



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Resubmission

June 7, 2023

Introduction

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed American Rescue Plan (ARP) into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Grant has allocated the City of Tuscaloosa \$1,719,375.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021. The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of experiencing homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

HOME-ARP funds must be primarily used to serve the following qualifying populations:

- 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 Populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those at greatest risk of housing instability.

The City of Tuscaloosa's Office of Community and Neighborhood Services (CNS) developed the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan by engaging the community and agencies through consultation and public participation. Based on feedback from the community and agencies as well as data, the CNS describes in this plan how it intends on distributing HOME-ARP funds to address the needs of the identified qualifying populations. This Allocation Plan will become a substantial amendment to the 2021 Action Plan of the City's 5 Year Consolidated Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs for PY 2020-2024.

Consultation

The City of Tuscaloosa consulted with various agencies and service providers that serve the qualifying populations as identified by HOME-ARP in Notice CPD-21-10. The agencies and providers responding are considered to have in depth knowledge on the gaps in services and overall needs in housing or service delivery systems of the qualifying populations. The results from following consultations helped the City identify current services that were available as well as continuing needs of the qualifying populations as a tool to alleviate housing instability.

In accordance with the HOME-ARP consultation requirements, the CNS consulted with the West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (WACH Continuum of Care (CoC)), homeless providers, domestic violence service providers, sex trafficking and human trafficking, veteran's groups, Tuscaloosa Housing Authority (THA (PHA)), public agencies that address the needs of qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

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

The CNS began its consultation process with the release of survey that was distributed to elected officials, first responders, City departments, and various member agencies of WACH (PHA, homeless providers, DV providers, Veterans providers, City Schools, support services providers, etc.) The survey was conducted from December 22, 2022, through January 30, 2023. The survey was promoted through the City Council Community Development Committee, an advertised public meeting, held on December 20, 2022. The CNS received a total of 110 responses to this survey. Furthermore, the CNS also conducted direct consultations with various organization types that serve the qualifying populations in Tuscaloosa during a two-week period from February 6-17, 2023. The CNS also held a virtual consultation meeting with the general body of the local CoC on February 9, 2023, at 11:30am. A listing of the direct consultations is identified in the following table.

List the organizations consulted:

| Agency/Org Consulted | Type of Agency/Org | Method of Consultation | Feedback |
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| First United Methodist Church | Services/Homeless Service Provider/At-Risk of Homelessness | Email | Needs shelters and transitional housing. Need section 8 and low-income vouchers. |
| Turning Point | Services/Domestic Violence Provider/Victims of Sexual Assault/LGBT Community/Elderly | Email | Unmet needs include transitional housing, affordable housing options, rental assistance for clients, extra staff to help address increased number of victims seeking services, funds for victim necessities, and subsidized affordable housing. |
| Indian Rivers | Services/Homeless Service Provider/At-Risk of Homelessness/Mental Health Services | Email | Needs emergency shelters, assistance securing affordable housing, income, transportation, IDs, financial assistance with apartment deposits, transportation. |

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| Tuscaloosa VA | Services/ Veterans Homeless Service Provider | Email | Need more affordable housing, utility assistance, and emergency beds. |
| Temporary Emergency Service | Services/Homeless Service Provider/At-Risk of Homelessness/Domestic Violence/Veterans | Virtual | Barriers include client income, credit, criminal background, poor financial habits. Needs include food, water, clothing, IDs, birth certificates, personal hygiene services, short-term hotel funding, transportation to appointments, and homeless prevention. |
| Tuscaloosa City Schools | Services/ Homeless Service Provider /At-Risk of Homelessness for students and families McKinney-Vento Status | Virtual | Current unmet needs include housing, food, clothing, and transportation. Need funding to provide permanent housing. |
| Emergency Management Service Prevention Program | Services/ Homeless Service Provider / At-Risk of Homelessness/DV/Veterans | Virtual | Clients are often on average income 100% below poverty level making it difficult to finding housing to fit their budget. Need funding to obtain another case worker because the caseload has become overwhelming. |
| City of Tuscaloosa Housing Counseling Agency | Services/ Homeless Service Provider/ At Risk of Homelessness/Persons with Disabilities/Veterans | Virtual | Need to target pre/post-rental counseling to prevent the return to homelessness. Primary barriers identified include income, credit, housing history, fair housing, criminal history, and mental health issues. |

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| Priority Veteran | Services/Veterans/At Risk of Homelessness | Email | Need funds to assist with utility and rental bills in arrears. Need affordable apartments units with low barriers for renters. |
| Tuscaloosa Police Department | Services/Police/DV/Homeless Service Provider/Human Trafficking/ | Survey | Need affordable housing production, permanent supportive housing, Funds to offer life skills training, job readiness, and case management services. |
| Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue | Services/Fire & Rescue/DV/Human Trafficking/ Homeless Service Provider | Survey | Need affordable housing production, permanent supportive housing, Funds to offer life skills training, job readiness, and case management services. |
| Good Samaritan Clinic | Health Care Services/Homeless and At-Risk Service Provider | Survey | Need funds for the production of affordable housing and to offer life skills training. |
| Tuscaloosa One Place | Services/Homeless Services or At-Risk/ DV/Workforce Development/Family & Parenting Services/Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention | Survey | Needs permanent affordable housing and homeless prevention services. |
| Tuscaloosa Housing Authority | Public Housing Agency/Homeless and At-risk Homelessness Service Provider/DV and Human Trafficking/AIDS/HIV/Veterans/Mental Illness | Phone/Email | Need for more affordable housing units. PHA has a waiting list of 200-300 for public housing and over 2,000 for Section 8. New vouchers have difficulty finding units to rent. Barriers faced include funds for specific populations, waiting period to be housed, availability of affordable housing units, credit, security/utility |

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| | | | deposits, and rent application fees. |
| Catholic Social Services of West Alabama | Services/Homeless Provider/At-Risk of Homelessness | Survey | Provides rental assistance to citizens. Need the creation of new affordable housing and the development of non-congregate shelters. |
| Habitat for Humanity of Tuscaloosa | Services/ At-Risk of Homelessness | Survey | Needs affordable housing production and homeless prevention services. |
| CAPS | Services/ Homeless provider/At-Risk of Homelessness | Survey | Need new affordable housing units and life skill training programs. |
| Community Service Programs of West Alabama | Services/ At-Risk of Homelessness provider/DV/Elder care/childcare | Email | Need funds for job training, transportation, psychological help in dealing with issues related to homelessness, legal services, vouchers for housing and food, medical access. Hotel vouchers allocated to service providers who aid homeless/near homeless to secure temporary housing. Monies to support refuge from domestic violence. |
| UA PD West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force | Services/DV/Homeless Service Provider/Human Trafficking | Questionnaire | Need housing for victims with children and/or housing for minor victims. Organization works with investigating cases/reports of human trafficking and commercial sex. |

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| Fair Housing Center of North Alabama | Services/HMS/DV/ At-Risk of Homelessness/Fair Housing Provider/Veterans/Persons with Disabilities | Questionnaire | Due to our limited ability to provide fair housing assistance to the extent needed, many people who experience housing discrimination do not receive assistance. Elderly with complaints related to denials of reasonable accommodations, and design and construction issues. Knowledge and understanding of fair housing. The lack of accessible units. Housing industry workers and providers lack fair housing information which leads to a larger number of housing discrimination complaints. One of the most prevalent problems in Tuscaloosa as well as our entire coverage area, is the lack of available low-to-moderate income housing. |
| Safe Center | Services/HMS/At- Risk of Homelessness/DV/Veterans/Persons with Disabilities | Questionnaire | Need assistance with awareness of the availability of services, transportation and financial support to secure safe housing for victims. |
| Five Horizons Health Services | Services for those with HIV and those at high risk of contracting HIV/HMS/At- Risk of Homelessness | Questionnaire | Need an increase in affordable housing availability, both short-term and transitional. Emergency financial assistance for rent, |

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| | | | security deposits, and utility payments |
| Salvation Army | Emergency Shelter/ Homeless Services and At-Risk of Homelessness Service Provider/DV/At-risk Youth/Veterans/Human Trafficking | Virtual | Noticed an increase in transient population before Christmas of 2022. Due to limited funding, client needs are not always met. Salvation Army is dependent on grant funding and private donations. Clients are primarily contacting about housing and utility assistance. Monthly call volume is 700-800. Additional barriers to housing and employment include state identification, transportation, credit, prior evictions, limited second chance landlords, and availability of affordable units. |
| West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (WACH) | Local Continuum of Care | Email/Virtual Meeting | Challenges faced by CoC are based on lack of adequate funding and limited housing stock. Unmet needs include transportation, safe housing for homeless such as homeless camps, mental health services, basic needs (i.e., clothes, food, etc.), night social service providers, IDs and birth certificates, criminal record cleanup, training for providers to assist mental health clients, credit, prior evictions. |

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| Legal Services Alabama | Homeless/Homeless Prevention/Domestic Violence/Fair Housing/Civil Rights/Persons with Disabilities | Email | Common barriers that are experienced include affordability, availability, and suitability of housing. Limited staff to serve the legal needs of clients to maintain housing. 80% of clients are experiencing housing instability. Clients need more education about their housing rights. Need for more case managers to handle the non-legal matters. |
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Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

Based on the surveys and direct consultation, the following is a summary of the feedback received.

