATIONS:** For HOME-ARP funds, this means people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability.

**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:** Services that help households maintain housing stability and quality of life. These may include support with finding and applying for housing, financial assistance for moving costs, childcare, legal services, mental health and substance use services, and more.

**TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE:** A rent subsidy to help households afford housing costs, such as rent and security deposits. "Tenant-based" means the subsidy is attached to the household, and they can use it to rent any rental unit that meets program guidelines and whose landlord is willing to accept the subsidy payment.

## HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

### Guidance

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

**Participating Jurisdiction:** Port Arthur

**Date:** 4/1/2022

### Consultation

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

#### *Summarize the consultation process:*

The City of Port Arthur consultation process included reviewing system-level data as well as seeking input from community partners regarding their identification of needs and gaps. The

Southeast Texas Homeless Coalition (SETCH) is the Continuum of Care's lead agency. SETCH in partnership with the Texas Homeless Network provided information from the 2022 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count.

The city held a community forum on April 13, 2022, at City Hall with various service providers and stakeholders. The attendees were divided into three groups with experts in homelessness, services, housing, and housing related activities serving as Table Leaders for each group. Each group discussed the following issues: What are the needs and problems? How can the barriers be addressed? What are alternatives for addressing the problem, given the anticipated barriers? Why should funding be prioritized for programs in this subject area(s)? A representative from each table was given 3 minutes to respond to a question from the fascinator and if any table leader wanted to respond they were given 2 minutes. After formulating responses, each Table Leader was given an opportunity to report their findings to the entire assembly and receive comments.

*List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.*

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
<b>Texas Homelessness Network</b>	Continuum of Care Lead Agency	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	<p>Feedback from the agency includes specific ways other communities are choosing priorities include:</p> <p>Viewing what needs were identified in their most recent Consolidated Plan that can be funded by HOME-ARP</p> <p>Prioritizing homeless veterans because their local homeless coalition has identified that population as a priority</p> <p>Asking which housing providers and services providers would like to partner to provide housing and services to people within one HOME-ARP-funded project</p>
<b>Southeast Texas Homeless Coalition</b>	Regional organization	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	The lead agency for Continuum of Care provided 2022 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count data showing an increase in the number of people

			experiencing homelessness in Port Arthur from 2020
<b>The Salvation Army of Beaumont</b>	Services-homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Salvation Army did not serve any homeless persons from Port Arthur last year.
<b>Port Arthur Housing Authority</b>	Housing Assistance	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Provided RAD units available to low to moderate income households; number of people currently on waiting list for rental assistance and currently utilizing HCV and VASH voucher; Identified families, veterans and persons with disabilities as the population with the highest need.
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	Services-homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Participated in group discussions at stakeholder community meeting providing comments prioritizing the need for services for people suffering with mental health issues.
<b>Texas Education Agency</b>	Federal organization	Communication through email	Provided youth homeless data for Jefferson County indicating a high priority for youth homeless.
<b>Spindletop Center</b>	Domestic Violence Service Providers Services-Disabilities	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Participated in a group discussion that identified partnerships with service providers and developers as option to address barriers. Provided resources currently available for persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities
<b>Willie Carter Community Outreach Center</b>	Health Agency	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Identified Ex-offenders, teen homeless as a result of aging out of foster care as population in need of housing and supportive service and recommends any projects provided by the city address their needs.
<b>Lonestar Legal</b>	Service-Fair Housing	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Solicited input via email to request feedback and data
<b>Gulf Coast Health Center</b>	Services-Health	Invited to participate in the Home ARP	When asked "How can the barriers be addressed" Gulf Coast mobile unit – can help sign up for

		Plan community forums.	benefits, offers health screenings, counseling, and other services.
<b>Senior Meals</b>	Services-Elderly Persons	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Solicited input via email to request feedback and data
<b>United Way of Mid &amp; South Jefferson County</b>	Services-Homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	High priority for all service areas that impact education, health, and financial stability.
<b>Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission</b>	Regional organization/Planning organization	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Target populations with the highest needs are families, veterans and elderly.
<b>Legacy Community Development</b>	Housing	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Mental health service / treatment for homeless families to reduce stress. Affordable rental housing.
<b>Jefferson County</b>	Other government - County	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
<b>New World Harvest Church</b>	Services-Homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Before the pandemic agency was working with homeless on 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue; majority need access to services; services for mental health issues and drug addictions.
<b>Port Arthur ISD</b>	Services-Education	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback on youth homelessness
<b>Lamar State College-Port Arthur – Office of Disability Services</b>	Services-Education	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Provided data on disabled persons per semester and identified housing as greatest need for disabled persons
<b>Family Services of SETX</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback on domestic violence victims
<b>United Board Missions</b>	Services-Homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Identified the need for financial assistance to continue funding rent, utility, and food programs currently available for the elderly and disabled persons.

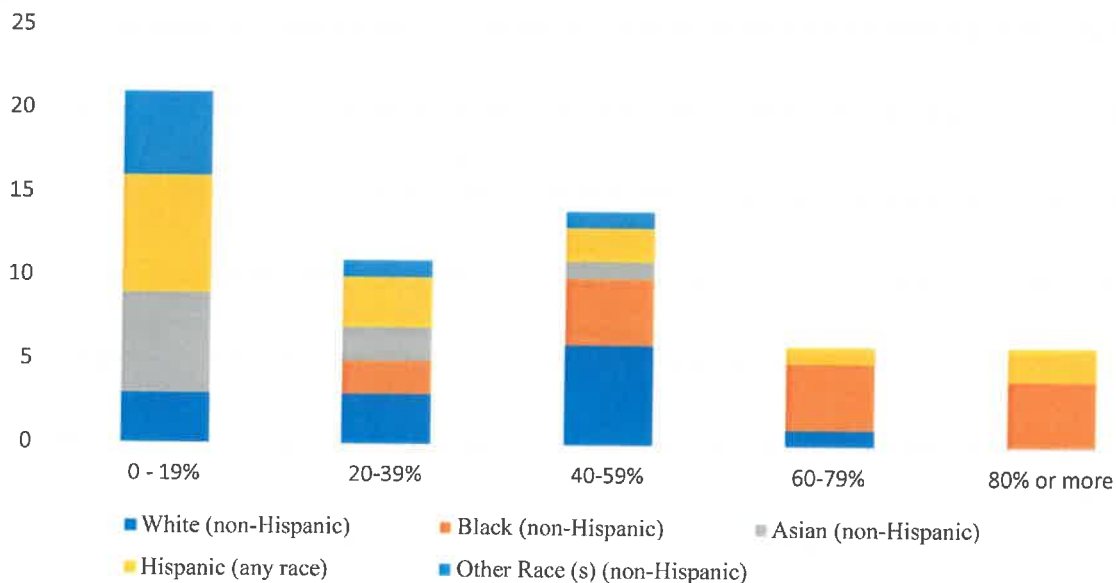


<b>PA Associated Contractors</b>	<u>Housing</u>	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Solicited input via email to request feedback and data
<b>Port Arthur ISD</b>	<u>Services-Homeless</u>	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Solicited input via email, and telephone to request feedback and data
<b>Veterans Services</b>	<u>Health Agency</u>	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan community forums.	Housing, services and transportation priority.

