



RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Columbia, SC 29201

FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

*For Submission to HUD for the
HOME Investment Partnership - American
Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program*

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Introduction

Established in 1785, Richland County, South Carolina is home to over 400,000 residents. Originally centered around agriculture (Richland County is named after the rich farming land used to support large indigo and cotton crops), Richland County is now the second-most populous county in South Carolina and is home to the military community at Fort Jackson, well-regarded educational institutions, and state-of-the-art hospital systems.

Richland County is a vibrant community with great amounts of racial, economic, and cultural diversity. According to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey, 40.0% of the County population is White and 47.3% of the population is Black or African American. The County also has a notable and growing Hispanic or Latino community which makes up 5.6% of the population. 16.5% of the County population is in poverty while the median income of \$56,137 is similar to the Statewide median income of \$59,318. Over half of all County residents live in unincorporated areas.

Richland County, South Carolina is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) for the following Federal Programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)

Congress appropriated \$5 billion in funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. These funds are to be used to assist the homeless and those persons and families who are at risk of becoming homeless. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering this program and Richland County was allocated \$2,696,855 in HOME-ARP funds.

The Richland County Community Development Department, is the lead entity and the administrator for the HOME-ARP funds.

Richland County prepared this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to address its local needs and to establish priorities for the use of HOME-ARP funds. The County must submit its Allocation Plan to HUD by March 31, 2023. In order to determine the County's needs, interviews, video conferences, and agency surveys were held with various housing providers, social service agencies, the Continuum of Care members, advocacy groups, etc. Agencies and organizations that serve all the qualifying populations were contacted and interviewed or asked to complete an agency survey.

The Continuum of Care (COC) was established by the South Carolina legislature in 1983 and is a program that serves children with the most severe and complex emotional or behavioral health

challenges through a strengths-based and culturally competent service delivery model. Through Wraparound services, its objective is to empower youth and families to realize their hopes and dreams, decrease out of home placements, improve school attendance and performance, decrease interactions with the legal system, and enhance the overall quality of life of the child. The Continuum of Care is divided up into four (4) regions. Richland County is located in Region A Midlands. This region consists of the following counties: Aiken, Barnwell, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Lexington, **Richland**, and York.

The Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH), is a coalition of over 50 organizations and individuals representing Richland County and 13 other counties in central South Carolina. Homeless service providers track the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness through the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) maintained by the United Way of the Midlands.

The Columbia/Midlands CoC cooperatively worked together with Richland County in identifying the needs and gaps in the system to end homelessness in the County and the region.

HOME-ARP Eligible Projects/Activities:

The following projects/activities are eligible with the HOME-ARP funds:

1. Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing

- Acquisition, construction of affordable rental housing for individuals and families that are part of the Qualifying Populations.
- May include single family or multifamily housing, transitional or permanent housing, group homes, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and manufactured housing.

2. Tenant Based Rental Assistance

- Providing payments to a tenant to cover housing and housing-related costs, including rental assistance, security deposit assistance, utility deposits, and utility payments to households that are part of the Qualifying Populations.

3. Supportive Services

- Providing supportive services to members of the Qualifying Populations under three categories:
 - McKinney-Vento Supportive Services
 - Homelessness Prevention Services
 - Housing Counseling Services

4. Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

- Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of non-congregate shelter units to service individuals and families that are part of the four (4) Qualifying Populations.

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations:

The HOME-ARP Program has the following four (4) Qualifying Populations:

1. Homeless

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - i. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
 - ii. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
 - iii. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
 - i. The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - ii. No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - iii. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - i. Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or

section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);

- ii. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
- iii. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
- iv. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment

2. At Risk of Homelessness

- An individual or family who is extremely low income (<30% AMI), does not have support networks, and meets at least one of the conditions for homelessness (24 CFR 91.5).

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

4. Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:

- Those who are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance or need additional assistance or services to avoid a return to homelessness.
- Populations at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability.
 - Households whose income is <30% AMI and are experiencing severe cost burden.
 - Households whose income is <50% AMI and meet one of the criteria for being At Risk of Homelessness.

In compliance with the HUD regulations, Richland County has prepared a substantial amendment to its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan in order to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in IDIS.

A “draft” of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was placed on public display on the County’s website at <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov>. Copies of the Allocation Plan were also available at the Richland County Government, Community

Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3058, Columbia, SC 29204. The display period started on Monday, March 6, 2023 through Monday, March 20, 2023 for a 15-day display period. A Public Hearing was held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the County Council Chambers located at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 to present the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and solicit resident comments. Upon completion of the 15-day comment period and approval by Richland County Council, Richland County will submitted the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through IDIS on Friday, March 31, 2023.

Consultation

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

During the consultation process, Richland County staff consulted with stakeholders, agencies/organizations, and housing providers that are part of the following categories:

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

The HOME-ARP Consultation Milestones are the following:

HOME-ARP Consultation Milestones	
Consultation	May 2022 through March 2023
Newspaper Notice	Friday, March 3, 2023
On Display	Monday, March 6, 2023
Public Hearing	Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Off Display	Monday, March 20, 2023
County Council Approval	Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Richland County held stakeholders meetings and sent out surveys to agencies/organizations between May 2022 through March 2023.

The County ran a newspaper notice in the “The State” on Friday, March 3, 2023. In the notice it states that the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display for fifteen (15) days on the County’s website at: <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov> and at the following locations Richland County Government, Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3058, Columbia, SC 29204.

The Public Hearing was held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM to discuss the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and solicit stakeholders’ comments on the Plan.

County Council approved the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan at its regular County Council meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

The chart below references the Qualifying Population that each agency/organization that was consulted with serves. The following are the Qualifying Populations:

- **QP 1** - Homeless
- **QP 2** - At Risk of Homelessness
- **QP 3** - Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- **QP 4** - Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Organization Consulted	Type of Agency/ Organization	Qualifying Population's Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Richland County	Government	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	In-person meetings	Richland County was involved in all meetings and was responsible for gathering a list of contacts and participated in asking questions and communicating with local stakeholders.
Columbia Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency (PHA)	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	In-person meeting (5/10/2022), Survey	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wraparound services for mental health issues • Security deposit assistance • Affordable, available housing (1-2 bedroom units) • Financial literacy programs • Access to jobs with wages that allow families to maintain stable housing • Home maintenance assistance
Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (Mirici)	Homeless Services Provider, Public Agencies that Address the Needs of the Qualifying Populations, Public or Private Organizations that Address Fair Housing and Civil Rights, and	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	In person meeting (5/11/2022), Survey	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing • Supportive housing for chronically homeless • Rapid rehousing • SRO units • Assistance for cost-burdened renters • Specialized housing for people leaving institutional settings • Non-congregate shelter to supplement existing shelter facilities • Housing for people at 30-50% AMI should be prioritized • Healthcare and mental healthcare

	Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities				
Catholic Charities of the Midlands	Homeless service providers, Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and	QP1/QP2	In person meeting (5/11/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More programs to meet the needs of people so they don't have to keep coming back for assistance 	
Homeless No More	Homeless service providers, and	QP1	In person meeting (5/11/2022), Survey	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More capacity for family shelters • Affordable units for 30-50% AMI • Access to homeless services after business hours • Wraparound services for all family members 	
Live Oak Place	Homeless service providers, and	QP1/QP2/QP3	In person meeting (5/11/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing 	
Austin Wilkes Society	Homeless service providers, Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, Veterans Groups	QP1/QP2/QP4	In person meeting (5/11/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing, especially for veterans • Targeting men for assistance 	

Family Promise of the Midlands	Homeless service providers, and Domestic violence service providers	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	In person meeting (5/11/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable housing
Oliver Gospel	Homeless service providers, and Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2/QP3	In person meeting (5/11/2022)	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term care for homeless Mental health treatment/screening for women's shelter
Shepherds Transformation	Homeless service providers, Domestic violence service providers, and Veterans Groups	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	In person meeting (5/11/2022), Survey	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female veterans supportive housing
Home Works of America	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, Public or private organizations that address the needs	QP2/ QP4	In person meeting (5/12/2022). Survey	Identified the following needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing rehabilitation, especially for seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People are living in deteriorating family homes

	of persons with disabilities			
Pathways to Healing	<p>Homeless service providers,</p> <p>Domestic violence service providers, and</p> <p>Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations,</p>	QP1/QP2/QP3	In person meeting (5/12/2022). Survey	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More shelter beds • Permanent housing solutions • Transportation services to resources
Richland County School District One/McKinney-Vento Office	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations,	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Survey	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation services • Affordable housing • Free or pro-bono legal assistance • Assistance for delinquent utility bills • Family shelters which allow for older male children
SC UpLift Community Outreach	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations,	QP2/QP4	In person meeting (5/12/2022), Survey	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination between service providers • Affordable housing • Housing counseling services • Access to employment with a livable wage
The Cooperative Ministry	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations,	QP2/QP4	In person meeting (5/11/2022), Survey	<p>Identified the following needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing • Behavioral healthcare • Legal services • Short-term rent/mortgage and utility assistance • Home repairs/rehabilitation

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family beds, especially for families with teenage sons• Shelter staffing
United Way of the Midlands/Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless	The CoC serving the County's geographic area	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Email Consultation	Provided the County with homelessness data and housing inventory information for Richland County.