- Lack of availability of affordable housing units for low-income renters
- Access to transportation
 - Addition bus routes to include evening and weekends to support access to employment and housing
- 24-Hour Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing
- Access to public housing and Section 8 Vouchers
 - Demand for public housing and vouchers is very high
- Fair Housing Training for Landlords to avoid housing discrimination complaints
- Alleviating barriers to obtaining/maintaining affordable housing
 - Fixed-Income/Underemployment
 - Credit/financial management issues
 - Criminal background
 - Prior evictions
 - Rental/utility assistance
 - Security Deposits
- Landlord Engagement by service providers
- Increase in service provider staff to support the needs of qualifying populations
- Various services for qualifying populations to include state-issued identification, mental health services, healthcare services, childcare, elder care, food, clothing, life skills training, job training, housing counseling

Public Participation

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

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

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

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

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: 2/23/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date - 2/24/2023 end date - 3/10/2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 3/2/2023 City of Tuscaloosa Council Chambers @10:00am and 5:00pm***

Describe the public participation process:

The CNS invited members of the community to participate in the HOME-ARP planning process by reviewing and commenting on the draft of the Allocation Plan. The Plan was made available via the City of Tuscaloosa’s website and by hard copy located in the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services (CNS). Furthermore, a presentation of the plan was made in the City Council Community Development Committee, an advertised public meeting, on February 21, 2023, at 5:00pm. It was also announced at this meeting that a public hearing would be held on March 2, 2023, at 10:00am and 5:00pm. The public can attend this committee meeting in-person or virtually through website, television, or Facebook. The public hearing and citizen comment period was also advertised in the Tuscaloosa News and the City’s website on February 23, 2023. The public hearing notice also allowed for the public to contact the CNS office for special accommodations or auxiliary assistance for participation. The public will be able to submit comments on the Plan by e-mail, website, or in-person at the public hearing or in the CNS office during the 15-day comment period.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The CNS wanted to ensure that best efforts were made in soliciting citizen comment on the Allocation Plan. The public hearing was held in the morning and evening to accommodate multiple work schedules. The CNS also advertised in the newspaper as well as on its website. In the advertisements, the CNS stated the name of the program, funding amount, all potential eligible activities under HOME-ARP, location of public hearing, and the process of requesting special accommodations to attend the public hearing.

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

The public hearing for HOME-ARP was held on March 2, 2023 in the City of Tuscaloosa Council Chambers at 10:00am and 5:00pm. In addition, the City advertised the availability of the draft of the Allocation Plan in the Tuscaloosa Newspaper from February 24 – March 10, 2023 for citizen comment. During this same period of time, the draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was placed on the City's website where citizen comments could be left via e-mail.

The City did not receive any comments or recommendations during the public hearing nor the citizen comment period.

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

The City did not receive any comments or recommendation during the public hearing nor citizen comment period. There were no comments or recommendations that 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.*

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

| Homeless | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 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 | 19 | 5 | 87 | 87 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Transitional Housing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| Permanent Supportive Housing | 0 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Other Permanent Housing (VASH) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 267 | | | | | | | | |
| Sheltered Homeless | | | | | | 1 | 36 | 273 | 7 | | | | |
| Unsheltered Homeless | | | | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Current Gap | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 4 | 56 | 56 |

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT) 2022; 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) 2022; 3. Consultation – HMIS Data January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023. **Note:** Data from the 2022 PIT Count represents only one day out of the year. In January 2022, which is when this count occurred, there was a significant outbreak of COVID-19 which affected the ability to have enough volunteers to accurately count the unsheltered. Furthermore, The Salvation Army emergency shelter was also undergoing a major plumbing repair as well dealing with a COVID-19 outbreak. As a result, the City will consult with HMIS data in order fully understand the unmet needs.

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

| Non-Homeless | | | |
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| | Current Inventory | Level of Need | Gap Analysis |
| | # of Units | # of Households | # of Households |
| Total Rental Units | 18,195 | | |
| Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness) | 1,265 | | |
| Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations) | 575 | | |
| 0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness) | | 4,710 | |
| 30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations) | | 2,505 | |
| Current Gaps | | | -5,375 |

Data Source: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2015-2019

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to the 2022 Point-In-Time (PIT) count, Tuscaloosa had a total of 33 individuals that were in emergency shelter, 6 in transitional housing, and 1 that was unsheltered. Of the 40 individuals counted, 20 were female, 13 were male, and 8 were considered to have severe mental illness. During the 2022 PIT, the emergency shelter has a utilization of 39%. Taking into consideration data from the 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) conducted on the same date, Tuscaloosa had 282 individuals utilizing permanent supportive housing.

It is to be noted, however, that this count took place during an active pandemic which has deterred shelter stays in some cases, especially since there was a major resurgence of COVID-19 in Tuscaloosa County during this count. The Continuum acknowledges a shift in its ability to fully engage in the count of the literally homeless in 2022 due to COVID-19; while a team was sent out to count unsheltered homeless, the CoC also remains aware of unsheltered needs by the HMIS records kept in the Street Outreach program to more accurately reflect the literal homeless in the area.

According to 2022 data from HMIS, a total of 74 individuals received street outreach services. Of the 74 individuals receiving services, 49% were male, 31% were female, and 20% gender unknown. 54% were African American, 31% were white, and 15% Other. Furthermore, an examination of services provided through emergency shelter in 2022 demonstrated a total of 392 individuals served. Of the 392 served, 53% were male, 33% were female, and 14% data was not collected. 65% African American, 30% White, and 5%

Other. Furthermore, in consultation with the emergency shelter, the utilization rate on average is 75%.

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 at or 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.

According to HUD's 2015-2019 CHAS data, 49% of renter occupied households was cost burdened or paying more than 30% of their household income. The data also identified that renter occupied households that paid over 50% of their household income accounted for 29%.

The impact on very low-income renter occupied housing appears to be even greater. Based on 2015-2019 CHAS data, 5,975 of renter households or 33% of total renter households are at or below 30% of the AMI (very low income). 77% of these households are cost burdened or paying over 30% of their household income towards housing costs (contract rent plus utilities). Furthermore, of the households that are cost burdened or paying over 30% of their income, 67% are considered severely cost-burdened or paying over 50% of their household income towards housing costs.

The issue of cost burdened households was reviewed in the City's 2018 Affordable Housing Study and 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Tuscaloosa has a heavy college student presence, which has caused the market to focus on developing a great deal of student-oriented luxury apartment types. The large number of student-oriented rental housing has likely contributed to this issue as these units distort the rent prices.

Consultations with service providers serving the at risk of homelessness population supports this data. All consultations identified that there is a shortage of affordable rental housing units.

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

SAN Inc. d.b.a. Turning Point is the primary agency in Tuscaloosa that is dedicated to addressing victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. During the 2022 PIT count, 7 individuals were identified as domestic violence. The shelter utilization rate for the PIT was 58%. In fiscal year 2021, Turning Point (TP) provided 24- hour emergency shelter to 88 clients, assisted 2,291 victims of domestic violence in court proceedings with advocacy services, and 58 Protection from Abuse orders were obtained. The agency also received 891 crisis calls. Turning Point identifies that the availability of funds and lack of affordable housing for low-income families impact their

ability to meet the needs of their clients. Turning Point has recently moved into a new location that has increased their bed count from 12 to 27 beds. Turning Point's shelter utilization on average is 70%.

Furthermore, Safe Center, sexual assault crisis center, identifies that they served approximately 350 people with approximately 20 individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. In assessing the needs of clients that have experienced sexual violence, the agency identified that this experience often creates more needs to include securing safe housing and other medical services.

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

CNS consulted with multiple service providers concerning housing instability. In reviewing the Tuscaloosa Housing Authority (THA) waitlist numbers, there is a great need of subsidized housing for low and very low-income individuals. According to THA's waitlist, there are over 2,000 for Section 8 and 200-300 for public housing. Furthermore, the affordable housing inventory is a barrier for existing vouchers as it can be difficult to find housing to utilize the voucher. According to THA, newly issued Section 8 vouchers normally take closer to 120 days to locate an eligible unit to participate.

