

# Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments

HOME-American Rescue Plan Grant  
Allocation Plan



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# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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## Introduction

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of \$2,785,118 to the Sumter County HOME Consortium for a new grant called the Home Investment Partnerships Grant American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, HOME-ARP rental housing development, administration and planning, and nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance.

HOME-ARP funds must assist people in HOME-ARP "qualifying populations", which include:

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

To receive funding, the Consortium must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. This plan will be submitted and approved by HUD. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must also be informed through stakeholder consultation and public engagement. The following is the Consortium's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

## Consultation

### *Summarize the consultation process:*

The Santee Lynches COG's stakeholder consultation process was developing and disseminating an online stakeholder survey in order to capture broad assessments of the community needs and areas for ARP allocation as well as specific insights gathered by agencies and other local leaders. The COG emailed key stakeholders in the community for their input and feedback. The online survey was open from May 15, 2022 through August 14, 2022. The survey included seven ARP program-specific questions and one open ended comment section for community needs assessment. The survey received a total of 15 responses, including those representing homeless services providers, the Continuum of Care (CoC), Fair Housing agencies, affordable housing developers, domestic violence advocacy groups, Veterans groups, and others.

The COG also hosted a stakeholder virtual meeting on August 23, 2022. The meeting was attended by 16 stakeholders, to include local government and COG staff.

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
<b>Total Care for the Homeless Coalition (TCHC)</b>	Continuum of Care	Survey	Advocate a community drop-In facility directly aimed at the needs of our street and tent camp population. The center should be able to provide emergency shelter in freezing weather. The mission of the shelter would be to develop trusting relationships with each of our homeless persons to determine actual needs and therefore a more efficient use of funding. The center would also enable our homeless population to be clean, fed and somewhere to congregate with those they trust. I think it is important to construct housing that cannot be easily destroyed. There has to be a way to make the use of concrete, cinderblock and steel doors aesthetic and able to easily maintain for repeated use without wasting funding in reconstruction, remodeling or repair. I think the past allocation and use of funding was done without understanding the actual needs of our homeless population. The common assumptions have been very costly and



			a waste of energy, time and resources. Well placed community drop-in centers would go a long way to alleviate continued misuse of funding.
<b>United Way of Kershaw County</b>	Homeless Service Provider, Funder and provider of programs that serve needy individuals and families	Survey	There is a great need for affordable housing that is decent and safe. It is important that experienced providers with a track record of long-term service provide shelter. This is a long-term commitment that calls for experience, commitment and success in housing ventures. The Kershaw County Housing Partnership, an informal alliance of housing service providers, has a history of over 30 years of grappling with housing issues. Our primary 3 areas of focus have been the same over all these years, affordable housing, homeless housing, and home repairs. This group should have major input into the way funds in our county are used to address housing! While the United Way of Kershaw County has shepherded this collaboration, we in no way control it. The current chair of the Housing Partnership is Pastor Bill Owens.
<b>Santee Lynches Regional Council of Governments</b>	Council of Gov't, Fair housing advocate	Survey	There is not enough shelter and housing available. Those in need of assistance from HOME-ARP funds would benefit from assistance with security and utility deposits. Beneficiaries of the Santee Lynches region would also benefit from the acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.
<b>Food for the Soul - Kershaw County</b>	Homeless Service Provider; Domestic Violence Service Provider,	Survey	The number of individuals that are on a fixed income and not able to work are increasing and with lapse of lease, they are being pushed out for landlords to get a higher rent and being forced to homelessness. Private businesses are taking advantage of the earned tax credits and building housing where only a small percentage of the units are for truly affordable housing. HOME-ARP funds need to be used to increase the availability of affordable housing. We need the funds to build tangible results instead of placing the funds to pay late