## Needs Assessment Survey Results

During the community forum, community stakeholders participated in a HOME ARP Needs Assessment Survey. The city reached out to community organizations – including organizations serving the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, public housing organizations, affordable housing developers, housing authority, and civil rights agencies. The survey was conducted in person on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by the twenty-eight attendees.

### Of the "qualifying populations" what percent race/ethnicity do you serve? (Please feel free to estimate)



The Agency and Organizations Survey asked respondents to report the level of service provided to varying racial and ethnic groups. Survey responses showed that on average, Whites accounted

for the largest racial/ethnic group, of the HOME-ARP qualifying populations, receiving assistance (Figure 1). Half of the survey respondents identified African Americans as the majority (over 60%) of those served within the qualified population groups. Individuals of Hispanic descent followed this as the second most-served group. Asians made up the smallest racial/ethnic group making up less than 20% of those served.

What types of housing assistance or supportive services does your organization provide for the "qualifying populations?"



The top services provided are Supportive Services at 22%, Tenant- Based Rental Assistance at 12%, and Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments at 10%. Of the survey respondents, only 7% provided Emergency shelters and 5% provided temporary shelters for homeless populations. Fair Housing and Civil Rights services were only provided by 2% of the organizations surveyed; however, the topic of housing discrimination and overall lack of options for individuals with criminal backgrounds was raised multiple times in the survey's discussion section.

## Public Participation

Port Arthur provided for and encouraged citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan for City Council consideration, Port Arthur provided residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment of **no less than 15 calendar days**. Port Arthur followed its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, Port Arthur held **an April 28, 2022, public hearing meeting** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment prior to submission.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, Port Arthur made the following information available to the public:

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

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice: April 1, 2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date – 5/15/2022 end date – 5/30/2022***
- ***Date (s) of Public Hearing: 4/13/2022, 4/28/2022, 6/7/2022***

The city held a workshop session for agencies on April 13, 2022, and a public engagement meeting on April 28, 2022, at City Hall where the public was given the opportunity to discuss the following issues: What are the needs and problems? How can the barriers be addressed? What are alternatives for addressing the problem, given the anticipated barriers? Why should funding be prioritized for programs in this subject area (s)? Additionally, a Priority Needs Survey was made available on the City's website for completion and submission online.

The Public Comment period for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment will began on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and concluded on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A Public Notice was published in the local newspaper and include information regarding the proposed plan as well as the scheduled Public Hearing. Comments were allowed to be submitted by mail, phone, fax, email or during the public hearing. City Council approved and adopted the HOME ARP Allocation and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment on June 7, 2022.

***Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:***

In addition to the Public Notice being published in the local newspaper and the city's website, consultation letters were sent via email to community stakeholders requesting comment on the allocation plan. This included social service organizations, homeless service providers, advisory boards, neighborhood associations, and other nonprofit organizations. A list of these organizations and the letter are attached to this plan.

Port Arthur considered all comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

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

During the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, community forum with Port Arthur stakeholders, the twenty-eight participants were split into three discussion groups and assigned a table discussion leader.

### **Group 1 Participants:**

- **“What are the needs and problems?”**

The group participants provided comments prioritizing the need for services for people suffering with mental health issues. Several examples of families and persons experiencing homelessness were provided from their direct relationships as services and housing providers.

- **“How can the barriers be addressed?”**
  - The group recommended a variety of options to addressing barriers including the following:
    - *A building that would house all the needed services and have transportation available.*
    - *Hold “Homeless Day” (health fair) bring services to the event (similar to Veterans Stand Down).*
    - *City transit picks up people from local churches and brings to Civic Center for the Veterans Stand Down.*
    - *Training program which could help people become entrepreneurs (e.g., painters, carpenters)*

### **Group 2 Participants**

- **“What are the needs and problems?”**
  - This group collectively identified the following needs:
    - *Emergency Shelters*
    - *Supportive Services*
      - *Mental health, disability substance abuse, domestic violence and veterans*
    - *Housing Ex-offenders*
- **“How can the barriers be addressed?”**
  - The group recommended a variety of options to addressing barriers including the following:
    - *Tenant Based Rental Assistance*
    - *Rental Stock*
    - *Long-term Supportive Services*
    - *Partnership with service providers and developers*
    - *Lease Purchase Program*

### **Group 3 Participants**

- **“What are the needs and problems?”**
  - This group collectively identified the following needs:

- *Transitional housing*
  - *Vouchers for key populations*
  - *Literacy and life and home skills training*
  - *Youth are aging out of foster care increasing their risk of homelessness*
- **“How can the barriers be addressed?”**
    - The group recommended a variety of options to addressing barriers including the following:
      - *Locate and fund vouchers for housing units currently vacant*
      - *City donated properties to provide shelter and supportive services*
      - *Rehab Vacant Nursing home on 9<sup>th</sup> avenue to address affordable housing and supportive housing needs.*

Attendees were asked the following two questions **“What are alternatives for addressing the problem, given the anticipated barriers?”**

- *Critique guidelines to fit community needs*
- *Quarterly network meetings*
- *Identify family members of those who are homeless, get counseling for the family unit to help them work together to get the homeless person back home or to get needed services.*

***“Why should funding be prioritized for programs in the subject area(s)?”***

The City of Port Arthur lacks sufficient resources to leverage non-federal funds to address the needs of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Therefore, the city’s use of HOME ARP funds will continue to support the efforts of it service and affordable housing providers.

A full summary of comments and recommendations received during the public comment period and the public hearings are in the Appendix of the 2022 HOME ARP Allocation Plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

***Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:***  
All comments were accepted.

## **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

Port Arthur evaluated the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, Port Arthur identified any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. Port Arthur used current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or

services. The table below (Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table) includes data from the HUD 2022 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count Report and includes data for Jefferson County and Port Arthur. Due to COVID-19 only Port Arthur Unsheltered Homeless data is available.