In addition, in consultation with the Tuscaloosa City Schools, 150 students have McKinney-Vento status or children that lack "a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." Census data identified that 19.6% of children are below the poverty level

Veteran providers identified that there is limited access to transitional housing. There are currently 8 units as identified in 2022 HIC at the Salvation Army, however, these units are only for men. The HUD-VASH vouchers in the 2022 HIC have 100% utilization (267). However, through consultation with the VA and THA, the demand for VASH vouchers have begun to taper off. The tentative 2023 HIC demonstrates that HUD-VASH was at an 81% utilization rate. It was also identified that more affordable housing units are needed as lower income individuals and families are being priced out of rent.

The U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program 1 and 2 (ERAP 1 and ERAP 2) has closed-out its program in Tuscaloosa serving approximately 2,176 households. Based on utilization of the program, 83% of ERAP 1 was 50% AMI (955) and 76% of ERAP 2 was 50% AMI (778). ERAP 1 median months of arrearage was 7 and ERAP 2 median months of arrearage was 5. According to Legal Services Alabama, the organization is still working ERA Alabama to assist those that are still in court.

The Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama (FHCNA) provides fair housing education, outreach and enforcement services to the citizens of Tuscaloosa. The center investigates allegations of housing discrimination and conducts testing to uncover discriminatory

treatment. This organization participates in HUD's Fair Housing Initiatives Program. This organization serves veterans, persons with disabilities, at-risk of homelessness, and fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. In 2022, FHCNA assisted 137 clients in Tuscaloosa. Of the 137, 9 clients were experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, 10 clients faced housing instability, and 40 clients identified as having disabilities. According to FHCNA, due to limited resources to provide fair housing assistance, many people who experience housing discrimination do not receive assistance. Many of the clients are elderly with complaints of denials of reasonable accommodations.

Census data states that the elderly population accounts for approximately 12,932 of Tuscaloosa's population with 28% having a disability. 14.8% of the Tuscaloosa's elderly (65 and older) population is considered to be below 100% of the poverty level. 29.9% are in renter occupied housing. Of the elderly in renter-occupied housing, 43% are considered to be paying 30% or more in gross rent. Furthermore, Census data determined that 10.8% of the City's population had a disability. 28.6% are 100% below the poverty level. Estimated median earnings are \$11,714.00. The combination of this data as well as the consultations support the need to address barriers to housing affordability in the areas of income, additional rental units, fair housing assistance, housing counseling, etc.

According to the Census, approximately 4,557 of Tuscaloosa's non-institutionalized population identifies as having a mental disability. Of this population that is considered to be working age (16-64), 29% had a job and 71% did not have a job. Indian Rivers (IR), a comprehensive behavioral health provider, provides care for mental illness, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities. In consultation with IR, barriers identified included transportation, lack of income, symptoms of mental illness, lack of ID, difficulty with filling out forms and keeping appointments. Many of the clients served by IR are low income and cannot qualify for a lot of rental housing units.

Five Horizons Health Services, a nonprofit community-based organization, service West Alabama and East Mississippi provides services to those living with HIV and those at high risk of contracting HIV. The majority of clients served out of the aforementioned group are often considered low-income. According to Five Horizons, their organization served approximately 6,700 people through medical care, outreach, and testing services. Of those served, 75 were considered to be experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. In addition, 100 of the people served were experiencing housing instability.

According to local law enforcement, there are approximately 2500 people identified as on parole or probation. A criminal record can present difficult in gaining access to housing especially during common practice of background checks thus causing housing insecurity. Furthermore, service providers have identified the difficulty of identifying available housing for those that have criminal history. This indicates a need to have supportive services to help alleviate this barrier to housing.

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:

Tuscaloosa currently has the following resources to address HOME-ARP qualifying populations:

- HUD VASH – 267 Vouchers (Veterans)
- Section 8 Vouchers – 1,435
- Public Housing Units – 960 (Managed by THA or 3rd Party)
- Veterans Transitional Housing – 8 units
- Permanent Supportive Housing – 15 beds
- Emergency Shelter
 - Men – 46 beds
 - Women – 10
 - Family – 19
- DV Emergency Shelter – 27 beds
- TBRA – funded through 2019 HOME
- Housing Counseling – funded through CDBG
- Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-Housing, and Street Outreach – these activities are contingent on funding as Tuscaloosa does not receive entitlement funds under ESG. CDBG is currently funding Street Outreach under its 2022 program year.
- Tuscaloosa Homeless Prevention Project (Legal Services Alabama) – provide legal assistance and community education to LMI individuals and families facing barriers to housing.
- After School and Summer Programs (Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama) – provide academic support, meals, mental health support, enrichment activities, and family support services for K-12 children and youth.

In review of the current housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and services, the City understands that funding availability could greatly affect the ability of the community to administer these services. In addition, even with current funding, a great deal of these resources has a greater demand than what is available in funding.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

HMIS data identified that the unsheltered homeless population is growing. Although the 2022 PIT demonstrated 1 unsheltered individual, 74 unsheltered homeless individuals were offered street outreach services in 2022. In review of this growth, it can be determined that supportive services are needed to connect this population with emergency shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

CHAS 2015-2019 data identifies that Tuscaloosa does not have an adequate supply of affordable rental housing units for low and very low households. The data also determines that over 75% of low and very low-income households are housing cost burdened. In addition, the heavy college student presence has driven the market to produce student-oriented luxury apartment types that have likely contributed to distorting the rent prices. Consultations with agencies serving qualifying populations identified stable housing is often difficult for people secure that have “fixed” incomes (SSI, SSDI, Retirement Pension, etc.) as they are not able to meet the rental unit requirement of earning three times the monthly. Credit history and poor financial habits create additional barriers to housing. Based on the consultations, supportive services, in addition to additional housing units, is also critical to meet needs in fair housing, rental counseling, rental assistance, case management, budget counseling, etc.

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 utilization rate of the shelter and consultations with providers, the availability of affordable housing units for low-income families is a barrier for this population as well. After experiencing the trauma of domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, secure safe housing and medical services to include mental health services are needed to achieve housing stability. In addition, financial assistance for housing expenses is often critical especially if their assailant was the primary provider for the household.

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

Supportive services and affordable rental housing units were identified as a need. This is based on the lack of adequate supply of affordable rental units and cost burdened families. The additional barriers causing housing instability include credit/financial management issues, criminal history, fair housing violations, long wait list for subsidized housing, rental/utility assistance, security deposits, symptoms of mental illness, etc.

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

There is a shortage of affordable rental housing in Tuscaloosa. The availability of affordable rental housing units does not meet the needs of the qualifying populations. The combination of fixed-incomes and underemployment contributes to the need for this housing type. Furthermore, the unsheltered homeless population is growing, which demonstrates a gap in meeting the need of this population in connecting them with emergency shelter and other vital services. Aside

from construction of rental units, supportive services were identified as a gap that needed to be filled amongst service providers that were directly consulted. These services are critical to successful outcomes for housing stability.

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:

CNS 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 have been defined in the City’s Consolidated Plan; thus, the City will use the criteria listed in the first six conditions listed in the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at 24 CFR 91.5.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The combination of the analysis of data as well as consultations conducted with service providers of qualifying populations have identified the following priority needs:

1. Construction of Affordable Rental Housing Units
2. Supportive Services
 - a. To include, but limited to medical and mental health treatment, housing counseling, transportation, case management services, and other services essential to prevent homelessness and increase housing stability.

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:

To determine the level of need and gaps, CNS looked at both qualitative and quantitative measures. Data from CHAS, 2022 PIT count, 2022 HIC, HMIS data, and the 2018 Affordable Housing Study were utilized in partnership with feedback and on-the-ground insights from key stakeholders in Tuscaloosa. The takeaways from data analysis and stakeholder input were incorporated into the needs assessment to include additional affordable rental housing units and supportive services to address the many barriers identified in this process.

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:

CNS will follow the same two-part application process that is utilized in the funding process for CDBG and HOME. Phase I involves submitting a pre-application to determine if the proposed activity meets local and federal standards and priorities to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. CNS will review pre-applications and those meeting the minimum qualifications will be invited to submit a full application in Phase II. The full applications are evaluated and scored by staff and funding recommendations, based on aforementioned Allocation Plan, are presented to the Community Development Committee and the entire City Council for final review and approval.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City intends to administer a portion of supportive services through its HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agency.