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

During the HOME-ARP Consultation, the following priority needs for the qualifying populations were stressed:

- Need for more affordable rental housing
- Need for supportive services such as counseling, life skills training, case management, childcare, mental health services, transportation, legal services, job training, etc.
- Need for rental and utility assistance
- Need for transitional housing
- Need for more shelter beds
- Need for funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO's, transitional and permanent housing
- Need for family shelters that allow older male children
- Need for funds for rapid re-housing
- Need for funds to assist cost-burdened renters
- Need for specialized housing for people leaving institutional settings
- Need for non-congregate shelter to supplement existing shelter facilities

Public Participation

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice:*** 3/3/2023
- ***Public comment period:*** start date – 3/6/2023 end date - 3/20/2023
- ***Date(s) of public hearing:*** 3/20/2023

Describe the public participation process:

Richland County held one (1) public hearing for consultation with County residents, non-profit agencies and/or organizations, public housing authority, housing providers, Continuum of Care members, etc. on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. During the public hearing, the County staff discussed the process followed in the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This included interviews, virtual conferences, agency/organization surveys, and comments made.

The public hearing notice for Richland County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was published in the “The State” a local newspaper of general circulation in the County, on Friday, March 3, 2023.

The fifteen (15) day public comment period on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was from Monday, March 6, 2023 through Monday, March 20, 2023. Richland County placed the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the County’s website at: <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov> and at the following locations Richland County Government, Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division, 2020 Hampton Street, Suite 3058, Columbia, SC 29204.

The public and private agencies were able to provide additional comments, via email to Ms. Callison Richardson, Community Development Division Manager at: Richardson.Callison@richlandcountysc.gov or via phone at (803) 576 - 2055 or via 711. Written comments were to be addressed to the Richland County Government, Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division, attention Ms. Callison Richardson, Community Development Division Manager, 2020 Hampton St., Suite 3058, Columbia, SC 29202.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

To broaden public participation, Richland County sent out an email blast to all agencies, organizations, and individuals on its list of non-profit agencies, housing providers, advocates, and

interested parties, that the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display and the date, time, and place of the public hearing. This list consists of email addresses of names and organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list so they can be notified of future emails on funding options, proposed plans, and public hearings.

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

Richland County did not receive any comments at its public hearing on March 20, 2023. In addition, the County did not receive any written or oral comments while the draft plan was on public display.

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

Richland County accepted all comments received, no comments were not accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

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	187	50	528	528	12								
Transitional Housing	150	41	239	239	111								
Permanent Supportive Housing	122	49	633	633	15								
Other Permanent Housing	57	19	19	19	0								
Sheltered Homeless						73	540	93	14				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	220	21	3				
Current Gap										0	0	232	232

Data Sources: 1. 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT); 2. 2022 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	61,425		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	16,295		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	26,860		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		13,410	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		8,935	
Current Gaps			22,345

Data Sources: 1. 2017-2021 American Community Survey (ACS); 2. 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 987 homeless individuals identified in the Columbia/Midlands CoC. Of those people experiencing homelessness, 310 (31.4%) were white, 649 (65.8%) were black, and the remaining 2.8% were Asian (2), American Indian or Alaska Native (8), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (3), and 15 identified as having multiple races. Additionally, 949 (96.1%) were Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino and 38 (3.9%) were Hispanic/Latino. Of the total, 642 (65.0%) were male, 197 (34.2%) were female, and 7 (0.7%) identified as transgender or gender non-conforming.

Among the population of those experiencing homelessness, there was a large portion that were identified as severely mentally ill (120 individuals, or 12.1% of the surveyed population) or having chronic substance abuse issues (95 individuals or 9.6% of the surveyed population).

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

24 CFR 91.5 defines At Risk of Homelessness as an individual or family that has an annual income below 30% of the HUD area median family income, does not have sufficient resources or support networks and meets one of several other conditions. According to the most recently available CHAS data, 23,415 households (or 15.4% of the total households) live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income and of those 23,415 households: 18,900 have one or more housing problems, which includes either incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, or have a cost burden greater than 30%.

The public housing waiting list remains closed with 2,221 people on the list for approximately 1,641 public housing units. The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list had approximately 2,458 people on the waiting list as of June 2022 for approximately 4,034 vouchers. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list is closed as of July 2022. The waiting lists for assisted housing in the form of public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers is almost double the number of available units/vouchers.

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

During the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 17 homeless individuals who were identified as victims of domestic violence in the Columbia/Midlands CoC. Additionally, according to 2022 data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), there were 245 people fleeing domestic violence, of which 13 families were fleeing with children. 4 of those were unaccompanied minors.

Based on the consultation with the staff of Toby's Center (a local Women's shelter) there is limited shelter availability for women and families; challenges for those with disabilities; limited shelter space; and limited safe and affordable housing to assist moving toward self-sufficiency. There is also a need for more case management and support services to assist in overcoming barriers to securing and/or maintaining employment; high food costs; affordable transportation and/or childcare to maintain employment; and readily available services to address mental health issues.

Pathways to Healing, a local organization serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, served 1,339 survivors of sexual violence in 2022.

Based on information from the most recent South Carolina Department of Public Safety report on domestic violence (2008-2012), approximately 16,421 victims of domestic violence

live in Richland County, 12,805 (76.%) of whom are women and 74.4% of whom are Black/African-American. Services needed for this population may include emergency and transitional housing, social services, mental and physical healthcare.

The 2021 Federal Human Trafficking Report for the State of South Carolina indicated there were twenty-two (22) active criminal cases in South Carolina. There are a number of partner organizations in the Richland County Region that offer support services for victims providing residential programs for therapeutic and spiritual care; legal services; and advocacy.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Those with disabilities are at greatest risk of housing instability. According to the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data from 2021, there were 56,533 residents (14.1% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population) of Richland County who have a disability. This shows that a significant portion of the County's population is at a high risk of housing instability.

Among others who are at greatest risk of housing instability, those who are at or below 30% of the HUD Area Median Income are burdened by their monthly housing costs and are at a higher risk of becoming homeless. According to the most recent CHAS data, 23,415 (15.4%) households in the County have incomes at or below 30% of the HUD AMI. 47,580 (31.3%) households in the County have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income.

For persons and households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, there were 775 persons (539 households) assisted in rapid re-housing in 2022, and 1,145 persons (607 households) assisted in homeless prevention services in 2020 (the most recent data available) according to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Richland County also has a significant population of ALICE families. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. This represents families who are employed and earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but cannot otherwise keep up with the basic costs of living. According to the most recent ALICE Report data from 2018, 37% of households in Richland County have incomes that fall below the ALICE threshold, but above the Federal Poverty Level.

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vouchers. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list is closed as of July 2022. The waiting lists for assisted housing in the form of public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers is almost double the number of available units/vouchers.

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

Richland County has a variety of resources to assist households experiencing homelessness and at-risk of becoming homeless through Federal, State, and local programs. Below is a summary of the resources available through the County:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:**

Richland County is a federal entitlement grantee. In FY 2022 the County received \$1,693,966 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These funds are used for administration, public service activities, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements, and economic development activities. Funding is provided to agencies for services to the homeless and those who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and Richland County will receive \$1,723,394 in CDBG funds.

- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program:**

Richland County as a federal entitlement grantee, received \$868,030 in FY 2022 of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. These funds are used for HOME Administration, CHDO Set Aside, Development of Affordable Housing, and Down Payment Assistance. Funds support the acquisition, rehab, and development of affordable housing to the very low and low-income households.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and Richland County will receive \$941,966 in HOME funds.

- **Housing Inventory Count (HIC):**

The chart below is from the Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2022.

	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Total Year Round Beds	Seasonal	Overflow/ Vouchers	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
								Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing:	91	337	767	12	1,116	269	19	N/A	123	58
Emergency Shelter	50	187	528	12	727	269	19	N/A	12	44
Transitional Housing	41	150	239	0	389	N/A	N/A	N/A	111	14
Permanent Housing:	84	241	722	2	965	N/A	N/A	228	424	22
Permanent Supportive Housing	49	122	633	0	755	N/A	N/A	228	414	8
Rapid Re-Housing	16	62	70	2	134	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	14
Other Permanent Housing	19	57	19	0	76	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Grand Total:	175	578	1,489	14	2,081	269	19	228	547	80

The Columbia/Midlands CoC has a total of 1,116 emergency, safe haven, and transitional housing beds and 965 units of permanent housing. Of those number of units, the CoC has 123 beds for veterans and 58 beds for youth under emergency and transitional housing. The CoC has 424 permanent housing beds for veterans, 22 for youth, and 228 permanent supportive housing beds are for the chronic homeless.