			<p>rental payments or utilities. There are already many programs that assist with rental assistance. An entity needs to take the lead and collaborate with other organizations to provide a sustainable community for all involved. In Kershaw County there is a growing need of single resident units for individuals that are on a fixed income. With the HOME-ARP funds, Food for the Soul can build a complex that will provide a permanent solution and provide a secure safe environment to live. Our organization is poised to take the lead and have this project completed in a timely manner within a 24-month period.</p>
<b>Sumter Housing Authority</b>	Housing Authority	Survey	<p>The biggest gaps are very limited shelter availability, and limited quality housing available. Many have issues with outstanding utility bills and require assistance. For affordable rental housing development, acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation would all be good uses of home funds. Supportive services needed are Homeless prevention, counseling and assistance (Homelessness), assistance budgeting and housing counseling.</p>
<b>United Way of Sumter, Clarendon &amp; Lee Counties</b>	Fair housing advocate, Fund raiser/community convener	Survey	<p>Very few agencies exist to provide services to those seeking assistance. The one agency that does assist, doesn't seem to have available appointments, which results in clients being in more dire circumstances over time. Often homelessness is a result of being evicted for non-payment of rent or inability to provide security deposit. If these services were available, a portion of the problem would be solved. We need more rental assistance programs. In addition, longer-term shelters need to be in place for people trying to get on their feet.</p>
<b>SC Legal Services</b>	Civil Rights and Legal services assisting low income SC persons,	Survey	<p>There are never enough beds in shelters for the homeless. Often the assistance to prevent homelessness is very limited (monetary wise) and will not bring rent current or pay all the utility bill (which</p>

	including homeless, domestic violence survivors, disabled and Veterans		could be causing the eviction). The working poor are only one paycheck from homelessness. There is a pressing need for affordable housing, particularly now, other than have the HA build more and open its lists to provide more housing assistance (including Section 8). There is not much that can be done as this would need either federal housing participation or a city /state action to create more affordable housing.
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Kershaw County</b>	Organization Serving People with Disabilities, Fair Housing Organization, Veterans' Group	Survey	There is a shortage of affordable housing in areas of first time homeowners and individuals of color. Rehabilitation could be key in older communities. Housing counseling services would be huge in helping individuals on the road to financial stability. Neighborhoods could keep the original architecture and feel, instead of a new modern building that doesn't fit in.
<b>Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization Inc.</b>	Homeless Service Provider, Organization Serving People with Disabilities, Fair Housing Organization, Domestic Violence Service Provider, Continuum of Care Staff/ Member	Survey	The biggest gaps as we see in the region are the availability of affordable housing that meets FMR and HQS inspection standards. So, the construction, acquisition and rehab of affordable housing units would be the greatest way to address that issue. The service delivery system is limited to a few providers and there is a tremendous need for more providers and more outreach and counseling. We see the greatest need for rental development as 1BR units. There is a great need for bigger units that could be used for shared housing as this seems to be a national trend and it does consolidate space and maximizes the amount of tenant occupancy in a single structure or property. Many of the large older homes in these counties would be a great model for this acquisition and rehab. If there were an older or empty hotel available for purchase and rehab into a non-congregate shelter it would solve a great need for these beds.

<b>Lee County Government</b>	County Government	Survey	Rental unit availability is the largest unmet need among “qualifying populations.” Development of affordable housing should be the priority for HOME-ARP funds
<b>Bridging the Gap Fresh Start for Men</b>	Homeless Service Provider	Survey	There are no available units for rent in this area. Even after living in a homeless shelter for a year, it would be hard to transition to permanent housing because of the limited housing units. Lee County has many needs that are not met by the government and/or state. The public is not made aware of the funding that is available. We need rehabilitation of rental housing, construction of housing, and assistance with transition from shelter to housing.

## **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:***

- ***Public comment period: start date - 12/5/2022 end date - 12/19/2022***
- ***Public hearing: 12/15/2022***

SLCOG held one public hearing to discuss the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which incorporated information and discussion of community needs and eligible activities related to HOME-ARP, along with an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the proposed budget and activities. A list of eligible HOME-ARP activities and the Consortium's proposed HOME-ARP budget was also presented. The draft Allocation Plan was also posted on SLCOG's website for public viewing and comment.

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

In addition to the newspaper ad for the public notice and public comment period, SLCOG also advertised the public hearing and posted the draft HOME-ARP allocation plan on the COG's website ([www.santeelynychescog.org](http://www.santeelynychescog.org)) to make the plan readily available for comment start date 12/5/2022 end date 12/19/2022.

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

Interested citizens attended the public hearing, but no comments were received.

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

All comments were accepted.

## Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

### Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The CoC releases an annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count that includes valuable data for addressing the needs of residents who are experiencing homelessness. The 2020 Myrtle Beach, Sumter City and County CoC PIT count data was used to capture the most recent and relevant homeless population data due to alterations in methodology during the 2021 count to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the 2020 PIT count, Black or African American residents are the largest demographic of people experiencing homelessness. 58% of people experiencing homelessness are Black or African American, 38% are White/Caucasian, and the remainder are American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Asian, or multi-racial. 100% percent of the overall homeless population is Non-Hispanic/Non- Latino. 61% of homeless individuals identify as Male. 83% are over the age of 24 and 14% are under the age of 18, mostly in households with other adults. About 34% were reported as chronically homeless, 5 are veterans, 5 are unaccompanied youth (18-24), and 27 are victims of domestic violence.

### 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	41	5	53	53	0								
Transitional Housing	15	4	0	0	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	12	4	3	2	0								
Other Permanent Housing													
Sheltered Homeless						44	21	2	18				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	54	3	9				
<b>Current Gap</b>										--	-31	-19	-19

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

### Populations At-risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income below 30% of the area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless, or live with instability. Using HUD's 2014-2018 CHAS data, the Sumter County COG has an estimated 10,285 households with incomes below 30% AMI.

Nearly 43% of these households are renter households. Households at-risk of homelessness include an estimated 10,419 households who are severely cost burdened, paying over 50% of their income toward housing as well as 12,114 who are cost burdened (above 30%, less than 50%). Further, an estimated 18,755 LMI (<80% AMI) households within the 4-County region are considered cost burdened at the 30% mark, and another 9,950 LMI households are severe cost burdened—33.5% of total households within the consortium.

County	Cost Burdened (>30% Income towards housing)	Severe Cost Burden (>50% Income towards housing)	Households <30% AMI	Total Households
Sumter County	11,535	5,075	4,275	41,135
Kershaw County	5,915	3,050	3,355	24,835
Clarendon County	3,345	1,375	1,715	13,325
Lee County	1,754	919	940	6,355
SLCOG TOTAL:	22,549	10,419	10,285	85,650
SLCOG as a %	26.3%	12.2%	12.0%	100%

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

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 42.3% of women and 29.2% of men in South Carolina experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. Statistics from the South Carolina Crime Statistics reported by South Carolina SLED document that there was a total of 1,932 domestic violence victims in Sumter, Kershaw, Lee, Clarendon counties during 2020.

Due to lack of resources, county level data of the number of domestic violence and human trafficking victims in the region is not available. In 2021, 206 human trafficking cases were reported to the Human Trafficking Hotline in the state of South Carolina. The actual number of cases is likely much higher, but there is a lack of training and awareness in the state. Across the state, victims are most frequently females, both adults and minors, and experiencing sex trafficking. In 2019, a total of 27,809 adult and child victims of domestic violence received support services, primarily emergency shelter, in South Carolina.

#### **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**

There is a large overlap between those at-risk of homelessness (above data) and households in need of assistance to prevent homelessness or at greatest risk of housing instability. Lack of affordability is the primary issue highlighted in data and consultation. According to CHAS, of the severely cost burdened, an estimated 5,665 households are extremely low income and severe cost burdened and are considered at greatest risk of housing instability.

Additionally, according to ACS data, 13,669 households of cost burdened renters earned less than \$20,000 between 2016-2020, while only approximately 3,775 rental units offer a gross rent price within the needed range to prevent being cost burdened. In other words, there is a lack of about 9,894 affordable rental units for households making under \$20,000 a year.

While we don't have data that matches the exact definition of QP #4, we can glean general demographics and need from looking at the Santee Lynches area's poverty levels. Poverty is often a direct correlation as it relates to households requiring housing assistance to prevent homelessness or to those being at-risk of housing instability. According to ACS, there are 42,842 (~19.7% of 4- County area) residents below the poverty level, of which 44.3% are under 18 years old. Of those living under the poverty level, an estimated 12,997 are White, 26,115 are Black or African American—double the population of Whites who are homeless. There are more females (23,773) under the poverty level than males (19,069).

#### *Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:*

##### **Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

There are two primary unmet needs for residents experiencing homelessness. There is a lack of units for families with at least one child and a lack of beds for adults. Overall, there is a need for over 50 additional units to serve the population in need. There are not enough shelters or affordable housing. During our consultation, respondents also highlighted the following unmet service needs for the homeless population: housing search and counseling, affordable units, and comprehensive case management.