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:

The City will not allocate funds to a subrecipient or contractor to administer the entire HOME-ARP program prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

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

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

| | Funding Amount | Percent of the Grant | Statutory Limit |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Supportive Services | \$ 461,468.75 | | |
| Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters | \$ 0 | | |
| Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) | \$ 0 | | |
| Development of Affordable Rental Housing | \$ 1,000,000.00 | | |
| Non-Profit Operating | \$ 0 | 0 % | 5% |
| Non-Profit Capacity Building | \$ 0 | 0 % | 5% |
| Administration and Planning | \$ 257,906.25 | 15 % | 15% |
| Total HOME ARP Allocation | \$ 1,719,375.00 | | |

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

CNS, through data and consultation of service providers assisting the qualified populations, has identified that there is a shortage in available affordable rental housing units. In addition, there is a gap of 5,375 affordable rental units to serve low and very low-income households and data demonstrated that over 75% of these households are considered cost burdened. Based on this information, the development of additional affordable rental housing units became the highest priority. Furthermore, it has been identified that there are additional barriers outside of affordable units that require supportive services to assist with obtaining or maintaining affordable housing. Examples of the supportive services identified through consultations can be found in this section of the narrative.

Supportive Services

The purpose of funding this line item is to address housing stability to include, **but not limited to** the following services

- Housing Counseling
- Case Management
- Job Readiness
- Transportation
- Outreach Services
- Mental Health Services
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing

Development of Affordable Rental Housing

The purpose of funding this line item is to address the shortage of available rental housing units. The City intends to leverage HOME-ARP funds to produce eight affordable rental housing units.

Administration

Fifteen percent of the allocation is set aside for costs of overall HOME-ARP management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. Expenditures may include salaries, wages, and related costs in the administration of the program through project completion.

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 demonstrated multiple barriers to housing stability to obtain and/or maintain affordable housing. Through the review of utilization of emergency shelters, DV shelters, housing vouchers, public housing units, and the City's growing unsheltered homeless population, CNS identified that the priority needs were increasing affordable rental housing units and providing services to promote housing stability. Each qualifying population service provider has identified that affordable housing units for low and very low-income individuals as well as services to maintain this housing was critical. The aforementioned supportive services were identified as opportunities for qualifying populations to alleviate barriers to obtain housing.

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:

Using HUD's 2022 Unit Total Development Cost Limits (TDC) for Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the estimated cost per one bedroom 700 square feet is \$171,629 and per two-bedroom 900 square feet unit is \$217,793. The data along with the housing characteristics required by qualifying populations representing individuals and families was inserted into HUD's HOME-ARP Housing Production Goal Calculation Worksheet to determine housing production goals. The City intends to allocate \$1,000,000 of its HOME-ARP funds towards the development of affordable rental housing. Understanding the rising costs of construction, but also wanting to make an impact in meeting the needs of our qualifying populations, the City intends to leverage HOME-ARP funds to construct a minimum of 8 affordable rental housing units. Depending on funding available to leverage with HOME-ARP funds, the City could potentially increase the number of affordable rental housing units.

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

Based on CHAS 2015-2019 data provided in the gaps/needs analysis, Tuscaloosa has a shortage of affordable rental housing units for individuals and families that are considered low and very-low income. The addition of 8 affordable rental housing units will be a step towards addressing this housing need. Pending approval of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan from HUD, the City will identify partnerships in achieving this goal through the competitive notice of funding opportunity to allocate funding.

Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A preference permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A method of prioritization is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

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

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

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

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

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

*While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.***

For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

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:

The City will not give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project. This includes the City not utilizing WACH's Coordinated Entry system as it has been decided that preference will not be given to one or more qualifying population or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity of project.

The City will not identify a preference or method of prioritization to address unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or category or qualifying population, consistent with the City's needs assessment and gaps analysis.

Furthermore, the City will not identify a preference(s) to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference.

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.

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Furthermore, the City will not identify a preference(s) to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

- *PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.*
- *A PJ may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.*
- *Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.*
- *For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.*
- *PJs may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.*

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

The City does not intend to set any preference.

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:

The City does not intend to implement any limitation.

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

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

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

The City has elected to not use its HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing. This is 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.*

This is not applicable.

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

This is not applicable.

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

This is not applicable.

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

This is not applicable.

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

This is not applicable.

Attachments

- SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and HOME-ARP Certification
- Public Hearing Notice
- Public Comment Notice – Substantial Amendment to 2021 Action Plan
- City Council Resolutions
- Public Hearing Sign-In Form
- HOME-ARP Public Hearing Presentation

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:**

03/30/2023

4. Applicant Identifier:

M21-MP010205

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** City of Tuscaloosa, AL

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

63-6001379

*** c. UEI:**

ESK5GPTEJF85

d. Address:

* Street1: 2201 University Blvd

Street2:

* City: Tuscaloosa

County/Parish:

* State: AL: Alabama

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 35401-1541

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community & Neighborhood Serv.

Division Name:

CNS

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

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

LaParry

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Howell

Suffix:

Title: Executive Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 205.248.5089

Fax Number:

* Email: lhowell@tuscaloosa.com

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

Home Investment Partnerships Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M21-MP010205

* Title:

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

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Tuscaloosa's HOME-ARP

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

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

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

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

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

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

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

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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| APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Tuscaloosa, AL | DATE SUBMITTED 3/6/23 |

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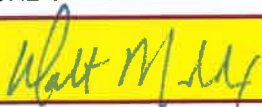
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

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

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

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|---|----------------|
| SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL | TITLE |
|  | Mayor |
| APPLICANT ORGANIZATION | DATE SUBMITTED |
| City of Tuscaloosa, AL | 3/6/23 |

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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



Signature of Authorized Official



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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARINGS TO
ACCEPT CITIZEN
COMMENTS ON THE
PROPOSED HOME-ARP
ALLOCATION PLAN FOR
THE CITY OF
TUSCALOOSA'S APPLICA-
TION TO THE US
DEPARTMENT OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DEVEL-
OPMENT'S HOME- ARP
PROGRAM THROUGH
SUBSTANTIAL AMEND-
MENT TO THE 2021
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

On Thursday, March 2, 2023,
The City of Tuscaloosa will
hold two public hearings to
solicit and receive public
comment from citizens,
agencies, and other inter-
ested parties for the
proposed HOME-ARP Allo-
cation Plan. In these hear-
ings, the city will engage our
citizens in our plan to make
application to the US Depart-
ment of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) for
\$1,719,375.00 in HOME-ARP
funds through substantial
amendment to the 2021
Annual Action Plan, which
have been allocated through
the American Rescue Plan
(ARP) of 2021.

The public is invited to
attend these public hearings
to review the draft HOME
ARP Allocation Plan, learn
more about the program,
and submit or comment on
the City's proposed activi-
ties/projects to assist the
qualifying populations.

Upon completion of the
public hearing, the City will
use the resident input to
complete the final edits to
the of the HOME ARP Allo-
cation Plan. Then, the City
will be requesting approval
from City Council to submit
to HUD its HOME-ARP Allo-
cation Plan for approval and
acceptance.

**HOME ARP Proposed
Activities**

HOME-ARP eligible activi-
ties include supportive
services, acquisition and
development of non-congre-
gate shelters, tenant-based
rental assistance, production
or preservation of affordable
rental housing, non-profit
operating/capacity building,
and administration and plan-
ning for HOME-ARP.
HOME-ARP funds are desig-
nated for the following quali-
fying populations:

- ☐ Sheltered and unsheltered
homeless populations
- ☐ Housing populations at risk
of homelessness
- ☐ Fleeing or attempting to
flee domestic violence or
human trafficking
- ☐ Other populations where
providing supportive
services, or assistance would
prevent the family's home-
lessness or would serve those
at greatest risk of housing
instability.

The grant amount of \$
\$1,719,375.00 has been allo-
cated to the City for which
this application will be
made. These funds will be
utilized for the following:

1. Supportive Services \$
461,468.75 (27%)
2. Development of Afford-
able Rental Housing
\$1,000,000.00 (58%)
3. Administration and Plan-
ning \$ 257,906.25 (15%)

Public Hearing Information
The public hearings will be
held on Thursday, March 2,
2023.

1st Public Hearing: 10:00
a.m.- 12 Noon

City Council Chambers, on
the second floor of City Hall
2201 University Boulevard,
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

2nd Public Hearing: 5:00
p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers, on
the second floor of City Hall
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

If persons with limited
English proficiency and/or
with disabilities need special
accommodations or auxiliary
assistance for participation
at this hearing, please
contact the Office of Commu-
nity and Neighborhood
Services at 205-248-5080 at
least forty-eight (48) hours in
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**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF 15 DAY
PUBLIC CITIZEN
COMMENT PERIOD FOR
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA'S
DRAFT HOME-ARP ALLO-
CATION PLAN TO THE US
DEPARTMENT OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DEVEL-
OPMENT**

The City of Tuscaloosa will open a fifteen (15) day public citizen comment period to solicit and receive public comment from citizens, agencies, and other interested parties for its draft HOME ARP Allocation Plan to be undertaken by the City with HOME-ARP funds.