Based off the 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), there were 727 year-round, emergency shelter beds; 389 year-round, transitional housing beds; 755 year-round permanent housing beds; 134 year-round, rapid re-housing beds; and 76 year-round, other permanent housing beds. These resources and supportive services are as follows:

- **Emergency Shelter:**
 - **Bethel United Methodist Church - Bethel Seasonal Shelter** - 36 bed
 - **CASA Family System - DV** - 18 beds
 - **Cumbee Center** - 20 beds
 - **Family Promise of the Midlands** - 18 beds
 - **Family Promise of York - Interf** - 3 beds
 - **Family Promise of York - Fresh Start** - 4 beds
 - **Fort Lawn Community Center - ESG-CV-ES** - 12 beds
 - **Homeless No More - Family Shelter** - 40 beds
 - **Midlands Housing Alliance - IWC** - 240 beds
 - **Midlands Housing Alliance - Transitions** - 111 beds
 - **Midlands Housing Alliance - Transitions - Extended Program** - 64 beds
 - **Midlands Housing Alliance - Transitions - Program Entry** - 85 beds
 - **Oliver Gospel Mission** - 71 beds

- **Oliver Gospel - Rebuild ES** - 10 beds
- **One80 Place - SSVF EHA** - 19 beds
- **Palmetto Place Children's Shelter** - 12 beds
- **Palmetto Place Children's Shelter BCP-ES** - 8 beds
- **Pilgrim's Inn - Dorothy Bing In** - 32 beds
- **Safe Passage - Rock Hill** - 6 beds
- **Samaritan House Orangeburg** - 40 beds
- **Sistercare - ES Lexington** - 22 beds
- **Tender Hearts Ministries of York - County Tender Hearts** - 14 beds
- **The Arc of the Midlands - Lexi** - 3 beds
- **The Life House Womens Shelter** - 14 beds
- **The Life House Womens Shelter** - 24 beds
- **The Salvation Army - Rock Hill** - 14 beds
- **The Salvation of Army - Aiken** - 50 beds
- **Women's Shelter Phase II** - 14 beds
- **Women's Shelter Phase I** - 11 beds
- **Transitional Housing:**
 - **Alston Wilkes Society GPD-Alston Wilkes VA Home** - 18 beds
 - **Battered But Not Broken** - 17 beds
 - **Christ Central Hannah House** - 30 beds
 - **Christ Central GPD** - 80 beds
 - **Homeless No More St Lawrence Place** - 64 beds
 - **MIRCI Transitional Living Program** - 10 beds
 - **Oliver Gospel MACH - Oliver Gospel Toby's** - 81 beds
 - **Oliver Gospel Mission** - 35 beds
 - **Palmetto Place Children's Shelter - PPCS** - 4 beds
 - **Pilgrim's Inn Tricia Court** - 5 beds
 - **Sistercare Transitional Housing** - 21 beds
 - **The Alston House MACH** - 10 beds
 - **The Turning Point of Chester** - 14 beds
- **Other Permanent Housing:**
 - **Columbia Housing Authority - Homeless Family Vouchers** - 63 beds
 - **Women's Shelter - Phase III** - 13 beds
- **Permanent Supportive Housing:**
 - **Columbia Housing Authority - CHA Housing First Expansion** - 17 beds
 - **Columbia Housing Authority - HP - Disabled** - 34 beds

- **Columbia Housing Authority - VASH** - 414 beds
- **Columbia Housing Authority - HUD HOPWA** - 14 beds
- **Columbia Housing Authority - HP Chronic** - 20 beds
- **Columbia Housing Authority - CHA Expansion Plus** - 11 beds
- **MIRCI - SHP** - 29 beds
- **MIRCI - SHP IV - Youth** - 8 beds
- **MIRCI - Consolidated Home** - 32 beds
- **MIRCI - Consolidated Home** - 69 beds
- **MIRCI - Housing First** - 37 beds
- **MIRCI - PH For Chronic Homeless** - 24 beds
- **Pilgrim's Inn - Homebase I** - 9 beds
- **Sistercare - Permanent II** - 37 beds

- **Rapid Re-Housing:**
- **Housing Development Corporation of Roc** - 16 beds
- **Midlands Housing Alliance - Transitions - ESG-CV** - 6 beds
- **Midlands Housing Alliance** - 11 beds
- **Midlands Housing Alliance - Transitions - ESG-CV** - 31 beds
- **One80 Place - MACH SSVF** - 14 beds
- **One80 Place - HUD** - 1 bed
- **One80 Place - RRH - ESG** - 22 beds
- **One80 Place - Lexington** - 9 beds
- **Palmetto Place Children's Shelter PPCS** - 8 beds
- **Samaritan House Orangeburg** - 6 beds
- **The Salvation Army of Columbia** - 6 beds
- **The Salvation Army of Columbia** - 4 beds

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count there were 838 households that were experiencing homelessness, 618 households were sheltered and 220 households were unsheltered. The unmet housing need for this qualified population is to increase the number of shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units. Based on consultations with homeless providers, the greatest need is a place for persons who are staying in shelters to move on to permanent housing. This creates a “bottle neck” in the system. Therefore, agencies are requesting the need for the development of more permanent supportive housing units.

The supportive services which are needed, include the following: childcare, educational services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The primary unmet housing needs of those at risk of becoming homeless is the lack of affordable housing units in the County. At risk of homelessness refers to that qualifying population who live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income and have one or more housing problems. This qualifying population needs both short- and long-term rental and utility assistance, along with affordable permanent housing options. Developing affordable permanent supportive housing units will keep households that are cost burden from becoming homeless.

The supportive services that are needed include the following: childcare, educational services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

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

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 17 homeless individuals who were identified as victims of domestic violence. Additionally, according to 2021 data from the HMIS, there were 245 people fleeing domestic violence, of which 13 households were fleeing with children.

Based on the consultation with the staff of Toby's Center (a local Women's shelter) there is limited shelter availability for women and families; challenges for those with disabilities; limited shelter space; limited safe and affordable housing to assist moving toward self-sufficiency. There is also a need for more case management and support services to assist in overcoming barriers to securing and/or maintaining employment; high food costs; affordable

transportation and/or childcare to maintain employment; readily available services to address mental health issues.

The supportive services which are needed, include the following: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

The unmet housing and service needs for other populations who are at greatest risk of housing instability include supportive services to help decrease their risk of housing instability by providing wrap-around services. These individuals may have a substance abuse, mental health issues, developed disability, and physical disabilities. To prevent housing instability, they need long term permanent housing assistance with case management and wrap-around support services. In addition, another population that is experiencing instability is the physically disabled and the developmentally challenge. There is a need for long-term permanent housing that is accessible for these persons with disabilities. Developing affordable permanent supportive housing, will help households that are at the greatest risk of housing instability from becoming homeless.

The supportive services which are needed include the following: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

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

Richland County's limited supply of affordable housing is the largest gap in the system. This gap is much larger than the available resources that the County has, but the County will use the HOME-ARP funds to leverage other funds to spread these funds out as much as possible to

develop as many non-congregate shelter units and affordable permanent supportive housing units as possible.

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT), there were 226 unsheltered homeless persons and 761 sheltered homeless in the Midlands region. With the emergency shelter beds near capacity, this leaves 232 homeless persons living on the streets and waiting to access shelter beds.

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

Richland County is not providing any additional characteristics associated with instability and increase risk of homelessness in the County’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

During the HOME-ARP Consultation, the following priority needs for the qualifying populations were stressed:

- Need for more affordable rental housing
- Need for supportive services such as counseling, life skills training, case management, childcare, mental health services, transportation, legal services, job training, etc.
- Need for rental and utility assistance
- Need for transitional housing
- Need for more shelter beds
- Need for funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO’s, transitional and permanent housing
- Need for family shelters that allow older male children
- Need for funds for rapid re-housing
- Need for funds to assist cost-burdened renters
- Need for specialized housing for people leaving institutional settings
- Need for non-congregate shelter to supplement existing shelter facilities

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

Richland County determined the level of need and gaps in the shelter inventory, housing inventory, and service delivery system from the following sources:

- Stakeholders' Consultations
- Agency/Organization Surveys
- 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT)
- 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE)
- 2017-2021 American Community Survey Data (ACS Data)
- 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
- Columbia Housing Authority - Statistics
- 2021 Federal Human Trafficking Report - Statistics
- South Carolina Department of Public Safety - Statistics

Based on the above sources Richland County determined the level of need and gaps in its shelter inventory, housing inventory, and service delivery systems.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

Richland County, Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division proposes to solicit HOME-ARP applications from non-profit and for-profit housing providers, private developers and/or social service providers to undertake eligible HOME-ARP projects/activities. The County will release a Notice of the Funding Available (NOFA) under the HOME-ARP Program in “the State.” Potential applicants will be forward to Richland County, Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division website <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Community-Development> to fill out a funding request for their project/activity. The County’s Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division staff will send out an email to its list of organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list. This will notify agencies, organizations, and interested parties of the availability of the HOME-ARP funds. In addition, the County will post the availability of the HOME-ARP funds on the Richland County, Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division webpage.