##### **Populations At-risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5**

The common theme from the stakeholders included the unmet need of safe and affordable rental housing specifically for individuals with fixed income. ACS estimates nearly 10,000 renter households are costs burdened (paying over 30% of income to housing costs). Lack of inventory and an affordability gap challenges both populations recovering from homelessness and those households at risk of homelessness. Those at-risk of homeless or housing instability often need short-term subsidies such as mortgage/rent assistance to avoid foreclosure or eviction, as well as utility assistance to avoid shutoff or security deposits to allow new rental contracts. Supportive services such as housing or financial counseling, landlord mediation for eviction proceedings will also benefit these groups. Stakeholders highlighted the need for employment services, mental health treatment, and housing counseling for families at-risk of housing instability.

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

South Carolina lacks specialized housing programs for both minor and adult human trafficking victims throughout the state. There are no human trafficking victim service providers in the consortium, so victims in need of emergency shelter and housing services are referred to other homeless providers. Local homeless shelters available cannot adequately meet the complex needs of victims.



There is only one domestic violence service provider in the consortium region that offers shelter and housing assistance to domestic violence victims. South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic and Violence and Sexual Assault reported that 736 domestic violence victims were turned away from shelter across the state due to lack of space in 2019.

**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 needs for the populations needing assistance to prevent homelessness or at risk of greater housing instability mirror those from above, including rental payment assistance or utility deposit assistance and development of affordable rental housing units.

Further, housing counseling, mental health services, and homeless prevention were highlighted during our consultation as service needs for those at greatest risk of housing insecurity. Healthcare assistance greatly benefits those at-risk of housing instability who are on fixed incomes to help mitigate the challenges of either paying housing costs or medical costs.

Residents who have been previously homeless or are currently using some type of rental assistance may need the assistance to continue for a short or long period of time. Funding existing services and housing assistance programs is important to the housing stability of these individuals and families. Stakeholder feedback also highlighted the need for continued, long-term case management and supportive services after financial assistance is completed.

***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:***

The below local organizations and entities offer a variety of resources that assist the local COG's QPs on an ongoing basis. As part of its strategy, the COG will consider and coordinate appropriately with organizations that can assist with the goals and implementation of selected activities described in HOME-ARP Activities section of this plan.

The HOME Consortium is a member of the **Total Care for the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC)**. Three of the four counties (Lee, Clarendon and Sumter) that make up the HOME Consortium are part of the twelve county Continuum of Care (CoC), of which **Eastern Carolina Homeless Coalition (ECHO)** is the Lead Agency representing and acting on behalf of the CoC in collaborative planning around homeless services. The fourth county, Kershaw, is represented by the Kershaw County Housing Partnership (KCHP), which maintains an active association with the Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH). ECHO provides a variety of homeless assistance and services related to Housing First model, to include supportive services, transitional housing, long-term housing, emergency rental assistance, veteran services and more.

The **Sumter Housing Authority** of the is the local public housing authority (PHA) in the City of Sumter. Sumter Housing Authority oversees 327 public housing units, 5 Neighborhood

Stabilization houses, and 925 Housing Choice Vouchers. This is the only PHA in the Consortium area.

**Sumter United Ministries**, a combined effort of area churches, provides crisis assistance, emergency shelter, rental assistance to prevent eviction, a medical clinic, and pharmacy. The emergency shelter, the Samaritan House, accepts up to 16 adults at a time. Shelter guests are provided with relationships and resources so they may be gainfully employed and plan to exit the shelter into stable housing situation.

The **YWCA of the Upper Lowlands** provides shelter, counseling and other services as needed for women fleeing domestic violence and their children. The shelter can house up to 4 families at a time. The YWCA provides a continuum of care for the women, including safety, counseling, legal assistance, limited transportation, childcare, and training opportunities for survivor self-sufficiency. Domestic Abuse Counselors, through dialogue and counseling services, get them to a place where they regain their self-esteem and create a new image of themselves.

**Any Length Recovery** offers a long-term recovery program for both men and women with drug and alcohol addictions. The transitional program maintains a census of approximately 65 men and 18 women at any given time. The average length of stay is 6 months to a year and residents have the opportunity of staying as long as they wish. In addition to transitional housing, Any Length offers case management, clinical assessments, transportation, employment, counseling and 12 steps AA.