The public citizen comment period will be open from February 24, 2023 until March 13, 2023. The public comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2023.

During this time, the public is encouraged to provide feedback to the City in its plan to make application through substantial amendment to 2021 Annual Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$1,719,375.00 HOME-ARP funds, which have been allocated through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021.

**HOME ARP FUNDING &
RANGE OF ACTIVITIES
THE CITY MAY UNDER-
TAKE**

The grant amount of \$ \$1,719,375.00 has been allocated to the City for which this application will be made. These funds will be utilized for the following:

1. Supportive Services \$ 461,468.75 (27%)
2. Development of Affordable Rental Housing \$1,000,000.00 (58%)
3. Administration and Planning \$ 257,906.25 (15%)

**WHERE TO REVIEW
DRAFT HOME ARP ALLO-
CATION PLAN**

Persons can review the draft HOME ARP Allocation Plan on-line at <https://www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/housing/home-arp> or may request a pdf copy of the draft allocation plan by contacting the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services by phone at (205) 248- 5080 or by email at cnser-vices@tuscaloosa.com.

SUBMIT A COMMENT

Public comments may be submitted in the following ways:

1. In person at the public hearings on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Tuscaloosa City Hall, 2201 University Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
2. Mail written comments to the City's Office of Community and Neighborhood Services at P. O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
3. Call the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services at 205-248-5080 and leave a comment with a staff member.
4. Email comments to cnser-vices@tuscaloosa.com

5. Online at <https://www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/housing/home-arp>

The Office of Community and Neighborhood Services must receive all comments no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 13, 2023.

TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

CONVENED: 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Walt Maddox

President Pro Tem Tyner

Councilmembers Wilson, Howard, Crow, Busby, Faile and Lanier

ABSENT

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Approved minutes of previous meeting (Ty/H)

PROCLAMATIONS AND STATEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordered the demolition of the structure at 3259 18th Street (tabled on 1-17-23) (Ty/L; Virgil Williams with UD- Inspections gave a departmental report. Mr. Williams stated it was his department's recommendation to order the demolition. The property owner was not present to answer questions from the Council. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the demolition).

Council Committee Reports

Clerk's Report of Mayor's Veto

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved items "a through e" on the consent agenda. (Ty/L)

- a) Set March 7th as the date for a hearing to set the cost of demolishing the building at 2016 5th Street East.
- b) Declared a property surplus and authorizing its disposal.
- c) Authorized utility account credits; total: \$6,322.32.
- d) Authorized payment to Larinda Brianna McCaa in settlement of a claim; total: \$379.84 (OCA 23-0117).
- e) Authorized change order no. 2 for resurfacing local streets 2021; balancing change order total: \$107,767.49 (A21-1328 / 2021.007.001).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Set the cost for demolition of the structure at 3309 21st Street and authorizing the filing of a lien. **(Ty/W; The property owner was not present to answer questions from the Council. No else spoke in favor or in opposition to the set cost of demolition and filing of a lien).**

Adopted Ordinance No. 9344 adopting Zoning Amendment No. 1501 rezoning approximately 0.6 acres located at 1710 25th Avenue from MG to BN (OCA 23-0040/ Z-33-22; EMB Holdings, LLC). **(Ty/H; Zach Ponds with UD-Planning gave a departmental report. The applicant was present to answer questions from the Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application).**

Approved an application for a permit to construct a cart path for commercial use (Legacy Point Home Owners Association). **(C/W; James Lafoy with W&S-Lakes gave a departmental report. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application).**

Approved the ABC application of Shuga T's Billiards LLC for an alcohol license at Shuga T's Billiards in Tuscaloosa; 6000 McFarland Blvd E, Units 1 & 2, Tuscaloosa, AL, 35405: **(Antonius Mills with A&F and Officer Champion with Tuscaloosa Police Department gave a departmental report. The applicant was not present to answer questions from the Council. No else spoke in favor or in opposition to the set cost of demolition and filing of a lien).**

- 23-011 (a) retail beer (on or off premises) **(L/W)**
- 23-011 (b) retail table wine (on or off premises) **(W/L)**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES NOT OF A GENERAL NATURE OR PERMANENT OPERATION

Approved the ABC application of Party Down LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the DCH 100th Anniversary Music Festival. (23-012; 180 Greensboro Avenue; Tuscaloosa: 35401). **(W/L)**

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the Kappa Kappa Gamma Farm on March 31, 2023. (23-013; 2301 Joe Mallisham Parkway; Tuscaloosa: 35401). **(Ty/L)**

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the Phi Beta Pi Farm on April 1, 2023. (23-014; 2301 Joe Mallisham Parkway; Tuscaloosa: 35401). **(W/Ty)**

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at Kappa Alpha Parents Weekend on February 24, 2023. (23-015; 416 University Blvd; Tuscaloosa: 35401). **(W/C)**

Authorized the Mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Tuscaloosa and Hubbard Investment Properties, LLC (A14-0112). **(C/W)**

Rejected all bids for grounds maintenance – code enforcement property (Bid No. 9087-013123-3). **(W/L)**

Authorized a minor public works contract with Zappa Waterfalls & Hardscape; total: \$5,700.00 (OCA 23-0166). **(L/W)**

Authorized a minor public works contract with Nichols Construction and Home Repair, LLC; total: \$6,436.00 (OCA 23-0167). **(C/L)**

Authorized the Mayor to execute software-as-a-service agreement with Siteimprove, Inc.; total: year 1—\$10,107.73; year 2—\$10,410.96; and year 3— \$10,723.29 (OCA-23-0091). **(L/W)**

Authorized the purchase of equipment from Graybar; total: \$82,179.80. **(L/W)**

Authorized the Mayor to execute a trade agreement with Crimson Carpet and Flooring, Inc. (OCA-23-0057). **(L/C)**

Authorized an amphitheater sponsorship contract with Lance Hocutt Financial Group (OCA-23-0175). **(W/L)**

Authorized an amphitheater sponsorship contract with Adams Beverages, Inc. (OCA-23-0147). **(B/W)**

Authorized an amphitheater sponsorship contract with Prokleen (OCA-23-0185). **(W/B)**

Authorized the Mayor to execute a cooperative agreement related to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for a West Alabama Recycling Program for FY2024 (A22-1020). **(Ty/L)**

Authorized the Mayor to execute a grant application for the 2024 West Alabama Recycling Program ADEM Fund Grant (A22-1020). **(L/H)**

Authorized Amendment 2 to the Fiscal Year 2023 Water and Sewer Reserve for Future Improvements Fund Budget (A07-0203/A98-0431). **(W/L)**

Authorized the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services to make substantial budget and program amendments to the 2017, 2018, and 2022 annual action plans and to advertise these amendments to the City's 5 year 2015-2019 and 2020-2024 consolidated plans for community planning and development programs (OCA-23-0195). **(B/W, B - No)**

Authorized the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services to advertise the HOME-ARP allocation plan as a substantial amendment to the 2021 action plan for fifteen day citizen comment (OCA-23-0199). **(Ty/W)**

Authorized the renewal and payment of premium for certain insurance coverage; total: premium payment not to exceed \$1,405,570.00 (OCA-23-0205). **(W/L)**

The Council suspended the rules of procedure. (Ty/H)

Introduced Zoning Amendment No. 1507 rezoning approximately 10 acres located south of 600 Harper Lee Drive from BGO to BH (OCA-23-0212/Z-05-23; Southeastern Investment Group, LLC). (Ty/H)

Set March 29th as the public hearing date to consider Zoning Amendment No. 1507. (L/C)

The Council returned to the regular agenda.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF A GENERAL NATURE OR PERMANENT OPERATION

FOR INTRODUCTION

FOR ADOPTION

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

Authorized the payment of bills; total: \$2,849.62 (B/Ty)

OTHER MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

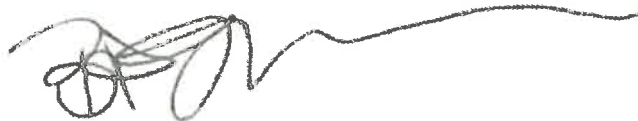
Mr. Rod Kelly with REV Aviation introduced himself and his team to the Tuscaloosa City Council.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION BY MAYOR:

"Subject to the exercise of mayoral veto on ordinances of a general nature or permanent operation, all applicable departments are hereby ordered to otherwise implement council policy this date enacted."