**OPTIONAL 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	55	20	65	0	0								
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	7	5	27	0	3								
Other Permanent Housing						0	0	0	0				
Sheltered Homeless						12	17	1	18				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	148	14	7				
<b>Current Gap</b>										62	25	92	0

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

**OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table**

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	8,933		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	1,570		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	6,565		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		1,635	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		1,215	
<b>Current Gaps</b>			20,599

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

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

According to the 2022 Texas Balance of State CoC Point-In-Time (PIT) count, there are 213 people who are experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County. The count includes people that are staying in emergency shelters, residing in transitional housing, and those that are unsheltered. The 2022 Jefferson County PIT count reports that out of the 213 people who are experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County 21 are under 18 years old and 7 are age 18 to 24. The data shows that 53 are females, 117 are males. The data indicates that 135 people identified themselves as non-Hispanic or non-Latino, and 19 persons identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino. Regarding race most of the people from the PIT count indicated that they are White (64), and Black or African American (75). The Jefferson County 2022 PIT count identifies that the 213 people experiencing homelessness are chronically homeless in which 32 of them are unsheltered. The PIT count also shows that there are 15 Veterans experiencing homelessness.

Homeless data in Port Arthur shows 51 total persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness of which 10 are Chronically Homeless. Further analyzing the 51 unsheltered homeless population, 5 are female, 25 are male and no gender information was provided for 21 persons. Regarding the race and ethnicity of Port Arthur's unsheltered homeless population, 10 are white, 19 are black, 28 are non-Hispanic or non-Latino and 4 are Hispanic or Latino.

**Population At Risk Of Homelessness:** On average during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are about 155 eviction filings per month in Jefferson County according to the State of Texas Office of Court Administration. As of January 2022, the number of monthly evictions filed reached 297, the highest amount since January 2020 of 300 evictions filed.

Based on the 2021-2022 data collected through the Public Education Information Management System by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Jefferson County has 510 students experiencing homelessness

Households with household income less than or equal to 30% AMI with a cost burden greater than 50% are also at risk of homelessness. Based on the CHAS data, there are 990 households in this category of potential risk.

Individuals incarcerated in Port Arthur jails as well as those receiving behavioral health services, including substance abuse disorder services, may also be at risk of homelessness upon discharge. Spindletop Center, the intellectual and development center in Port Arthur provided Behavioral Health services for 170 persons in 2021.

Data from Texas Domestic Violence Statistics in 2020 shows over nine hundred persons were victims of family violence in Port Arthur including Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking.

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

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

The cause of any one person's homelessness often lies, not in a single factor, but at the convergence of multiple events and conditions. From one angle, homelessness can be seen as an economic problem - caused by unemployment, foreclosure, or poverty. From another viewpoint, homelessness could appear to be a health issue - as many homeless persons struggle with one or more conditions such as mental illness, physical disability, HIV, or substance abuse. Looking at the problem another way, homelessness emerges as a social problem - with factors such as domestic violence, educational attainment, or race lying at the root. Homelessness is caused by all these issues, sometimes simultaneously.

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### **Unstable Housing Situations**

There are approximately 3,200 families currently in unstable housing conditions receiving financial assistance through federally subsidized rental housing. By 2025, the affordability restrictions on 2,034 units of federally subsidized housing in Port Arthur are set to expire. Restrictions on an additional 384 units are set to expire by 2030. Some of these units will remain within the subsidized inventory as owners elect to renew their rent subsidy contracts or recapitalize the properties using new federal subsidies.

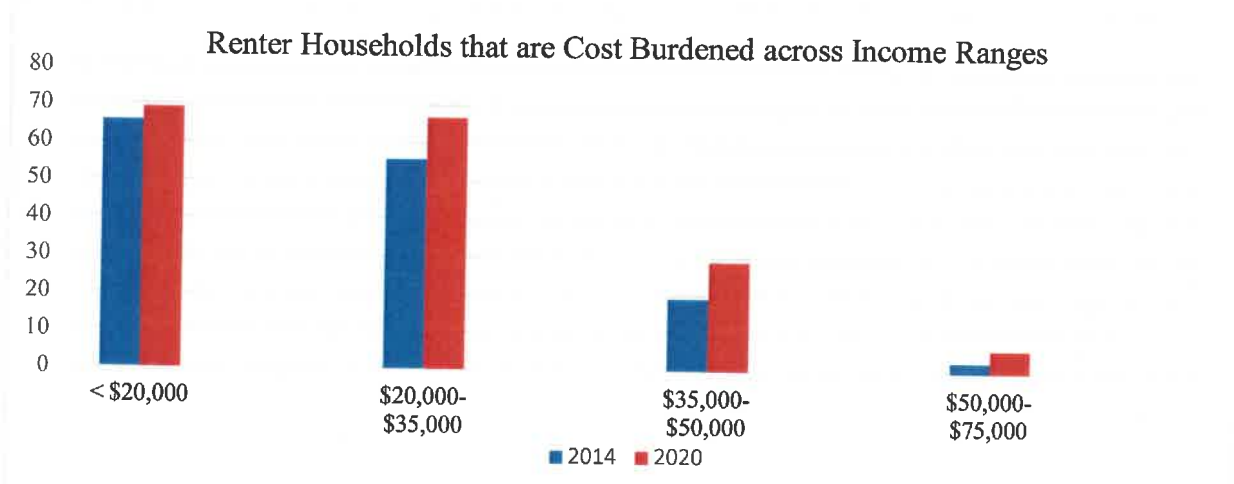


The Port Arthur Housing Authority manages 274 Rental Assistance Demonstration, RAD units. Additionally, there are 3,072 units in 16 projects that have HUD insured mortgages, serving low-income families, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Over 1,900 units have been developed in Port Arthur through Low Income Housing Tax Credits. There are 2000 applicants currently on the waiting list for Section 8 housing assistance.

Legacy Community Development Corporation (Legacy CDC) is a nonprofit organization that develops affordable housing and provides financial counseling for low- to-moderate income households. Legacy CDC offers Down Payment Assistance to first time homebuyers, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Homeowner Reconstruction Assistance to existing low-to-moderate income homeowners. There are currently 150 applicants on the waiting list to participate in these programs leaving them in unstable housing situations and further increases the chances of homelessness.