Post on the County’s Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division website, potential applicants will be directed to the HOME-ARP Program to complete a Funding Application. In addition, the site will have links to the HOME-ARP Guidelines, Application Review Process, and instructions on how to complete the application.

The County’s Community Development staff will review the HOME-ARP Applications and rank them to see which applications address the needs identified in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. A review of how the applicant will help to develop and preserve the affordable housing stock in the County will be considered. In addition, the County Community Development staff will review how the funds will help support the needs of the homeless population by providing funds for supportive services and non-congregate shelters. The County’s Community Development staff will evaluate if the applicant will leverage the HOME-ARP funds with private and other public funding sources.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Richland County, Community Planning & Development Department, Community Development Division will manage the HOME-ARP program’s administration, monitoring, and planning

components. The projects/activities will be carried out by subrecipients which are awarded the HOME-ARP funds.

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

Not Applicable. Richland County has not provided any HOME-ARP funds to subrecipient(s) or contractors prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

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

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 250,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 750,000.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,350,000.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 346,855.00	13%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation:	\$ 2,696,855.00		

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

Richland County developed the HOME-ARP Budget based on the identified needs from consultation with community stakeholders; agency/organization surveys; the assessment of the data obtained from the 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT); 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 2017-2021 American Community Survey Data (ACS); 2015-2019 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS); Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed (ALICE); and other statistical data from stakeholders.

Richland County will allocate 9% of the funds for Supportive Services, 28% if the funds for the Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters, 50% of the funds for the Development of Affordable Rental Housing, and 13% of the funds for Administration and Planning.

The following is a breakdown of what each category covers:

- **Supportive Services** - may include some of the following eligible services: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation,

case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance.

- **Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters** - is for the development of private units or rooms for temporary shelter for persons and/or households that meet one or more of the definitions of qualifying populations. Funds can be used for the acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation of an existing structure, development costs, and replacement reserves.
- **Development of Affordable Rental Housing** - is for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating cost assistance/reserves.
- **Administration and Planning** - will set aside 15% of the allocation to cover the cost to administer the HOME-ARP program by Richland County.

These allocations were derived from the data analysis and the key points that were articulated in the community stakeholders' meetings, agency/organization surveys, and interviews. It was overwhelmingly mentioned at the stakeholder meetings and interviews that there is a need for new development and preservation of the affordable housing stock in Richland County. This is followed by the need for wrap around supportive services and non-congregate shelters.

The County is not allocating HOME-ARP funds to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Non-Profit Operating, and Non-Profit Capacity Building based on its analysis of the needs for the County.

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

The 2022 Point-In-Time Count reported 761 persons or 618 households living in Emergency Shelters/Transitional Housing and 226 persons or 220 households who were unsheltered. Richland County's housing market is seeing housing options being reduced because of the increase in the sales prices of houses, an increase in monthly rents, low vacancy rates, increases in utility costs, and inflation. These trends are leading to the lack of affordable housing options and the increase of households becoming cost burdened. Based on the statistics and the community consultation, the number one point that everyone mentioned was the need for more affordable housing in the County. The second item that was mentioned was the need to provide supportive services. These funds will be used to help the homeless and the persons at-risk of becoming homeless to be able to stay in the present housing.

The HOME-ARP funds will be used to assist the extremely low-income and the most at risk of homelessness.

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:

Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters:

Richland County estimates it will assist in the development of at least ten (10) new non-congregate shelter beds using the HOME-ARP funds. This number was developed by the County staff, based off an estimated cost of approximately \$75,000 per bed, which would cover the acquisition of structures, rehabilitation, construction, development hard costs, related soft costs, and replacement reserves. Additional units could be developed, if applicants are able to leverage other funds as part of the HOME-ARP Application. The County in its application process, will encourage applicants to leverage other funds as part of their application.

These will be for the development of new non-congregate shelter units that will be available to all HOME-ARP qualifying populations because the needs of all four (4) qualifying populations are greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds allocated to the County.

Development of Affordable Rental Housing:

Richland County estimates it will assist in the development of seven (7) new affordable housing units using the HOME-ARP funds. This number was developed by the County staff, based off an estimated cost of approximately \$200,000 per unit, which would cover the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating cost assistance/reserves. Additional units can be developed if applicants are able to leverage other funds as part of the HOME-ARP Application. The County in its application process, will encourage applicants to leverage other funds as part of their application.

These will be new affordable rental units that will be available to all HOME-ARP qualifying populations because the needs of all four (4) qualifying populations are greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds allocated to the County.

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

Richland County, Community Development staff is looking to leverage the HOME-ARP funds with other Federal, State, local, and private funding sources. The goal is to use these other funding sources to develop more than ten (10) new non-congregate shelter units and seven (7) new affordable rental housing units. If other funds are not available, the County will only be able to fund projects with HOME-ARP funds.

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:

Not Applicable. Richland County does not intend to give preference to one qualifying population versus another because there is a need for aid among all four (4) qualifying populations. The needs for all four (4) qualifying populations are greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds the County has been allocated.

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

Not Applicable.

Referral Methods

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

Richland County intends to use the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and other referrals for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) covers all of Richland County. The objective of the CES is to ensure streamlined access to the Continuum of Care's (CoC) homeless response system for all households that are facing housing instability or experiencing homelessness and ensure they are matched to an appropriate intervention to end their crisis or homelessness. All households seeking service are provided fair and equal access regardless of their location or method by which they access the system.

Richland County realizes that the CES does not accept all of the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. Therefore, in addition to the CES, the County intends to use other forms of referrals from outside organizations. These may include 211, waiting lists from shelter providers, as well as other entities which serve the various Qualifying Populations. The multiple referral method will be finalized in the implementation process as part of the Policies and Procedures Manual for the County's administration of the HOME-ARP activity.

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

All qualifying populations that are eligible for a project or activity may not be included in the CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) process. Therefore, Richland County will be using additional referrals from outside agencies such as 211, waiting lists from shelter providers, and other entities so all of the Qualifying Populations are considered. All households seeking service are provided fair and equal access regardless of their location or method by which they access the system. The services will be provided on "first come, first served" basis.

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

Richland County will be using multiple sources for referrals, not just the CES. Since the CES does not cover all of the Qualifying Populations, the County will use the data from 211, street outreach, waiting lists from shelter providers, etc. This will be a "first come, first served" basis.

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

The County will be using referrals through the CES, as well as 211, street outreach, waiting lists from shelter providers, etc. Preference and prioritization are included in the referral process. There will be a “first come, first served” approach. The County’s Policy and Procedures Manual will detail this entire referral process.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

Richland County is not intending to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing projects nor non-congregate shelters to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation. The need for affordable rental housing and non-congregate shelters has been identified for all four (4) qualifying populations. The County will solicit proposals for rental housing and non-congregate shelter projects for all four (4) qualifying populations. Evaluations of applications will be made and selection will be based on the best proposal submitted by Richland County Community Development staff.

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

Not Applicable. Richland County does not intend to implement a limitation on the HOME-ARP Program.

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

Not Applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

- ***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***

Not Applicable.

- ***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.***

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

Appendix

Attached are the following items:

- SF 424 Form
- SF 424-B Form
- SF 424-D Form
- Certifications
- Resolution
- Citizen Participation Documentation
 - Public Hearing
 - Surveys and Consultations



HUD SF 424 FORM

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M-21-UP-45-0208

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Richland County, SC

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

57-6000398

* c. UEI:

E7RBRC6XBTZ7

d. Address:

* Street1:

2020 Hampton Street

Street2:

Suite 3063B

* City:

Columbia

County/Parish:

Richland

* State:

SC: South Carolina

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

29201-45079

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Grants Department

Division Name:

Community Development Division

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

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Callison

Middle Name:

Rawl

* Last Name:

Richardson

Suffix:

Title:

Manager, Grants & Community Development

Organizational Affiliation:

Richland County, SC

* Telephone Number:

(803) 576-2055

Fax Number:

* Email:

richardson.callison@richlandcountysc.gov

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

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

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

Not Applicable.

* Title:

Not Applicable.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable.

Title:

Not Applicable.

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

SC-002

* b. Program/Project

SC-002

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

09/20/2021

* b. End Date:

09/30/2030

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

2,696,855.00

* b. Applicant

0.00

* c. State

0.00

* d. Local

0.00

* e. Other

0.00

* f. Program Income

0.00

* g. TOTAL

2,696,855.00

*** 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:

Mr.

* First Name:

Leonardo

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Brown

Suffix:

* Title:

County Administrator

* Telephone Number:

(803) 576-2059

Fax Number:

* Email:

brown.leonardo@richlandcountysc.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

03/21/2023



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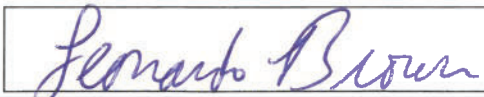
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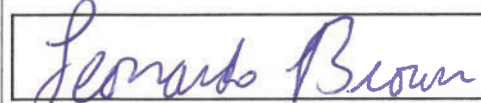
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Certifications

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.