ADJOURNED 6:18 p.m. (Ty/B)

Brandy P. Johnson
City Clerk



Following each item of business are the initials of the Councilmember who introduced the item and the Councilmember who seconded the matter: W-Willson, H-Howard, C-Crow, B-Busby, T-Tyner, F-Faile, L-Lanier. Only "No" votes are distinguished.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Office of the City Attorney

Prepared By: OT/LH

Requested: CD CMTE Date: 02/21/22

Council Presentation: 02/21/22

Suspension of Rules: NO

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES TO
ADVERTISE THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AS A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2021
ACTION PLAN FOR FIFTEEN DAY CITIZEN COMMENT
(OCA-23-0199)

WHEREAS, the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the City of Tuscaloosa submit an annual Action Plan for its CDBG and HOME programs and other grant programs at the beginning of each program year; and

WHEREAS, through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, HUD allocated \$1,719,375.00 in HOME American Rescue Plan Act (HOME ARP) funding to the City of Tuscaloosa to implement certain activities to assist and support qualified populations; and

WHEREAS, such use of HOME ARP funding requires the City to amend its Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan through a HOME ARP Allocation Plan and to advertise said Allocation Plan for citizen comment; and

WHEREAS, summary of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan was presented in the City of Tuscaloosa's Community Development Committee:

| Eligible Activities | Funding |
|--|------------------------|
| Supportive Services | \$ 461,468.75 |
| Development of Affordable Rental Housing | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| Administration and Planning | \$ 257,906.25 |
| Total HOME ARP Allocation | \$ 1,719,375.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, that the City's Office of Community and Neighborhood Services is hereby authorized to advertise the draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan as a substantial amendment to the 2021 Action Plan for citizen comment for fifteen (15) days per the Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and applicable federal notices and regulations.

Adopted 2-21-23
(Ty/W-y)


City Clerk

TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

CONVENED: 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

President Pro Tem Tyner
Councilmembers Wilson, Howard, Crow, Busby, Faile and Lanier

ABSENT

Mayor Walt Maddox

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Approved minutes of previous meeting (L/W)

PROCLAMATIONS AND STATEMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- *President Pro Tem Tyner presented a proclamation recognizing Ms. April Watson, Ms. Julie Waller and Ms. Cynthia Jones.*

AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled for 30 days the demolition of the structure at 2710 19th Street (tabled on 1-10-23) (W/B; Barry Junkin with UD—Inspections gave a departmental report. The property owner was present to answer questions from the Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the demolition.) *Please note: This item will next be heard on April 25, 2023.*

Tentatively awarded a public works contract to GFC Construction Inc. for Sokol Park North Improvements—Phase 2; total: \$3,947,183.05 (A22-1426/2021.033.001) (tabled on 3-7-23) (C/W).

Councilmember Wilson exited the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved items “a through c” on the consent agenda. (L/H)

- a) Declared property surplus and authorizing its disposal.
- b) Authorized utility account credits; total: \$2,864.63.
- c) Authorized Change Order No. 1 for extension of McWrights Ferry Road over North River to Rice Mine Road Project; deductive amount total: \$102,280.50 (A22-1072/2016.125.001).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Approved the ABC application of Handle Delivery Inc. for an alcohol license at Handle Delivery in Tuscaloosa; 618 14th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL, 35401: **(Antonius Mills with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave departmental reports. The applicant was present to answer questions from the Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.)**

➤ **23-022** lounge retail liquor- class II (package) **(L/H)**

Approved the ABC application of Black Warrior Events LLC for an alcohol license at Black Warrior Events in Tuscaloosa; 501 and 601 Rice Mine Road, Tuscaloosa, AL, 35406: **(Antonius Mills with A&F- Revenue and Officer Champion with the Tuscaloosa Police Department each gave departmental reports. The applicant was present to answer questions from the Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.)**

➤ **23-023** restaurant retail liquor **(C/L)**

Adopted Ordinance No. 9359 adopting Zoning Amendment No. 1505 rezoning approximately 39.85 acres located south of 9511 Highway 82 West, west of 9200 Energy Lane, and adjacent to the existing Tuscaloosa County Industrial Park from R-1 to MH (OCA-23-0144/Z-02-23; TCIDA) **(introduced on 2-7-23). (L/H, C- Recused; Zach Ponds with UD—Planning gave a departmental report. The applicant was present to answer questions from the Council. No one else spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application.)**

DENIED adopting Zoning Amendment No. 1506 rezoning approximately 3.92 acres to be annexed into the City located at 9200 Highway 69 South, within the existing Hillcrest Gardens Subdivision from R-1 to BN (OCA-23-0143/Z-03-23; Robb's Investment) **(introduced on 2-14-23). (L/H, L, B, T, C - No; Zach Ponds with UD—Planning gave a departmental report. The applicant's Council (Bryan Winter) was present to answer questions from the Council. Cam Parsons spoke on behalf of the Hillcrest Gardens Neighborhood Association in opposition to the application. Bill Pate and Jack Robins also spoke in opposition to the application.)**

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES NOT OF A GENERAL NATURE OR PERMANENT OPERATION

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the DKE Parents Weekend. (23-024; 946 University Boulevard; Tuscaloosa: 35401). **(L/C)**

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the Zeta Tau Alpha Barnyard Night 2. (23-025; 2301 Joe Mallisham Parkway; Tuscaloosa: 35401). **(L/H)**

Approved the ABC application of Downtown Entertainment LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the DKE A-Day Tailgate. (23-026; 946 University Boulevard; Tuscaloosa: 35401). **(C/L)**

Approved the ABC application of Party Down LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the UA Coaches Clinic 2023. (23-027; 1202 Coliseum Drive; Tuscaloosa: 35401). (H/L)

Approved the ABC application of Party Down LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the Law School 50th Anniversary Gala. (23-028; 101 Paul Bryant Drive; Tuscaloosa: 35401). (Ty/C)

Approved the ABC application of Party Down LLC for a special events retail license (less than 7 days) at the DKE 175th Alumni Weekend. (23-029; 946 University Boulevard; Tuscaloosa: 35406). (C/L)

Approved the downtown/riverfront overlay district permit for 2135 University Boulevard (OCA-23-0224/DROD-01-23). (C/L)

Approved the downtown/riverfront overlay district permit for 550 Greensboro Avenue (OCA-23-0223/DROD-02-23). (F/L)

Rescinded previous resolution awarding competitive bid for half ton full size crew cab 4x4 trucks and rejecting all bid responses (Bid No. 5010-052722-1). (L/B)

Authorized a minor public works contract with Straitline Fence, LLC; total: \$6,790.00 (OCA-23-0256). (L/C)

Tentatively awarded a public works contract to John Plott Company, Inc. for the Western Riverwalk Project; total: \$8,795,737.45 (A22-1318/2019.037.005). (L/C)

Authorized the Chief Financial Officer to draw drafts for the Juanita Drive Phase II Improvements Project Property Acquisitions; total: \$5,560.00 (A20-0095). (L/C)

Authorized the purchase of equipment from Stivers Brothers Automotive of Alabama; total: \$1,392,495.20. (L/B)

Authorized a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. and declaring a bid law exemption pursuant to Alabama Code § 41-16-51(a)(15); total: \$555,768.00 (OCA-23-0343). (L/C)

Authorized the Mayor to negotiate an aviation hangar and ground lease with PWMM, LLC at the Tuscaloosa National Airport (OCA-23-0342). (L/H)

Authorized the City of Tuscaloosa to make application to the US Department of Justice through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City (OCA-23-0331). (L/B)

Authorized the budget and program changes to the 2021 Action Plan of the City's five year consolidated plan for Community Planning and Development Programs for 2020-2024 Local Amendment (OCA-23-0333). (L/H)

Adopted the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and submitting this plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an amendment to the City's 2021 Annual Action Plan (OCA-23-0314). (L/H)

Authorized the Mayor to execute a permit with Tuscaloosa Paddleboard, Inc. (OCA-23-0298). (C/H)

Authorized to temporarily expand the Downtown Entertainment District hours for Saturday, March 25, 2023 (A18-0233/OCA-23-0026). (L/C)

Tentatively selected CCR Architecture & Interiors for professional consulting services (A22-1349). (L/C)

Authorized the Mayor to execute an automatic aid agreement with Carroll's Creek Volunteer Fire Department (OCA-23-0303). (C/L)

Authorized the extension of the Programmatic Agreement between the City of Tuscaloosa and the State of Alabama Historic Preservation Office (A15-0825). (L/C)

The Council suspended the rules of procedure. (H/L)

Adopted Ordinance No. 9360 adopting Annexation No. 703 to annex approximately 39.85 acres located south of 9511 Highway 82 West, west of 9200 Energy Lane (AN-02-23/OCA-23-0356; Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority). (introduction: L/H, C – recused; unanimous: L/H, C – recused)

The Council returned to the regular agenda.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF A GENERAL NATURE OR PERMANENT OPERATION

FOR INTRODUCTION

FOR ADOPTION

AUDITING ACCOUNTS

Authorized the payment of bills; total: \$90,147.87. (B/Ty)

OTHER MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Casey Martin addressed the Council via Zoom regarding the Tuscaloosa Animal Outreach Program.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION BY MAYOR:

"Subject to the exercise of mayoral veto on ordinances of a general nature or permanent operation, all applicable departments are hereby ordered to otherwise implement council policy this date enacted."