### Housing Affordability

In Port Arthur, the share of renter households that are moderately or severely cost burdened increased from 44.7% in 2014 to 47.4% in 2020. The incidence of housing cost burdens is highest for unassisted renter households with the lowest incomes. In Port Arthur, renter households with incomes of less than \$20,000 had the highest incidence of cost burden in 2020 (69.2%). As shown in the previous visualization, the share of households rent burdened in Port Arthur increased overall from 2014 to 2020.



### Disabled Persons

Among the 54,149 residents living in Port Arthur, 7,716 or 14.1 percent are living with a disability. Disability within each race category report 22.9 percent of Whites are disabled followed by Black or African Americans with 19.6 percent. The age group with the highest percentage of persons disabled are those over the age of 75 with 59.6 and the age group with the largest population of disabled persons is 35 – 64 with 3,084 persons living with a disability.

<b>Race And Ethnicity</b>	<b>Disabled Population</b>	<b>Percent Disabled</b>
White alone	3,040	13.1%
Black or African American alone	4,559	19.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	19	6.3%
Asian alone	288	8.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	12	20.7%
Some other race alone	282	14.6%
Two or more races	229	10.3%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	2,327	23.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,167	6.7%

Source: 2020 American Community Survey

Analyzing disability by type, 9.3 percent of Port Arthur's disabled population are experiencing ambulatory difficulty followed by 5.6 percent experiencing cognitive difficulty and 3.8 experiencing independent living difficulty.

<b>Disability Type By Detailed</b>	<b>Disabled Population</b>	<b>Percent Disabled</b>
With a hearing difficulty	1,836	3.4%
With a vision difficulty	2,308	4.3%
With a cognitive difficulty	3,038	5.6%
With an ambulatory difficulty	5,057	9.3%
With a self-care difficulty	1,056	1.9%
With an independent living difficulty	2,062	3.8%

Source: 2020 American Community Survey

The City of Port Arthur supports its residents with disabilities in several ways, most notably by providing Community Development Block Grant Cares Act (CDBG-CV) funding to purchase a van for nutrition and services for seniors to deliver meals to homebound seniors and disabled adults. United Board of Missions, located in Port Arthur delivers hot lunches twice a week (Tuesday and Friday) to elderly and severely disabled clients who cannot get out for meals. Emergency assistance is provided to seniors (60+) and disabled individuals (55+) in crisis through the utility company Entergy which offers the Power to Care Program.

Although the city has affordable housing options for the population at large, there no housing unit's utilizing funding from Federal Programs such as Section 202/811 which provides supportive housing for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

*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:*

Since 2021 Jefferson County has implemented the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program. This program provides comprehensive rental and utilities assistance to households who are at risk of losing their homes due to COVID-19.

### **Resources for Disabled Persons**

Resources available to disabled persons were provided from consulting with local organization. United Board of Missions delivers hot lunches twice a week (Tuesday and Friday) to elderly and severely disabled clients who cannot get out for meals. Emergency assistance is provided to seniors (60+) and disabled individuals (55+) in crisis through the utility company Entergy which offers the Power to Care Program

- Families served year to date:
  - Food Assistance 420 Families Served
  - Families/Households served 644 Families Served
  - Total utility bills 382 Families Served
  - Total Rent Bills 185 Families Served
  - Other Assistance 154 Families Served

Lamar State College Port Arthur – Office of Disability Services (ODS) offers disabled students classroom tools such recording devices and audio transcribing devices to minimize educational barriers. The ODS also provide coordinating services to address the needs of disabled students categorized as “special populations”

Nutrition & Services for Seniors (United Way) through their Meals on Wheels program, deliver meals to homebound seniors and disabled adults.

Spindletop Center South County Outpatient Services through a state supported living center provides 24-hour residential services in a structured environment for people with intellectual disabilities. Community-based intermediate care facility provide 24-hour residential services for people with intellectual disabilities or related conditions.

### **Southeast Texas Coalition for the Homeless Program (SETCH)**

The SETCH Program is a consensus driven, collaborative dedicated to ending homelessness in Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange counties. The Coalition is comprised of local, state, federal, faith-based, non-profit organizations, and local businesses. Since its January 2000 inception, the Coalition has worked to identify gaps in existing services and assist organizations in the development of resources to fill those needs, thereby assuring a full continuum of care for homeless persons.

The HUD 2021 Texas Balance of State Housing Inventory Count Report includes data for Jefferson County and Port Arthur. Less than 14% of the 153 total beds are available to serve those experiencing homelessness within Port Arthur city limits. Emergency Shelters, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing are available in Jefferson and Orange County.

There are five agencies providing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. These include emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and other permanent housing:

Family Services of Southeast Texas	Women & Children ES
Housing Authority of Port Arthur	HUD-VASH
Neighborhood Development Corporation	Homeless to Homes Program
The Salvation Army of Beaumont	Emergency Shelter
The Salvation Army of Beaumont	ESG-CV RRH

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

The service providers in Port Arthur work closely together to provide a continuum of services in response to needs identified through surveys of homeless persons and general observations of the providers. Providers in Port Arthur are particularly strong in the areas of mental health services, employment training, and life skills training. Gaps exist in emergency shelter capacity. There are not enough beds on a typical night. Another gap is the coordination of service centers through the lack of universal participation of providers in the HMIS system. All homeless providers who participate in federal funding programs are enrolled in the HMIS system

***Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of “other populations” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:***

The number one indicator of households falling into homelessness from a place of housing instability is a previous history of homelessness. Homeless assistance is the last resort for households in extreme poverty with few resources of their own and limited connections to others who could offer temporary, emergency support. Additionally, when other systems of care, like hospitals, behavioral health settings, child welfare, and criminal justice systems, are unable to address the reasons why people cannot stay housed, people have no alternative than turning to the homeless response system.

To prevent people from falling into homelessness, public systems for justice, anti-poverty, prevention, health (including behavioral health), child welfare and affordable housing must use data to identify how people are falling into homelessness and target prevention strategies and policies to address these areas.

Additionally, families with children, or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state, including those people who are doubled up in other people’s homes because they lack a home of their own, are not considered to be experiencing



homelessness by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are not eligible for its homeless assistance. These same families are, however, considered to be experiencing homelessness by the U.S. Department of Education and are eligible for additional educational services and supports. People are “at risk of homelessness” if they are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within the next 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.

***Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:***

HOME-ARP qualifying populations often have many competing needs. Consultation Survey planned meetings with stakeholders are expected to indicate a variety of needs for qualifying populations, including 1) housing, such as shelter, short-term housing, permanent supportive housing, and rental and utility assistance, and 2) supportive services, such as medical care, counseling, substance abuse service, case management, childcare, transportation, legal services, and job training. The needs overlap but also vary amongst these populations, and the following information will cover the priority needs for each of the qualified populations

The Office of Disability Services at Lamar State College Port Arthur identified the need for non-student housing around the campus for disabled students. There were not enough housing units available to accommodate the 200 disabled students attending the college in 2022.

United Board of Missions identified supportive services such as rent, utilities and food as priority needs for the elderly including those with disabilities.

Approximately 10 percent of the persons disabled in Port Arthur have ambulatory difficulties such walking or climbing stairs. There is need for housing units with requirements for accessibility, such as ramps or elevators. At this time there are no housing units receiving federal assistance through the Section 811 multifamily housing program.

***Explain how the level of need and gaps in its shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan were determined:***

The gaps in services and programs need to provide shelter, housing, and services were determined using data from multiple sources, including stakeholder and public engagement. The level of need for unsheltered and shelter households experiencing homelessness was determined by evaluating the number of unsheltered households and the level of resources available to adequately house the families or individuals with permanent supportive housing and critical long-term supportive services to achieve housing stability. For households that are currently housed but have challenges maintaining their home, the level of need was measured by the amount of inventory that had affordable, safe, and adequate living conditions and the number of renter households that are experiencing severe housing cost burdens. These households need housing outcomes that help them stay housed without incumbering them with the cost of their home

## **HOME-ARP Activities**

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

Pending HUD approval of its HOME-ARP allocation plan, the City of Port Arthur will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for interested and experienced operators and developers of permanent supportive housing and/or affordable housing; tenant based rental assistance; and qualifying supportive services. Preceding the issuing of the RFP, the City will host an advertised pre-solicitation workshop to advise prospective applicants of the process, HOME and HOME ARP Guidelines and Regulations, and documentations and supportive bid materials that will be required as part of the solicitation. Next, the city will solicit proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

The agencies selected through the request for proposal (RFP) will then be contracted to move forward with development, rehabilitation, supportive services, referral, and administration of services for qualified populations and the city will provide oversight, monitoring, and reporting.

***Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:***

The city will administer the administration and planning activities under the grant. However, administering the remaining eligible activities will be subject to the results of the request for proposal process to identify and contract with agencies, developers, and organizations to submit proposals and those selected for funding will administer activities and projects. Considerations will be given to City Agencies including the Port Arthur Housing Authority and City Departments to assist in the administration of specialized activities such as Tenant Based Rental Assistance in conjunction with their current programs for HOME ARP Applicants.

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

The City of Port Arthur expects to receive \$1,000,453 from HUD for HOME ARP. The city through a competitive RFP process will determine the individual activity and amount for each category of funding listed in the HOME ARP Allocation Table below. The City will allocate funds ranging from no dollars for a category and up to the maximum grant amount of \$1,000,453 allocated. The city will indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits. The following table will be used to meet this requirement.

### Use of HOME-ARP Funding

Categories of Activities	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 170,077		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 680,309		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 150,067	15 %	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,453</b>		

#### *Additional narrative, if applicable:*

Designated funding amounts in the allocation table are estimates based on needs demonstrated in the plan. The City at its' discretion and subject to the selected projects in the Request for proposal process, will determine final allocation of funds based on City Council approval. Non-Congregate Housing will be eligible for consideration as Affordable Rental Housing.

#### *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:*

Port Arthur has been able to identify, with the development of the gap analysis and stakeholder meetings, activities that will assist the qualified populations in Port Arthur. The results of the gap analysis shows that there is a need for an expansion of Affordable Rental Housing as cost burdened renters has increased from 44.7% in 2014 to almost 50% in 2020. Emergency Shelters and the capacity of the Nonprofit network who respond to families and individuals of the most vulnerable qualified populations.

### 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 used data from RS Means Construction Cost Estimates and the average development costs of 6 recently constructed multifamily rental properties in Port Arthur to estimate the number of housing units the city plans to create. The data along with the housing characteristics required by the qualifying populations was inserted into HUD's HOME-ARP Housing Production Goal Calculation Worksheet to determine the city's housing production goals. The City's goal is to allocate \$680,309 of its funding to at least 8 newly constructed non-congregate housing units or at least 13 rehabilitated housing rental units. The City's final housing production goals will be determined based on the competitive RFP process allocating funding to specific projects after HUD approval of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

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

Because the city lacks sufficient housing for its homeless population and those at risk of homelessness, the creation of at least 10 non-congregate or affordable rental housing units will address the unmet housing needs and support the CoC ultimate goal of ending chronic homelessness and prevention of additional at-risk persons and families from becoming homeless. The city will determine based on the competitive RFP process allocating funding to specific projects after HUD approval of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The City of Port Arthur has a goal of 8 to 13 units of non-congregate or affordable rental housing to be supported through rehabilitation for new development funding. Data from organizations consulted and census data support the city's goal for needed affordable rental units

## **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:***

1. Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
2. PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.

None

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

N/A

***If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:***

N/A

## **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:



1. ***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***

Port Arthur does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

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

N/A

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

The city intends to invest HOME ARP funds to maintain current affordable units and create additional units.

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

N/A

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

The city will not use HOME ARP funds to refinance any multifamily loans.

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

N/A

## **Appendices**

APPENDIX A: HOME-ARP NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

APPENDIX B: HOME-ARP NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

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## APPENDIX A: HOME-ARP NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

<b>1. What best describes the organization you are affiliated with? (Select all that apply)</b>	
Homeless Service Provider	
Domestic Violence Service Provider	
Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	
Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider	
Veterans Group	
Civil Rights	
Fair Housing	
People with Disabilities	
Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability	
Public Housing Authority	
Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	
Other (please specify):	

<b>2. What types of housing assistance or supportive services does your organization provide for the "qualifying populations?"</b>	
Day shelters	

Temporary shelters	
Emergency shelters	
Transitional housing	
Permanent supportive housing	
Other permanent housing	
Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments	
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments).	
Supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, etc.)	
Diversion/Homeless Prevention	
Rapid Rehousing	
Services for persons with disabilities	
Fair housing or civil rights	
Other (please specify)	

**3. Which of the following "qualifying populations" does your organization serve? (Select all that apply).**

Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	
Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	
Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI	
Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability	
Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness	
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	

**4. Please identify the population with the highest need for services based on your organization's experience (check all that apply).**