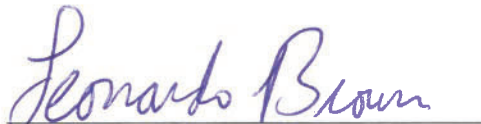
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Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD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

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Signature of Authorized Official

03/21/2023
Date

County Administrator
Title



Resolution



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION, OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

WHEREAS, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to assist the homeless and those persons and families who are at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering this program and Richland County was allocated \$2,696,855 in HOME-ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, Richland County prepared a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which is included as a Substantial Amendment to the County's FY 2021 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment containing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display from Monday, March 6, 2023 through Monday, March 20, 2023 and the County held a public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2023 concerning said amendment, and the comments of various agencies, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND

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THE SAME, AS FOLLOWS:

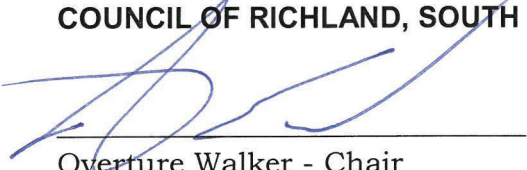
SECTION 1. That the Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the FY 2021 is hereby in all respects APPROVED.

SECTION 2. That the County is COGNIZANT of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program with Federal financial assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and (c) other assurances as set forth under the certifications.

SECTION 3. That the County Administrator or his designee, on behalf of Richland County, South Carolina is AUTHORIZED to file an Application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which has indicated its willingness to make available funds to carry out the HOME-ARP Program in the amount of \$2,696,855 and is further AUTHORIZED to act as the representative of Richland County to sign any and all documents in regard to these programs.

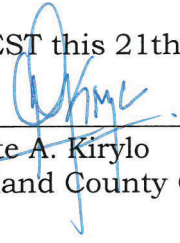
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ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2023 BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF RICHLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA.



Overture Walker - Chair
Richland County Council District 8

ATTEST this 21th day of March, 2023



Anette A. Kirylo
Richland County Clerk to Council



Citizen Participation Documentation



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**RICHLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN
FOR HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM
FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

This notice is hereby given by Richland County, South Carolina that it will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM**, prevailing time, in the **County Council Chambers**, located at 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the County's Substantial Amendment to its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the HOME-American Rescue Plan funds. The County intends to submit its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in the amount of \$2,696,855 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before Friday, March 31, 2023.

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required by HUD in order for Richland County to receive federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the process the County will use to allocate funds to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of becoming homeless, and other vulnerable populations, by providing services that may include: affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, the Richland County has placed its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on public display starting Monday, March 6, 2023 and ending on Monday, March 20, 2023, at which time the Substantial Amendment will be presented to the Richland County Council for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The Draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan may be examined at the County's website <https://www.richlandcountysc.gov> and at the following locations:

**Richland County Government
Community Planning & Development Department
Community Development Division
2020 Hampton Street - Suite 3058, Columbia, SC 29204**

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Written comments may be addressed to the attention of Ms. Callison Richardson, Community Development Division Manager, Richland County Government, Grants Department, 2020 Hampton St. Suite 3058, Columbia, SC 29204, (803) 576 - 2055 or via 711 for the hearing impaired or email at Richardson.Callison@richlandcountysc.gov by Monday, March 20, 2023.

Ms. Callison Richardson, Community Development Division Manager
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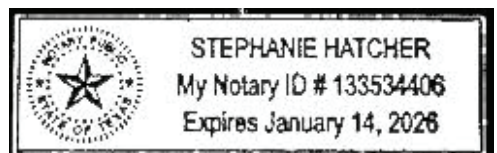
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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan



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What is HOME-ARP?

\$5 billion in total funds provided by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) intended to assist the homeless and those at risk of homelessness

\$2,696,855 awarded to Richland County for the program

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Eligible Activities

Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Supportive Services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling

Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

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Qualifying Populations (QP)



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Time Schedule:

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Schedule is as follows:

- **Stakeholder Consultation** – May 2022 through March 2023
- **Publish Newspaper Notice** – Friday, March 3, 2023
- **Plan goes on Public Display** – Monday, March 6, 2023
- **Public Hearing** – Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM
- **End of 15-day Public Comment Period** – Monday, March 20, 2023
- **Submission of Plan to HUD** – on or before Friday, March 31, 2023

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Stakeholder Consultation Takeaways

During the HOME-ARP Consultation, the following priority needs for the qualifying populations were stressed:

- Need for more affordable rental housing
- Need for supportive services such as counseling, life skills training, case management, childcare, mental health services, transportation, legal services, job training, etc.
- Need for rental and utility assistance
- Need for transitional housing
- Need for more shelter beds

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Stakeholder Consultation Takeaways - Continued

- Need for funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO's, transitional and permanent housing
- Need for family shelters that allow older male children
- Need for funds for rapid re-housing
- Need for funds to assist cost-burdened renters
- Need for specialized housing for people leaving institutional settings
- Need for non-congregate shelter to supplement existing shelter facilities

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Homeless Statistics

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were:

- 987 homeless individuals identified in the Columbia/Midlands CoC
- 761 homeless individuals were sheltered
- 63 homeless individuals were unsheltered
- 31.4% were White
- 65.8% were Black
- 65.0% were male
- 34.2% were female
- 12.1% of the population stated they were suffering from severe mental illness
- 9.6% of the population stated they have substance abuse issues

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Domestic Violence Statistics

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 17 homeless individuals who identified themselves as victims of domestic violence in the Columbia/Midlands CoC.

Based on information from the most recent South Carolina Department of Public Safety report on domestic violence (2008-2012), approximately 16,421 victims of domestic violence live in Richland County, 12,805 (76.%) of whom are women and 74.4% of whom are Black/African-American. Services needed for this population may include emergency and transitional housing, social services, mental and physical healthcare.

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Housing Statistics

According to the most recently available HUD CHAS data:

- 23,415 households (15.4%) in Richland County live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income
- of those households, 18,900 (80.7%) have one or more housing problems which include either incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, or have a cost burden greater than 30% of their income.

There are also **2,458** households on the public housing waiting list for the Columbia Housing Authority.

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HOME-ARP Allocation

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 250,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 750,000.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,350,000.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 346,855.00	13 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,696,855.00		

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Proposed Funding Distribution:

The following is a breakdown of what each category covers:

- **Supportive services** may include some of the following eligible services: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance costs.

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Proposed Funding Distribution – Continued:

- **Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter** is for the development of private units or rooms for temporary shelter for persons and/or households that meet one or more of the definitions of qualifying populations. Funds can be used for the acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation of an existing structure, development costs, and replacement reserves.
- **Development of affordable rental housing** is for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating costs and reserves.
- **Administration and planning** will be set aside to cover the cost to administer the HOME-ARP program by Richland County.

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County Contact

For additional questions and comments, please contact:

Ms. Callison Richardson,

Community Development Supervisor of Grants & Compliance

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Richland County Community Development Division
PUBLIC HEARING | HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN
MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

RICHLAND COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

- Community Development Manager Callison Richardson
- Housing Project Coordinator Adrienne Jackson
- Assistant County Administrator Aric Jensen

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Manager Callison Richardson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
2. **PRESENTATION** – A sign-in sheet was put out. A presentation reviewing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was displayed on the screens. The Community Development staff was prepared to review the plan and open it up to the public for discussion.
3. **ADJOURNMENT** – As no one from the public attended the public hearing, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

Signatures:

Aric Jensen 29 MAR 23
Adrienne Jackson
Callison Richardson



Richland County, South Carolina -

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - 2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204

Name	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address

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Surveys and Consultations

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Home Works of America

Address: 3823 W. Beltline Blvd Columbia, SC 29204

Contact Person: Joe Huggins

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 803-312-5103

Email: jhuggins@homeworksofamerica.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

Very low income elderly, disabled and Veteran homeowners - average person we help is 76 year old African American widow often taking care of small children in the home

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

We make free home repairs to applicants who qualify with a volunteer driven workforce. Several requirements : own the home for atleast 5 years, passive income and proof of very low income with repairs that line up with a volunteer work force (no mold, no electrical, time sensitive repairs

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

n/a

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

We prevent the home at times from being condemned / make improvements to ensure they can live there safely and their descendents

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**

We aid in getting the homeowner warm, safe, and dry and extend the life of the home by 10-15 years to allow them to age in place

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**

The elderly, disabled and Veterans (very low income)

- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**

We find leaky roofs, poor air quality, trouble getting in and out of their homes safely, rotten floors, etc. and we are working with area hospitals to identify those at risk for falls

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

n/a

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

n/a

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

n/a

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Many of our homeowners are living in the family home that is now deteriorating- widows trying to keep up the home from disrepair. They have told us they fear losing their homes over death itself. We try and repair it so that they can continue living there and aging in place vs. homeless or assisted living.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Our customer is a homeowner.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	We make repairs to the current home to prevent having to give up the home due to disrepair
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	n/a

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

n/a

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

n/a

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

We have a vetting system that we use to qualify our applicants.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