ADJOURNED 7:34 p.m. (L/C)

Brandy P. Johnson
City Clerk



Following each item of business are the initials of the Councilmember who introduced the item and the Councilmember who seconded the matter: W-Wilson, H-Howard, C-Crow, B-Busby, T-Tyner, F-Faille, L-Lanier. Only "No" votes are distinguished.

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Office of the City Attorney

Prepared By: OT/HH

Requested: CD CMTE Date: 03/21/23

Council Presentation: 03/21/23

Suspension of Rules: NO

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AND TO SUBMIT THIS PLAN TO THE
US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CITY'S 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
(OCA-23-0314)**

WHEREAS, through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, HUD allocated \$1,719,375.00 in HOME American Rescue Plan Act (HOME ARP) funding to the City of Tuscaloosa to fund rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, and/or non-congregate shelter activities to assist and support persons experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, or experiencing housing instability; and

WHEREAS, such use of HOME ARP funding requires the City to amend its Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan by consolidating its budgetary and programmatic changes into a HOME ARP Allocation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City must submit this HOME ARP Allocation Plan as part of its amended PY 2021 Action Plan to HUD for acceptance and approval as a condition of receiving its HOME ARP allocation; and

WHEREAS, the availability of the draft of the proposed HOME ARP Allocation Plan was advertised for citizen comment for fifteen (15) days per the Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) from February 24, 2023 through March 13, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA:

- (1) That the 2021 Annual Action plan be amended to include the City's proposed HOME ARP Allocation Plan; and**
- (2) That additional eligible activities identified be, and are hereby, officially approved and adopted under the City's HOME ARP Allocation Plan and PY 2021 Annual Action Plan, as amended; and**

- (3) That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, for and as an act of the City, to execute all certifications and other documents required in relation to submission of these additional activities to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- (4) That the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services is authorized to submit said additional activities, certifications, and other documents to HUD.

Adopted 3-21-23
(L/H-y; W-absent)


City Clerk

FUNDING REQUIRED: ☐ Yes ☒ No

By: _____
Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution _____
Ordinance _____
Introduced _____
Passed _____
2nd Reading _____
Unanimous _____
Failed _____
Tabled _____
Amended _____
Comments: _____



HOME-ARP Public Hearing

SIGN-IN FORM

Date: 03/2/2023

Location: City of Tuscaloosa City Council Chambers

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Activity: Public Hearing for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

| Name | Signature | Business | Phone | Email |
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| Heather Hill | <i>Heather Hill</i> | CNS - COT | 205-248-5098 | hill@tuscaloosa.com |
| Margaret Desjarlais | <i>M Desjarlais</i> | CNS - COT | 205-248-5092 | mdejarlais@tuscaloosa.com |
| Bonni Lewis | <i>B Lewis</i> | CNS - COT | 205-248-5084 | blawiso@tuscaloosa.com |
| Katara Harris | <i>Katara Harris</i> | CNS - COT | 205-248-5082 | Kharise@tuscaloosa.com |
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HOME-ARP Public Hearing

SIGN-IN FORM

Date: 03/2/2023

Activity: Public Hearing for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

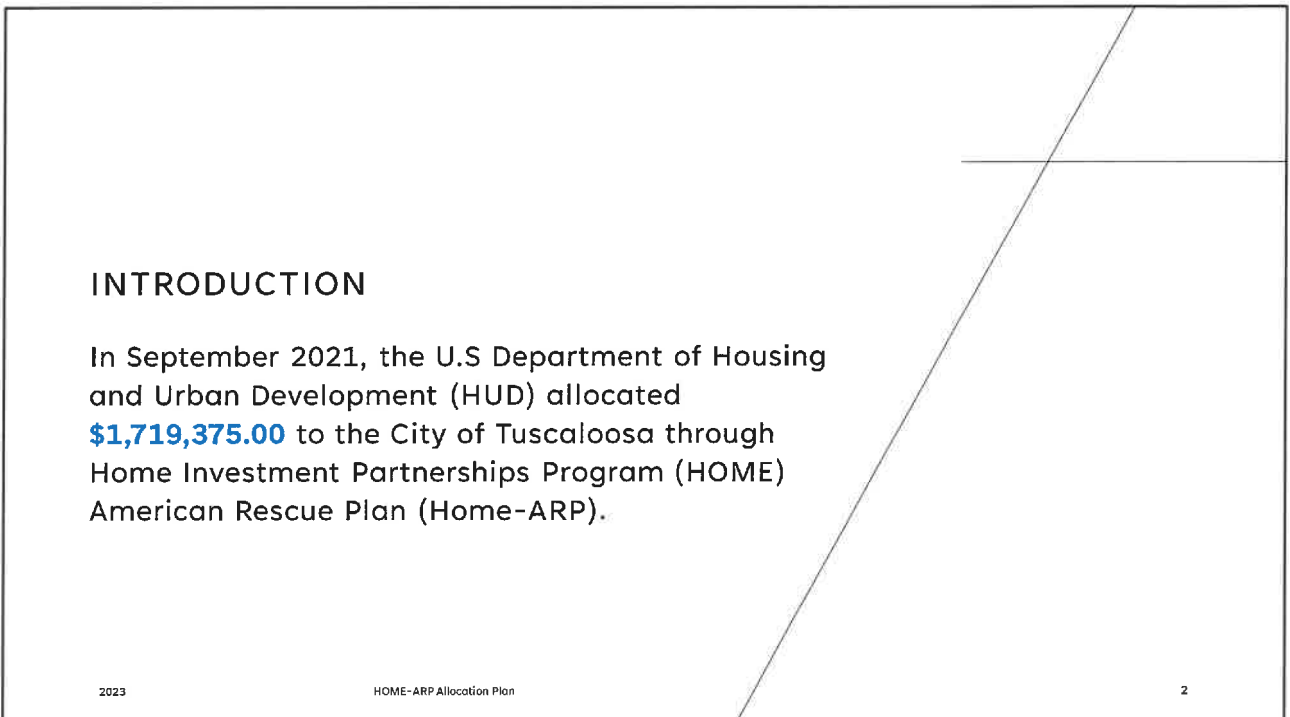
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Time: 5:00am – 7:00pm