**The Santee-Wateree Mental Health Center (SWMHC)** is the face of public mental health in the Consortium Area. Outpatient mental health services are provided in clinics in the four-county area: a clinic in Camden serves Kershaw County; one in Bishopville serves Lee County; one in Sumter serves Sumter County; and one in Manning serves Clarendon County. Each clinic offers a full and flexible array of outpatient services, including individual, group, and family therapy, psychiatric services, emergency services, and case management. With the exception of the Sumter Clinic, the clinics provide services for children, families and adults. In Sumter, due to space limitations, Child, Adolescent and Family services are provided in a separate location. Unique programs are also available to serve specific populations within the local community.

The primary employment resource for the Consortium Area is the Santee-Lynches **SC Works Center**. Part of the statewide SC Works program, the center operates permanent employment sites in Sumter and Kershaw Counties, and provides part-time support in Lee and Clarendon Counties. SC Works offers all residents of the four-county region employment services that include skills workshops, a resource lab, resume and job development assistance, intensive training programs, and skills assessment testing

**Food for the Soul** provides free hot meals and emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Kershaw County. Temporary shelter is offered 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Overnight services are provided to victims of domestic violence, flood, fire, those that have been evicted, and anyone else who has nowhere else to go.

**United Way of Kershaw County** provides a variety of supportive services. Its New Day Transitional Housing program has 5 apartments for families and 4 units for single men. The transitional program provides families, women with children and single men the needed opportunity to save money, obtain an education, skills training, work experience, and mental health services in order for them to transition back into stability. United Way of Kershaw County also has a Rapid Re-Housing program to quickly connect individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing.

The Consortium participates in **Total Care for the Homeless and the Kershaw County Housing Partnership** to the greatest extent possible. The strategic goals of the Consortium will provide opportunities for transition for homeless individuals and help CoCs and affiliated providers to refer candidates for tenant based rental assistance and/or affordable rental housing.

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

As noted above, the primary gap in the shelter and housing inventory is the availability of beds and units for both adults and families. There is a need for approximately 50 more beds and a need for more variety in services. Limited shelter availability and limited quality, and affordable housing are challenging to help qualifying populations in need. There is a sustained need for homeless prevention, counseling and assistance (Homelessness), assistance budgeting and housing counseling, and case management.

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

The Santee Lynches COG recognizes the definition of Other Populations set forth by HUD in the CPD Notice (Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness or At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability). The criteria related to these categories include households/persons who are (1) extremely low-income with a severe cost burden, or households with (2) an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income meet one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at 24 CFR 91.5. No further characteristics of housing instability will be defined; thus, the COG will use the criteria listed in first six conditions listed in the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at 24 CFR 91.5.

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

The analysis above and consultation with key stakeholders have identified the following priority needs:

1. Affordable Housing Development
2. Shelter Availability

### 3. Supportive Services

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

To determine the level of need and gaps the Consortium looked at both qualitative and quantitative measures. Data from the U.S. Census and CHAS data were used in partnership with feedback and on-the-ground insights from key stakeholders in the area. The takeaways from data analysis and stakeholder input were incorporated into the needs assessment.

## **HOME-ARP Activities**

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

The COG expects to administer programs directly. Once the COG has received the full HOME-ARP grant award from HUD, it will issue a notice of funding availability (NOFA) and/or conduct a Request for Proposals for a specified period of time to make it a more competitive process in awarding these funds. During that time any organization, developer, subrecipient, or Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is eligible to apply. At the close of the application period, all applications received will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and their ability to deliver on the priority needs identified within this plan. Each applicant will also be reviewed for their ability to carry out the project meeting all eligibility criteria.

Award(s) will be made based on the applicant's project scope as it pertains to the outlined priority needs in this plan as well as the applicant's familiarity with utilizing federal funding and ability to comply with all federal and local requirements.

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

The COG will administer the program. It used a portion of the HOME-ARP administrative funds to procure Civitas, LLC, a HUD grants management consultant to assist in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Civitas assisted the COG with data collection and analysis, stakeholder outreach, and Allocation Plan development.

## **Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Percent of the Grant</b>	<b>Statutory Limit</b>
Supportive Services	\$500,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$500,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$1,237,350		
Non-Profit Operating	\$130,000	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$417,768	15 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$2,785,118</b>		

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

**Development of Affordable Rental Housing**

Santee Lynches COG will allocate the bulk (44.4%) of its allocation to the development of affordable rental housing. Please see further information on page 18 in the *Housing Goals* section.

**Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters**

Santee Lynches COG will allocate approximately 18% of HOME-ARP funds towards the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter.

**Nonprofit Operating Assistance**

Santee Lynches COG will use the 5% allowance for Nonprofit Operating Assistance to pay operating expenses of CHDOs and other nonprofit organizations that will carry out activities with HOME-ARP funds. Eligible costs include salaries for new hires and other employee compensation and benefits, costs related to employee training, or other staff development.

**Supportive Services**

In funding Supportive Services, the COG will allocate approximately 18% of HOME-ARP funds towards Supportive Services in the amount of \$500,000. By funding Supportive Services, the COG aims to increase housing stability and reduce levels homelessness and those at-risk of homelessness within the qualifying populations by providing a baseline support that addresses multiple challenges of these persons and households. Supportive Services activities will include (but are not limited to):

- Case Management
- Housing Counseling
- Life skills and Job Training
- Outreach Services
- Employment Assistance and Job Training

**Administration**

Fifteen percent of the allocation is set aside for costs of overall HOME-ARP program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. Expenditures may include salaries, wages, and related costs of the COG's staff and/or administrative services performed under third party contracts or agreements.

***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 community needs and gap analysis showed that there is a gap in our homelessness response system for supportive services, permanent affordable housing, and non-congregate emergency shelters facilities. The COG has identified activities that will assist individuals and families of the most vulnerable qualified populations. There are significant needs throughout the region for each

of the HOME-ARP eligible activities, and the lack of affordable housing in particular was emphasized by most stakeholders.

One of the major gaps in the COG's homeless inventory is access to affordable housing. Households experiencing a housing crisis or fleeing an unsafe situation need to find a place to stay quickly. Access to this type of housing is a current gap in the system. Emergency shelter and bridge housing can help to fill this gap and strengthen the crisis response system; however, there is a limited capacity within the region to operate an NCS at the appropriate level.

Separate from the need for housing, there is a high need for assistance to reduce housing instability, which includes life skills training, housing counseling, job development, legal aid and other supportive services. Feedback also shows that there is a need to strengthen the regional crisis response system to connect those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with housing quickly, and provide services when needed. Case management and homeless prevention supportive services were highlighted by multiple stakeholders. Based on the input received from service providers and the data collected, we are allocating a portion of funding to supportive services.

### **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:***

Santee Lynches COG estimates 8 new rental units throughout the region will be produced using HOME-ARP funds that will provide direct support to the qualifying populations in the region.

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The needs assessment highlighted the lack of affordable housing for the qualifying populations. The HOME-ARP funds allow for the COG to take advantage of this one-time allocation in order to provide more long-term solutions for QPs. Projects will be financed with HOME-ARP rental housing funds; however, all efforts will be made to leverage other financing tools to maximize unit production.

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5b. Federal Award Identifier:

**State Use Only:**

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

\* a. Legal Name: Sumter County HOME Consortium/Santee-Lynches COG

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

57-6000405

\* c. UEI:

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**d. Address:**

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Street2:

\* City: Sumter

County/Parish:

\* State: SC: South Carolina

Province:

\* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code: 29154-0200

**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name:

Division Name:

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

Prefix: Mr.

\* First Name: Dennis

Middle Name:

\* Last Name: Cyphers

Suffix:

Title: Chief, Government Services

Organizational Affiliation:

\* Telephone Number: (803) 774-1377

Fax Number:

\* Email: dcyphers@slcog.org

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Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
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☒ \*\* I AGREE

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**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

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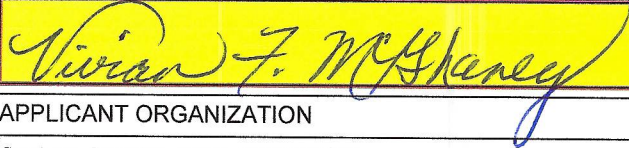
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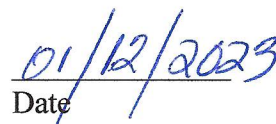
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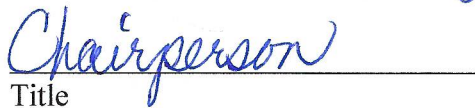
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**Section 3** --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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

  
Signature of Authorized Official

  
Date

  
Title