We are the only FREE home repair entity in South Carolina

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Mirci

Address: 1408 Gregg Street

Contact Person: Anita Floyd

Title: COO

Phone: 803 786 1844

Email: afloyd@mirci.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

Mirci served 1057 during fiscal year 2022. 58% are male, 41.5% are female and less than 1% are transgender. 100% are at or below poverty. 58% are Black or African American; 40% are white; 1.7% indicated other and just 2 people are Asian. Less than 1% reported being Hispanic. 3.2% were age 0-17; 15% were 18-24; 28% were 25-44; 50% were 45-64 and 4% were 65 or older. 95% of those served were from Richland County.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Mirci provides a continuum of care from outreach to permanent supportive housing. Outreach includes a team of workers who visit shelters and outdoor locations (cemeteries, parks, woods, hidden spots near retail activities) to find and engage people who need services. They offer essentials like food, hygiene items, water and blankets; assess people's needs and invite them to our Outreach Center at 1516 Gregg for further assessment for behavioral health needs, housing and benefits. In addition to street outreach, Mirci assists hospitals, jails, municipalities and other nonprofits with assessments for services. The outreach team engaged over 1000 people in 2022. Mirci makes referrals to over 25 partner agencies (Transitions, LRADAC, health care agencies, etc.) as appropriate. Mirci benefits specialists meet with clients to assist with applications for SSI, SSDI, SNAP, Medicaid, and other assistance to increase their income and access to health care. People who require behavioral health services are referred to our clinical program which includes nurses, nurse practitioners, psychiatrists and counselors and case managers. Mirci practices Assertive Community Treatment, a community based, low client caseload designed to serve people who experience the most obstacles to care. Treatment is offered in homes, in community settings and in our Outreach Clinic, also on Gregg Street. Over 300 people are enrolled in our behavioral health care. Mirci also offers 233 units of supportive housing. We own and operate four small complexes that were developed and are supported by the HUD Prac 811 program (74 units) and we manage 159 HUD Homeless CoC leases in six commercial complexes in the midlands and house 300 people/year.

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Supportive housing. People who are chronically homeless require subsidized housing with services that address their disability (mental health, dual diagnosis, physical, cognitive, developmental or other).

Affordable housing. People who have experienced homelessness need subsidized housing with long term--permanent subsidies. Many slip into homelessness after a lifetime of vulnerability to housing stability due to low income and other challenges that make it difficult for them to become stable. This includes subsidies that reach people at 30% AMI. Units are needed for families and individuals who do not qualify for current HUD CoC housing which prioritizes people who are labeled chronically homeless--people need housing before they have experienced years of homelessness.

Rapid Rehousing--RRH is a good early intervention to help people emerge from homelessness quickly provided the subsidy lasts long enough (12 months) to allow them to truly emerge from homelessness.

Single Room Occupancy--small units with on-site services available for single people. These are more affordable to develop than one and two bedroom complexes but meet the needs of many people on the street and in shelters.

To be successful, programs need operating support/project based vouchers as well as development funds.

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

Rent support such as vouchers. For low income people, the expectation/requirement that they pay 30% of their income for rent should be reconsidered--the remaining 70% for a low wage worker or someone receiving disability income is insufficient for meeting other basic needs.

Particular groups, like youth 17-25 also benefit from transitional housing. Youth who have been kicked out or runaway or are exiting foster care benefit from a more structured environment than where they can develop life skills and improve their employment prospects with training, education and developing their "soft skills" while also having the space and support to recover from the trauma or dysfunction that contributed to their housing instability.

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**

Specialized housing for people leaving institutional settings like youth leaving DJJ or adults exiting corrections--many other housing programs have a difficult time accepting people with felonies and/or cannot offer the services that would support these folks who are extremely vulnerable to homelessness.

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**

Acknowledging the number of people who are at risk is critical to assistance. A 2020 Brookings study indicated that 45% of all workers in the metro Columbia area are low wage workers and that the median hourly wage was \$9.84. A two-bedroom apartment in the region requires a full-time job at \$19.30/hour.

- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**

Generous and available repair programs for low income homeowners. The 2015 floods dramatically revealed the number of low income homeowners who had homes that were not

well-maintained. This made it difficult to qualify for disaster funds but also exposed the poor condition of single family homes in the community. This diminishes the wealth of our low income neighbors.

- **Any other Populations:**

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

Non congregate shelter to supplement the existing shelter facilities would serve people who struggle with large dorms, provide privacy and offer health safety during pandemics, flu season, TB and other infectious disease.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Housing for people at 30%-50% AMI should be prioritized.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Health care is difficult to access for those without a job or Medicare. Mental health care is difficult for people without coverage to access. Dental care is a privilege. Quality, accessible, affordable long term care.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Low wages, insufficient hours, a lack of affordable housing, lack of access to mental health care, lack of access to physical health care, systems that fail people with cognitive impairments, domestic violence, foster care, difficulties accessing VA benefits or services; economic inequity, lack of affordable child care.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Early housing intervention with both of these groups could prevent many lifetimes of vulnerability and/or negative outcomes from living on the margin.

A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability				
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Please identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

As described above, Mirci manages 159 permanent supportive housing leases for individuals, family and young adults who are chronically homeless, 74 units of permanent supportive housing for individuals who have a severe and persistent mental illness and 10 units of transitional housing for male-identifying youth. The program serves 300 people/year. Mirci provides ACT treatment to 300 people/year and outreach to over 1000 sheltered and unsheltered individuals. The City of Columbia commissioned a study of resources as part of their Homelessness Task Force. It may be a resource to the County.

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

Cost, poor management, poor quality, location (inaccessible by public transportation).

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

In general, acknowledgement of and consistent attention to the widespread need for affordable housing is needed to interrupt the long term personal and community consequences of our current housing market. While we depend on federal resources to fill in gaps in affordable housing and solutions to homelessness, local innovation would be welcome. The City of Columbia implemented an ambitious plan to support the development of thousands of student housing units. Similar imagination could improve access to housing.

Collaboration on solving challenges with affordable housing and homelessness among local jurisdictions and counties will also be necessary to fully address these complex issues.

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Columbia Housing

Address: 1917 Harden Street Columbia, SC 29204

Contact Person: Yvonda Bean

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Phone: 803.254.3886 ext 205

Email: ybean@columbiahousing.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

Columbia Housing serves over 16,000 individuals within the Richland County and City of Columbia areas by providing affordable housing through our public housing, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) (formerly called Section 8) and Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Programs. The individuals served by Columbia Housing are low to moderate income community members.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Columbia Housing provides several housing options for persons who are experiencing homelessness. These options include chronically homeless with disabilities, chronically homeless with a HIV/AIDS diagnosis, at risk of being homeless or fleeing domestic violence. The chronically homeless option provide wrap around support services for qualified families. There are program specific qualifying homeless designations that individuals must meet in order to meet eligibility criterion. The programs administered by CH that target homelessness are CoC, Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Housing First HOPWA.

Columbia Housing's major programs include public housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs. Both programs target low income households with affordable housing needs. Under the auspice of the HCV Program, CH provides access to affordable homeownership for former HCV renters purchasing homes with monthly mortgage payments being subsidized by the voucher.

In addition to providing affordable housing, various supportive service programs are implemented by CH to address social, personal, and economic needs of elderly, youth, disabled, homeless, and able-bodied adults. Recently, Columbia Housing has applied to become a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency to provide homeownership education, financial literacy, and housing maintenance counselling services for community members.

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Wrap around services to address mental health issues, substance abuse, and resources such as security deposits to assist new HCVs recipients with leasing a unit.

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

The unmet housing needs are the availability of housing that's affordable, financial literacy programs, access to jobs with wages that allow families to maintain stable housing, and services to assist individuals and families with home maintenance.

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**

Availability of affordable housing,

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**

Availability of affordable housing, eviction prevention intervention services and access to opportunity to stabilize household's finances

- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**

N/A

- **Any other Populations:**

N/A

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

N/A

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Yes, affordable one and two bedroom units

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

The gaps in services delivery system are wrap around services for all individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Mental Illness

Disability and Medical Issues

Substance Abuse

Unemployment/Underemployed

Limited Affordable Housing Options

Lack of Resources for Security Deposits and other Moving Expenses

Financial and Credit Issues

Criminal Background Issues

Domestic Violence

Landlords refusing to participate in programs that provide housing assistance such as HCV.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chronically Homeless with a household member with a qualifying disability or household with at least one member diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Homeless Veterans who meet the eligibility qualification for VASH
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Below 50% of AMI households are eligible for our Emergency Housing Vouchers.
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Below 50% of AMI households are eligible for our Emergency Housing Vouchers
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low income families who meet eligibility for public housing and/or HCV Programs

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

Emergency Housing Vouchers

VASH

CoC Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

Housing with rents that are not affordable

Dilapidated and and obsolete housing structures

Housing shared by multiple households

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Affordable housing

Housing Sustainable Income Sources

Mental Health Services

Access to medical services

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Click or tap here to enter text.