Families	
Single adults	
Veterans	
Unaccompanied Youth	
Victims of Domestic Violence	
Persons with Disabilities	

Other (please specify):

<b>5. Of the "qualifying populations" what percent race/ethnicity do you serve? (Please feel free to estimate)</b>					
	<b>0 - 19%</b>	<b>20- 39%</b>	<b>40- 59%</b>	<b>60- 79%</b>	<b>80% or more</b>
White (non-Hispanic)					
Black (non-Hispanic)					
Asian (non-Hispanic)					
Hispanic (any race)					
Other Race (s) (non-Hispanic)					

## APPENDIX B: HOME-ARP NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

<b>1. What best describes the organization you are affiliated with? (Select all that apply)</b>	
Homeless Service Provider	5
Domestic Violence Service Provider	1
Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	3
Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider	5
Veterans Group	4
Civil Rights	0
Fair Housing	1
People with Disabilities	8
Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability	9
Public Housing Authority	1
Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	10
Other (please specify):	1

**2. What types of housing assistance or supportive services does your organization provide for the "qualifying populations?"**

Day shelters	0
Temporary shelters	3
Emergency shelters	4
Transitional housing	1
Permanent supportive housing	5
Other permanent housing	2
Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments	6
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments).	7
Supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, etc.)	13
Diversion/Homeless Prevention	4
Rapid Rehousing	2
Services for persons with disabilities	6
Fair housing or civil rights	1
Other (please specify)	4

**3. Which of the following "qualifying populations" does your organization serve? (Select all that apply).**

Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	8
Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	8
Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI	10
Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	7
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability	10
Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness	13
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	10

**4. Please identify the population with the highest need for services based on your organization's experience (check all that apply).**

Families	10
Single adults	11
Veterans	9
Unaccompanied Youth	3
Victims of Domestic Violence	3
Persons with Disabilities	9

Other (please specify): 4

**5. Of the "qualifying populations" what percent race/ethnicity do you serve? (Please feel free to estimate)**

	0 - 19%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80% or more
White (non-Hispanic)	3	3	6	1	0
Black (non-Hispanic)	0	2	4	4	4
Asian (non-Hispanic)	6	2	1	0	0
Hispanic (any race)	7	3	2	1	2
Other Race (s) (non-Hispanic)	5	1	1	0	0

## APPENDIX C: STAKEHOLDER MEETING PRESENTATION

### BACKGROUND

- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021 by President Joseph Biden.
- The ARP provides \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 on:
  - The economy
  - Public health
  - State and Local Governments
  - Individuals
  - Businesses

### BACKGROUND

- Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to the 653 State and local Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) that qualified for 2021 HOME FUNDS to:
  - Provide capital investment for permanent rental housing.
  - Upgrade available stock of shelter to include non-congregate shelter (NCS)
  - Provide tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services.
- This funding is to be used to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying populations (QPs) who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations.

### HOME-ARP - ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 1) Affordable Rental Housing (*HOME-ARP Rental Housing*)
- 2) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (*HOME-ARP TBRA*)
- 3) Supportive Services (*HOME-ARP Supportive Services*)
- 4) Non-Congregate Shelter (*HOME-ARP NCS*)

### QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS UNDER HOME-ARP

1. Homeless
2. At risk of homelessness
3. Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking
4. Other populations where providing supportive assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability
5. Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of 1-4 above

## HOMELESS QUALIFYING POPULATION

### HOMELESSNESS DEFINED

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed regular and adequate nighttime residence.
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their nighttime residence, no substitute residence has been identified, and the family or individual lacks the resources to obtain other permanent housing.
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age or families with children and youth

## AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS QUALIFYING POPULATION

### AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

#### AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY WHO:

- Has an income below thirty percent (30%) of median family income for the area
- Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving into an emergency shelter
- Meets one of the following conditions:
  - Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during 60 days immediately preceding an application for assistance
  - Is living in the home of another
  - Has been served a notice of eviction within effective within 21 days after their application date for assistance
  - Lives in a hotel or motel with a cost not paid by a charitable third party or the government
  - Lives in a single room unit with two or more persons
  - Is residing in a publicly funded institution.
  - Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability.

## FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING QUALIFYING POPULATION

## FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Includes individuals or families who reasonably believe that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence against the individual or family that has taken place within their nighttime residence or has made them fearful of returning to or remaining within the same dwelling unit.
- Types of violence include:
  - Domestic Violence
  - Dating Violence
  - Sexual Assault
  - Stalking
  - Human Trafficking

## OTHER POPULATIONS

- Includes households who have previously been qualified as homeless and are currently housed due to temporary or emergency rental or financial assistance and who need additional housing or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.
- Those at risk of housing instability:
  - Includes households with an annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area income and is experiencing severe cost burden; or
  - Households with an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income AND has moved two or more times during the 60 days before their application, is living in the home of another, or has been given a notice that housing will be terminated within 21 days after application for assistance.
  - Lives in a hotel or motel not paid for by a charitable organization or government program.
  - Lives in a single room unit with two or more persons.
  - Is exiting a publicly funded institution.

## VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

### QUALIFYING POPULATION

### VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Veterans and families that include a veteran member that meet the criteria for one of the other qualifying populations.

## METHODS OF CHOOSING APPLICANTS

- **PREFERENCES**
  - A jurisdiction may establish reasonable preferences among qualifying populations to prioritize applicants.
- **TARGETED ASSISTANCE**
  - If HOME-ARP funds are used for TBRA, the jurisdiction may establish a preference for individuals with special needs or persons with disabilities among the HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
  - Participation may also be limited to persons with specific disabilities among qualifying populations (ex. HIV/AIDS, chronic mental illness).
- **REFERRAL METHODS**
  - A PJ may use the coordinated entry process (CE) or a continuum of care (CoC) for referrals.

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

### •RENTAL HOUSING

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES – RENTAL HOUSING

#### RENTAL HOUSING - ACTIVITIES

- Acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of affordable rental housing for occupancy by qualifying populations.
- Eligible Rental Housing includes:
  - Manufactured Housing
  - Single Room Occupancy Units (SROs)
  - Permanent supportive housing
- Ineligible Rental Housing includes:
  - Emergency shelters, hotels and motels, and temporary facilities such as nursing homes, treatment facilities, correctional facilities and halfway houses.

#### ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Development hard and soft costs
- Relocation
- Operating Cost assistance/reserves

### RENTAL HOUSING TARGETING/ MINIMUM COMPLIANCE PERIOD

#### TARGETING

- Not less than SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) of affordable rental housing units acquired, rehabilitated or constructed with HOME-ARP funds, must be occupied by households in the qualifying populations. (QP Units)
- Not more than THIRTY PERCENT (30%) of total HOME-ARP rental units may be restricted for occupancy by low-income households. (LI Units)

#### COMPLIANCE PERIOD

- Rental units must comply with HOME-ARP requirements for a minimum of 15 years, irrespective of the amount of HOME-ARP funds invested in the project or activity.

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

### TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA)



## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES –

### TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

- Assistance may be provided to a qualifying household with payments to cover the
  - entire or insufficient amounts for housing and housing related costs such as:
    - Rental assistance
    - Security deposits
    - Utility deposits
- 100% of the funds for tenant based rental assistance may be used for rent and utility costs
- HOME-ARP TBRA is attached to the household not the rental unit. As such rental assisted households may move to a new unit with continued assistance from HOME- ARP.
- Housing occupied by a household receiving HOME-ARP TBRA must comply with HUD
  - housing quality standards

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- ARP funding may be used for eligible costs for supportive services that are necessary to assist the qualifying populations, prevent homelessness or to enable qualifying households to obtain and maintain housing.
- Eligible participants include those who meet the definition of a qualifying population and those who are not already receiving services through another program

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ■ Child care   | ■ Mental health, trauma and victim services                             |
| ■ Employment assistance programs and job training      | ■ Assistance in obtaining government assistance                         |
| ■ Meals or groceries to program participants           | ■ Substance abuse treatment services                                    |
| ■ Outpatient health services, food and case management | ■ Transportation  |
| ■ Housing, employment and nutrition counseling         | ■ Legal services  |
| ■ Life Skills Training                                 | ■ Credit Repair   |
|  | ■ Homeowner assistance and related services are NOT eligible activities |

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

### NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER

## WHAT IS A NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER? (NCS)

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, NCS is defined as one or more buildings that:

- Provide private units or rooms for temporary shelter;
- Serve individuals or families that meet one or more qualifying populations;
- Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement.

## NCS – ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Acquisition of structures
- New construction with or without acquisition
- Rehabilitation of existing structures to be used as HOME-ARP NCS.

### ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Acquisition Costs
- Demolition Costs
- Development Hard and Soft Costs
- Replacement Reserve (Costs for replacing major systems whose useful life will end during the restricted use period may be included in the project budget)

### RESTRICTED COSTS:

- Ongoing operating costs of NCS may NOT be paid for by HOME-ARP funds
- Costs of Converting HOME-ARP NCS into permanent housing during the restricted use period

## DISPOSITION OF HOME-ARP NCS

### DISPOSITION OF HOME-ARP NCS MAY INCLUDE:

- Remaining as HOME-ARP NCS
- Use as a NCS under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program.
- After minimum use period met:
  - Be converted to HOME-ARP affordable rental housing
  - Be converted to CoC permanent housing

## NCS RESTRICTED AND MINIMUM USE PERIODS

RESTRICTED USE PERIOD	MINIMUM USE PERIOD (BEFORE CONVERSION PERMITTED)
■ NEW CONSTRUCTION – 15 YEARS	■ ACQUISITION ONLY – 3 YEARS
■ REHABILITATION – 10 YEARS	■ MODERATE REHAB – 5 YEARS
■ ACQUISITION ONLY – 10 YEARS	- Total Investment < 75% Appraised Value
	■ SUBSTANTIAL REHAB – 10 YEARS
	- Total Investment > 75% Appraised Value
	■ NEW CONSTRUCTION – 10 YEARS

## NONPROFIT OPERATING AND CAPACITY BUILDING ASSISTANCE

- A PI may use up to 5 percent of its HOME-ARP allocation to pay operating expenses of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other nonprofit organizations that will carry out activities with HOME-ARP funds.
- A PI may also use up to an additional 5 percent of its allocation to pay eligible costs related to developing the capacity of eligible nonprofit organizations to successfully carry out HOME-ARP eligible activities.

## ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

### ■ BUDGET PERIOD/PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

– *A participating jurisdiction may not expend any HOME-*

*ARP funds after September 30, 2030.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:

<http://www.Hud.gov>

<http://www.Hudexchange.info>

## HOME-ARP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## Appendix D: Focus Group Meeting Summary

### Table Discussion – Leader Vivian Ballou

1. Sonya Abraham – Veterans Services
2. Avia Mayfield – Gulf Coast Health Care
3. Keith Richard – New World Harvest Church
4. Carol Fernandez – Catholic Charities
5. Vivian Ballou – Legacy CDC

*The numbers assigned to each person are used below to indicate the person who made the comment.*

### Table Leader asked the first question “What are the needs and problems?”

1. Homeless
2. People want to be homeless
  1. Can be because of mental health issues  
For Veterans, it’s because of military training that teaches them not to trust anyone
3. Before the pandemic was working with homeless on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue; men and women; people seem to want to get back on track; feels majority need hand-holding; people want to work but have mental health issues and drug addictions.
5. People suffering from trauma also contributing to homelessness.
3. On 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue cleaned up, put up tents observed that families picked up people from the location when a storm was coming to the area. So perhaps if we could identify family members of those who are homeless, get counseling for the family unit to help them work together to get the homeless person back home or to get needed services.
5. Mental illness affects the whole family so sometimes may leave the person out to be homeless to reduce stress on the family.
3. Concerned that he sees a lot of people of color.  
Saw a lady who had been raped and became pregnant.  
People are homeless not just because they want to be but because they have no other options.
5. People may not fit in normal 9-5 jobs because of meds
3. Had a guy who got on PCP, got a lot of help from Sheriff Stephens to get him into a hospital; sadly he was able to check himself out.
5. Law does not allow to commit someone against their will.  
Maybe legal aid could help families set up power of attorney or some type of conservatorship.

## Appendix E: Public Notice

**Mary Essex**

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**From:** Cheryl Gibbs  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:22 AM  
**To:** Mary Essex  
**Subject:** Statement for Posting-Grants Management  
**Attachments:** Screenshot MaryE Instagram posting request for Amendment, Allocation.jpg; Screenshot MaryE Twitter posting request for Amendment, Allocation.jpg; Screenshot MaryE FB posting request1 for Amendment, Allocation.jpg; Screenshot MaryE FB posting request2 for Amendment, Allocation.jpg

Whenever I post, all postings are emailed to the following:

34 Media, including all TV stations, Hispanic and other local newspapers, Hispanic- and English-speaking radio stations.

6 For the Mayor and 5 Councilmembers

55 City Employees

Please note that the postings for FB, Instagram, and Twitter are attached.