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Homeless No More

Address: 2411 Two Notch Rd., Columbia, SC 29204

Contact Person: Lila Anna Sauls

Title: President/CEO

Phone: 803-206-6379

Email: lasauls@homelessnomoresc.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

Homeless No More (HNM) remains the only organization in the Midlands that keeps the entire family together, including fathers and boys over age 12 years old. In 2021, HNM served 446 homeless and at-risk individuals. Of those served, 100% were families with children, 88% were African-American, 11% were white, .5% were Hispanic, and .5% multi-race. Ninety-three percent of families served were led by a female as the sole provider, and 99% reported living below the federal poverty level.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Homeless No More (HNM) provides a comprehensive & centralized service & housing center for homeless families & families at-risk of homelessness (“at-risk families”) in the Midlands of South Carolina.

We address the needs of these families through a layered approach that includes the following strategic areas of focus:

- Family Shelter (FS) offers emergency shelter & support services.
- St. Lawrence Place (SLP) is a community offering transitional housing, support services, life & career skills training, & childcare for families.
- Live Oak Place (LOP) provides affordable housing with homes scattered throughout the community.
- Services that promote independent living, including job, parenting, & life skills training, education & employment support, childcare, & more
- Children’s programming that features literacy-focused afterschool & day camps, case management, age appropriate life skills classes, & educational support
- Serving as a community bridge that helps strengthen community partnerships & collaboration to make collective progress on systemic issues that impact the families we serve

With more than 30 years of experience, HNM is a recognized best practice in serving homeless families & their children. Our full spectrum of services includes case management & services such as job training & employment services, education assistance, after school care & full-day summer & school break camps. We address more than families’ housing needs, helping them achieve long-term economic sufficiency & independence to break cycles of generational poverty.

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Family shelters in general and shelters that accept men and boys over 12.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

30-50% AMI housing units.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Access to services after business hours.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Not enough safe affordable housing, barriers to the existing affordable housing units like evictions, poor credit, convictions.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Families
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Families

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Families

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

See attached resource list

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

We know the importance of addressing more than just housing needs to break the cycle of housing instability and poverty. By providing comprehensive supportive services, we best empower and equip these families to achieve long-term economic sufficiency and independence. Services include case management, life skills training, education/employment support, childcare, and more, as we also serve as a community bridge for local service providers. By providing comprehensive supportive services, we best empower and equip families to achieve long-term economic sufficiency and independence.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Wrap around services for every person in the family.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

With the expiration of the COVID-19 related eviction moratorium, HNM's data cites a sharp increase in the need for housing. Based on data tracked in the Homeless Management Information System, requests doubled since 2020. Ninety-six percent of the families we are currently serving are displaced due to eviction, an increase of 30%. HNM's data indicated that since 2020 families leaving our Emergency Shelter and motel program for permanent housing

has decreased from 64% to 49%, which means there is no available affordable housing when they leave.

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Pathways to Healing (previously Sexual Trauma Services)

Address: 3830 Forest Drive Suite 201 Columbia, SC 29204

Contact Person: Rebecca Lorick

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 803-790-8208

Email: rebeccal@pathwaystohealing.com

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

2022: served 1339 survivors, 990 females, 234 males, 115 unknown

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Prevention Education, Hospital Accompaniment, Crisis and Counseling Sessions, Legal Advocacy, Referrals all at no cost to survivors or secondary survivors of sexual assault.

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Not enough beds, lack of permanent housing solutions, lack of transportation to resources

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

yes

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

yes

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Loss of income

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Click or tap here to enter text.

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Richland County School District One/McKinney-Vento Office

Address: 1310 Lyon St. Columbia, SC 29204/Suite A4

Contact Person: Deborah C. Boone

Title: Coordinator

Phone: 803-231-6914

Email: deborah.boone@richlandone.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

We serve students/families who are experiencing homelessness in Richland One. Determination of services is based on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act's definition of "homelessness". The number of students served in a given school-year varies.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance requires school districts to remove or reduce barriers that thwart the educational success of students experiencing homelessness. Services include immediate enrollment, assistance securing records, faculty consultation, transportation, referrals to community resources based on specific needs, school supplies, school uniforms/clothes, tutoring, parent education, payment of fines/fees, financial assistance with emergency housing.

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Transportation, access to affordable housing, lack of a living wage

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

Access to educational opportunities

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**

N/A

- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**

The working poor.

- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**

Access to free or pro-bono legal assistance, financial resources to assist with delinquent utility bills, etc.

- **Any other Populations:**

N/A

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

Capacity for families with older male children is a definite gap within our current shelter system. Also, there is not truly an "emergency" shelter in the Columbia area. There is not a shelter in Columbia that will take a family into shelter "right away" straight off the streets.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Yes, there is definitely a lack of affordable, safe housing options for families.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

The current delivery system is fragmented and providers are somewhat "territorial".

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Households become homeless for any number of reasons to include unemployment, underemployment, fleeing domestic violence, health issues, etc.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Not familiar

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

For the families we work with housing instability is often related to either the family not earning a living wage or the family experienced a "hardship" such as a reduction in work hours or an unexpected expense that caused them to "rob Peter to pay Paul".

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Affordable housing and a better coordinated service delivery system.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

None

RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: SC UpLift Community Outreach

Address: 5338 Ridgeway St, Columbia, SC 29203

Contact Person: Kevin E. Wimberly

Title: President/CEO

Phone: 803--315-2705

Email: kevinwimberly@scuplift.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

We serve low to moderate income residents who are 80% or below AMI. We serve approximately 50-75 clients per year with approximately 90% being African-American and the remaining being of Caucasian descent.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Our services include home repair, rental housing, and homeownership

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**
N/A
- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**
We provide rental housing services
- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**
Home repair assistance
- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**
N/A
- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**
N/A
- **Any other Populations:**
N/A

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

I won't say gaps but we are in desperate need of additional home repair services. Other than Richland County, the City of Columbia, and our organization, I don't know of any organization or programs residents can utilize in getting home repair. We have at least a 2 year waiting list for those requesting assistance.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

As mentioned above, home repair, attainable rental housing, senior housing, and homeownership

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Not sure. I believe the challenge is getting everyone working together.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Livable wage jobs and opportunities. Not enough attainable housing inventory.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

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

SC State Housing Authority has several programs and there are other agencies, non-profit organizations that do great work, but we need to be made aware of the services. It seems we work in silos.

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

Someone who is always in crisis mode. The services they need are considered emergency instead of having the ability to learn and educate themselves on how to get out of the emergency cycle.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

1.) Attainable and sustainable housing. 2.) Access to livable wage employment 3.) Housing counseling services

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Shepherd's Transformation Mansions Communities

Address: C/O President Tracy Jones, 224 N Woodlake Drive, Columbia SC 29229

Contact Person: Tracy Jones

Title: Founder/president

Phone: 253-307-8291

Email: tracyjones@stmhomelessprogram.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

Veteran Women with and without children. The Palmetto State is home to more than 45,000 women veterans. Women Veterans are one of the fastest growing populations. According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis & Statistics, the women veteran population in South Carolina will continue to increase by 1% yearly for the next three years

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Our vision is to provide affordable scattered mix-use housing with on-site supportive services that will transform our residents to stable housing, and holistic healing of the mindset, to generational wealth builders.

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

There are no Veterans women supportive housing available throughout Richland County.

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

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- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**

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- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Click or tap here to enter text.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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RICHLAND COUNTY, SC

HOME-ARP PROGRAM AGENCY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: The Cooperative Ministry

Address: 3821 W. Beltline Blvd.; Columbia, SC 29204

Contact Person: Wanda Pearson

Title: Chief Program Officer

Phone: (803)451-7398

Email: wpearson@coopmin.org

Please describe the size and demographics of the clients you serve.

Our population of focus is adults in Richland County, SC who are experiencing financial challenges to meeting basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, and health insurance. In calendar year 2022, we served 2,762 heads of household. Thirty-one percent (31%) of the households served included 2 or more dependents.

Among our population served in 2022, 85% were Black/African American, 15% were white, and 1% identified as other races. Persons of Hispanic ethnicity were 0.4% of total persons served.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

All services are offered at no cost to recipients.

Clothing, Food, & Furniture Banks— Clothing, food, personal hygiene kits, and household furnishings are provided to individuals and case managers/social workers on behalf of their clients.

Client Engagement— Activities are intended to improve participants' financial well-being. Services include 1-to-1 financial health coaching, tax return preparation, financial assistance to obtain an industry-recognized credential for employment, and financial assistance to pay housing expenses (rent, mortgage, and utilities).

Supportive Health Services— Financial assistance to pay housing expenses, out-of-pocket medical costs, and health insurance premiums for people living with HIV/AIDS.

What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients your serve:

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Housing, primary medical care, behavioral health care, legal services

- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**

Short-term rent/mortgage and utility assistance; home repairs/improvements to improve liveability and energy efficiency.

- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**
Short-term rent/mortgage and utility assistance
- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**
Low-wage workers; elderly renters; other persons on fixed incomes (SSI, SSDI)
- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**
Home repairs/improvements to improve liveability
- **Any other Populations:**
Academic and social supports to help children keep up in school despite experiencing housing instability

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

Shortage of beds for families with children, particularly families with teen-age sons. Staffing shortages and inadequacies that limit access to adult shelters for people who need assistance with daily living tasks, e.g., eating, bathing, toileting.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Yes, given the county's per capita income of \$32,952 and fair market rent of \$1125 for a 2-bedroom apartment, there are not enough affordable 2-bedroom units for rent.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

There is too little rent/mortgage assistance available, and the available funding too often requires applying eligibility criteria that do not reflect real costs of living.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Most applicants for rent assistance from our agency cite a loss of income, either the applicant's income or the income of another household member.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elderly or unable to work
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Children

Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	People re-entering the community from jail or prison; youth aging out of foster care.
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Please identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

All of the above are present in the community however the quantities of each are insufficient to meet the demand.

Please identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness.

Among the people we serve, instability is attributable to low economic returns from employment. Poor wages, irregular hours, and no benefits make it nearly impossible for our clients to build savings for protecting themselves from financial disaster in the event of illness, unemployment, car repairs, or other unplanned expense.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Housing, plus coaching/case management to allow each housing beneficiary the time to build savings and social supports for sustaining housing stability.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

None

FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
Richland County, South Carolina
May 10 – 12, 2022

Columbia Housing – 5/10/2022 at 10:30 a.m. (Adrienne Jackson, Takeshia Stewart, Lovetta Walton, Cynthia Pryor Hardy, Tracy Jones-Rossatium, Adam Dalenburg)

These were the topics and discussions covered during the meeting:

- Have a couple of outside development entities
- Need more tools to create/maintain affordable housing
- Reduction in funding reason for development entities
- Approximately 4,000 vouchers
- Private Developers use Project Based Vouchers
- Still getting consistent assistance with vouchers
- Mercy Vouchers
 - Guidelines are somewhat relaxed for Mercy vouchers
- Landlord liaisons
- 3M/month in payments
- Face of voucher holder is changing
- Mental Health disabilities
- Vision 2030 initiative from the Columbia Housing Authority
- 400 single family houses to rehabilitate and turn over to homeowners
- Issue of bonds seeking 1st refusal to buy property to keep housing stock fresh
- Great relationship with County for economic and workforce development
- Having a number of self-sufficiency programs
- Historic Activity with 2 properties of public housing

COC/Homeless Providers – 5/11/2022 @ 9:00 a.m. (Julie Ann Avin, Anita Floyd, Teresa Maybay, Travis McNeel, Emily May, Lila Anna Sauls, Lovetta Walton, Cecilia Rodrigues, Jeffery Armstrong, Shaun Scott)

The following organizations were in attendance and gave an overview of their services and issues:

Mirci

- 2 basic needs centers (one for adults, one for youth)
- 20 partner agencies
- Path Outreach Leader
- Medical Director
- Administer COC grants
- 161 units of COC housing
- 74 units of HUD 811 housing
- 10 beds for youth identifying as male

- Working on 10 beds for youth identifying as female

Catholic Charities

- 7 units across the state with specialties
- Columbia unit works with homeless
- Has been essentially a hand out program (Some clients had been coming in for 15 years)
- Helped 75 obtain critical documents in past year
- Next level of service is to actually impact client's lives
- Extensive use of volunteers

Homeless No More

- Families homeless or at risk
- Energy services
- Family shelter – 30 days straight off the street
- Family Place – employed up to 2 years, work on family plan

Live Oak Place

- Working on 200 units
- 60 units in the works
- 65 families on any given day
- Summer Camp
- Wholistic Approach for entire family
- 15,000 referrals last year
- New homeownership program - Acquiring property for sale to families

Austin Wilkes Society

- Provides to all populations for all in need: homeless, vets, offenders, etc.
- SSVF – Low-income vets to stabilize
- Veterans Home – housing, meals, employment, therapy
- At Risk Program for Males
- Residential Rental Program for federal offenders

Family Promise of the Midlands

- 30 churches participate since 2014
- Provide shelter at various churches
- Tomorrows Promise Program - Provide for children get life experiences
- Social capital building

Oliver Gospel – 133-year-old church

- Christ centered ministry
- Did serve meals and other needs
- 100 plus people served everyday
- Goal is long term care
- Men's Program
 - Refresh 30 Day program – addiction recovery
 - Recovery Program 12 months

- Rebuild
- Toby Center – Women’s Center
 - Working to gain identity
 - Long term 12-months
 - Not an addiction program
 - Currently 17-19 ladies plus double that number of children
 - Pre-program for Toby’s Place
- Started connection manager position

These were the topics and discussions covered during the meeting:

- Barriers to admission
 - Mental Health issue at Toby’s Place
- Catholic Charities did not partner well with others working to repair
 - Changing from model of just providing items
 - Getting more engaged with clients
- Mirci
 - availability of affordable housing
 - was written out of COC seven years ago due to HUD based policies
 - have a case manager that does referrals not case management
- ACT Program
 - Housing First 77% participation rate but was 95%
- Affordable Housing
- CDBG for repairs but not always due to ownership

Issues with COC

- COC was created because it had to be
- Lead agency is United Way
- Discussion of creating second housing trust fund - Wasted effort
- Hospitality Team is not law enforcement
- Community Team moved from UW to Transition but still not working
- Homelessness has become regional
- Intimidation by the police
- Affordable Housing Task Force
- Behavioral Health Issues

Social Service Agencies Meeting 1 – 5/11/2022 at 10:30 a.m. (Erica Cheeks, Tracy Jones-Ross, Eleanor Boyd, Lee Patterson, Chynna Phillips, Wanda Pearson, Luis Rodriguez, Shaun Scott, Lovetta Walton, Sara Scheirer, SK DeVenny, Cecilia Rodriguez)

The following organizations were in attendance and gave an overview of their services and issues:

Austin Wilkes Society

- Belief in second chance related to release from incarceration
- RRC’s halfway houses for federal release for transition back into society

Shepherds Transformation

- Housing First model

- New start-up organization

Cooperative Ministries

- Investing more in people
- Activities to better themselves
- VITA Tax Prep Program
- Some crisis assistance
- Financial empowerment program with 5 staff

These were the general topics and discussions covered during the meeting:

- Develop pantry in housing developments
- Mentoring program for children without fathers
- Create community table to discuss needs of individuals clients
- Seniors are increasing who have no one, how do we assist
- How to get projects to shovel ready
- Collaboration is needed
- Transparency process, how does it work
- Front end what happens when funds are received
- Services in prisons and jails
- Accountability, transparency, citizen participation
- Connecting with resources

Education – 5/11/2022 @ 3:00 p.m. (Carol Minor, OMME-Salma Rahemtullah)

These were the topics and discussions covered during the meeting:

- Needs in schools such as washing machines
- Hopkins Community Centers
- Richlandone.org
- Food Share
- Food security
- Community cooking classes
- Prescription program
- Located in old Circuit City
 - Under renovation
 - State of the art kitchen for teaching
 - \$900,000 project have \$200,000
- Also have a land trust program which is using existing homes
- No down payment/low interest loans

Housing Organizations – 5/12/2022 @ 9:00 a.m. (Kevin Wimberly, Joe Huggins, Adrienne Jackson, Haley Smith, Madelyn Smith, Sally Karl, Cecilia Rodriguez, Lovetta Walton, Suzanne Brooks, Sara Scheirer)

The following organizations were in attendance and gave an overview of their services and issues:

SC Uplift Community Outreach

- Rental housing
- Has been a CHDO
- Focus on smaller projects
- A lot of owner-occupied rehab
- Would like to do more rehab
- Have done a “small house”, would like to do more

Home Works

- Senior, veteran disabled housing rehab for safety and livability
- Preserving existing modified, new builds
- Uses mostly volunteers

These were the topics and discussions covered during the meeting:

- Working with County to build a village of small homes
- Need for rehab particularly for seniors
- Better connections between agencies
- Life safety items

Social Service Agencies Meeting 2 – 5/12/2022 @ 3:00 p.m. (Ashly Arrington, Dianne Fields, Heather Brown, Jess Knapp, Susan Firimonte, Lovetta Walton, Julie Plane, Carol Scott)

The following organizations were in attendance and gave an overview of their services and issues:

Mirci

- Outreach for mental health
- Need space and resources for supportive housing
- 10 current spaces for men, want to develop space for women
- Affordable units for placements
- Need for geriatric services as elderly decline
- Do screening of persons with severe mental health needs
- ACT Team
- Long term permanent housing

Pathways to Healing

- Sexual Abuse Services
- Funding for programs for youth
- Services for victims and family
- Preventative education in churches and schools
- Education for mothers
- Legal services/advocacy if client wishes to pursue
- Funding resources

These were the general topics and discussions covered during the meeting:

- Legal services add program on wills and probate
- Public benefits attorney

- Eviction defense
- Fair housing
- Food desert issues
- Transportation issue particularly in more isolated areas