Posted to City's Website:

**🔗NOTICE: Public Commentary Period for HOME ARP Grants May 16-31, 2022**

**🔗 NOTICE: Public Commentary Period for HOME ARP Grants REMINDER**

Regards,

Cheryl Gibbs, PIO  
City of Port Arthur  
Office of the City Manager  
444 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Port Arthur, Texas 77640  
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### Public Notices

#### Public Notices

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received, by the Purchasing Director of the City of Bridge City, located at 260 Rachel, P.O. Box 846, Bridge City, Texas 77811 until 9:45 a.m., Friday, June 24,

### Public Notices

2022. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. at 260 Rachel Street, Bridge City, Texas.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 Group Health, Dental and Life, Accidental Death & Dis-  
 memberment

A bid package containing specifications and instructions may be obtained from the City of Bridge City Purchasing Director, 260 Rachel Street, Bridge City, Texas, or by calling 409-735-6801.

The City of Bridge City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid most advantageous to the City.

Kim Tucker, Purchasing Director  
 City of Bridge City, Texas

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### Public Notices

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 370.002 Texas Local Government Code, a Public Hearing of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., and Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 8:00p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 444 Fourth Street, To Receive Input And Public Comment As To The Effect Of The Juvenile Curfew Ordinance On The City And Any Problems The Ordinance Was Intended To Remedy; And The Need, If Any, To Continue, Modify, Or Amend The Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

/s/ Kelly Moore  
 Assistant City Secretary

Port Arthur News:  
 May 7 and 14, 2022  
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#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

#### COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT OF THE 2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment for the HOME-American Rescue Plan (APR) Grant and the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

The City of Port Arthur has prepared a substantial amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan to include \$1,000,453 HOME-ARP grant funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. A draft of the Allocation Plan for HOME-ARP is also prepared and available for public review.

The draft Substantial Amendment and the Allocation Plan for the HOME-ARP can be viewed at the City's website at [www.portarthurbx.gov](http://www.portarthurbx.gov) and in the Grants Management's office at 300 4th Street, Port Arthur, Texas.

The 15-day public comment period is being held from May 16, 2022, to May 31, 2022, to allow the public and other interested parties to comment on the amendment and the Allocation Plan. Any comments should be submitted in writing on or before 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2022, to Mary E. Essex, City of Port Arthur, P. O. Box 1089, Port Arthur, Texas 77641-1089. Telephone (409) 983-8251.

#### CITY OF PORT ARTHUR: NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, AND ITS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 31, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL'S CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 444 4TH STREET, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS 77640, TO CONSIDER PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE, INCLUDING: CHANGES TO ZONING REGULATIONS AND ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES; CHANGES AFFECTING THE HEIGHT, NUMBER OR STORIES AND SIZE OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; CHANGES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF A LOT THAT MAY BE OCCUPIED; CHANGES TO THE SIZE OF YARDS, COURTS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; CHANGES TO POPULATION DENSITY; CHANGES TO THE LOCATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, OTHER STRUCTURES, AND LAND FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENTIAL OR OTHER PURPOSES; CHANGES TO THE BULK OF BUILDINGS; AND CHANGES TO THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND RAZING OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES, INCLUDING IN DESIGNATED PLACES AND AREAS OF HISTORICAL, CULTURAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE; AND AMENDING THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CONFORM TO THE PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS ADOPTED BY THE

**Mary Essex**

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**From:** Cheryl Gibbs  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:31 AM  
**To:** Mary Essex  
**Subject:** RE: Proof of advertisement for the HOME-ARP notice on the City's website

Her you go, Mary.

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The original item was published from 4/20/2022 5:10:44 PM to 4/29/2022 7:05:03 AM.

### **News Flash-City of Port Arthur Website posting**

Press Releases

Posted on: April 20, 2022

#### **[ARCHIVED] Grants Management Holds Second Public Hearing on HOME-ARP**



#### **Notice of Public Hearing**

Grants Management will hold a second public hearing under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) objectives on April 28, 2022, in the Development Services Building, 300 4th Street. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocation in the Fiscal Year 2021.

The City of Port Arthur has been awarded \$1,000,453 of HOME-ARP funds to support homeless activities. As part of developing a plan for the use of the HOME-ARP funding, Port Arthur is required to inform the community about the HOME-ARP grant.

## *HOME-ARP Community Partners Community Meeting*

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The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued guidance on the use of these funds, which can be found in the Community Planning and Development (CPD) Notice "CPD-21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program." HUD has outlined specific guidance on who qualifies for assistance and eligible activities as outlined below.

The HUD Issued CPD notice identifies qualifying populations as:

- a. Homeless (as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act).
- b. At the risk of homelessness (as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act).
- c. Fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- d. Part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or
- e. Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets the criteria in one of the above.

The eligible activities for the use of HOME-ARP funding are as follows:

- a. Development and support of affordable rental housing
- b. Tenant based rental assistance (TBRA)
- c. Supportive services to qualifying individuals
- d. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.
- e. Administration and Planning
- f. Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance

On April 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., a community meeting will be held in the Development Services Conference Room, 300 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Arthur, Texas to discuss the HOME-ARP grant.

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Port Arthur, TX

Grants Management Holds Second Public Hearing on HOME-ARP

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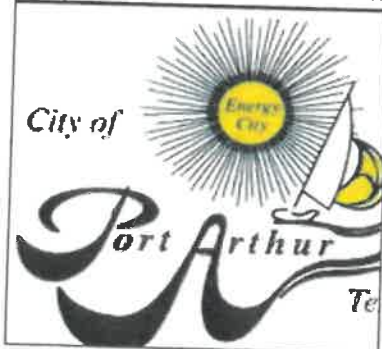


City of Port Arthur, TX

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[portarthurtx.gov/CivicAlerts.as...](http://portarthurtx.gov/CivicAlerts.as...) Grants Management Holds Second Public Hearing on HOME-ARP Port Arthur has been awarded \$1,000,453 of HOME-ARP funds to support homeless activities. As required GM is informing the community on April 28th.



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Port Arthur, TX

Grants Management Holds Second Public Hearing on HOME-ARP

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## HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

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

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

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

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

**HOME-ARP Certification** --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.

Signature of Authorized Official

6-15-2022  
Date

Title

City Manager