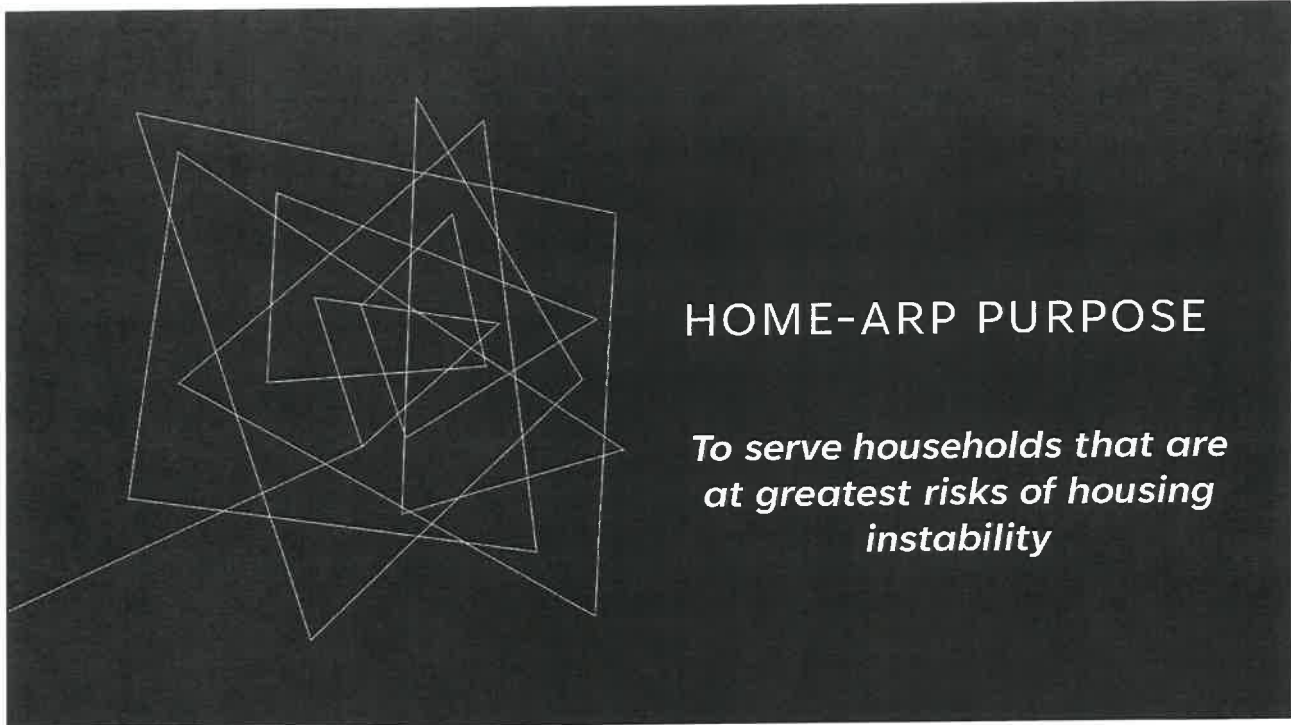
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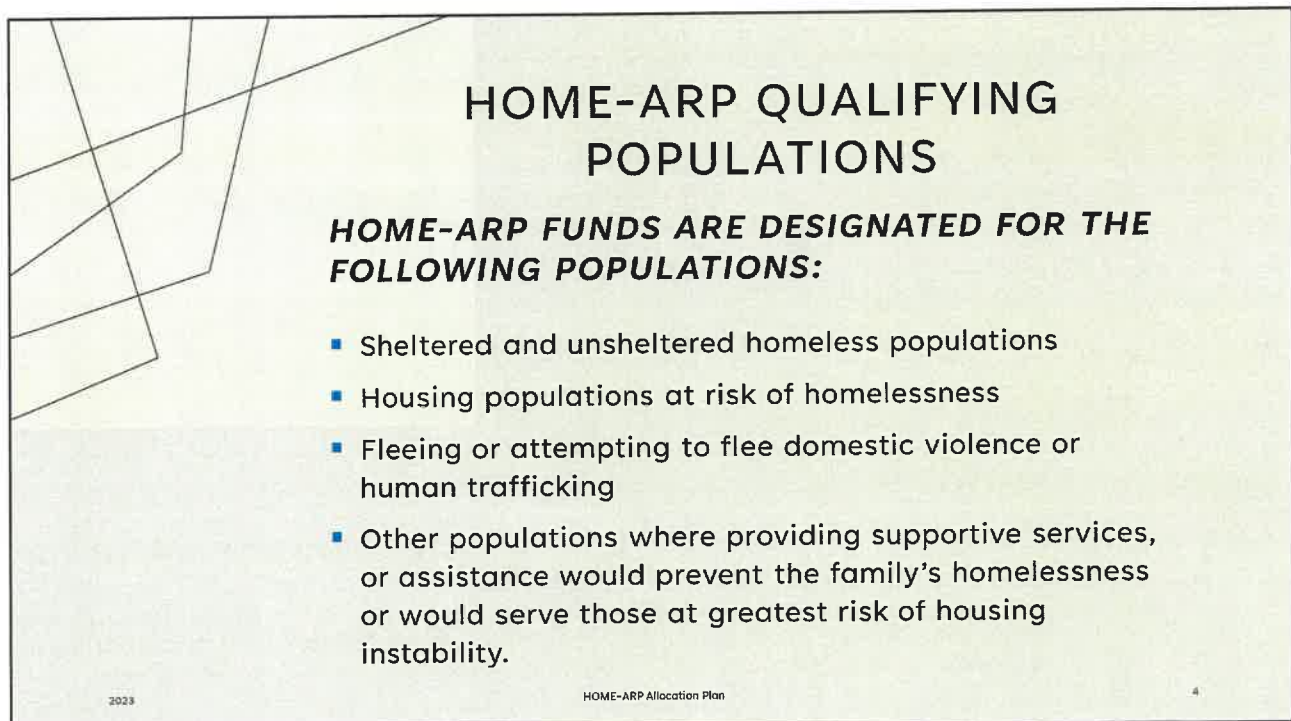
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HOME-ARP ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Supportive Services (i.e., housing counseling, homeless prevention, job training, case management, etc.)
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing
- Non-Profit Operating/Capacity Building
- Administration and Planning for HOME-ARP

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HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN PROCESS

HUD REQUIREMENTS TO DEVELOP AN ALLOCATION PLAN INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Consultations

- Continuum of Care (West Alabama Coalition for the Homeless(WACH))
- Agencies serving qualified populations
- Public Housing Agency (Tuscaloosa Housing Authority)

Data Collection

Public Participation

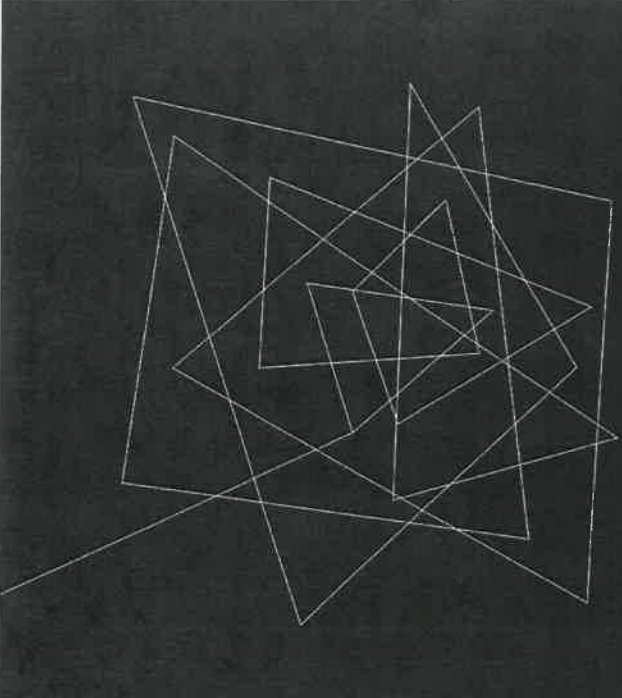
- Public Comment Period (15 days)
- Public Hearing

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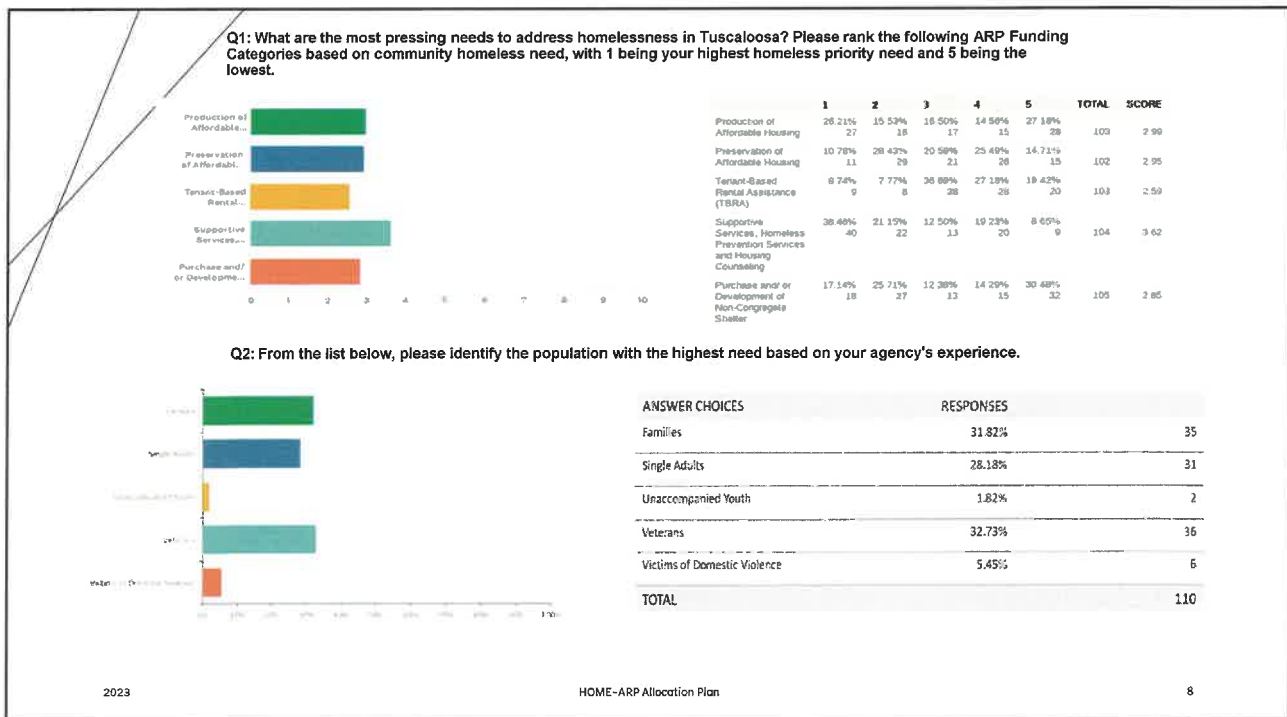
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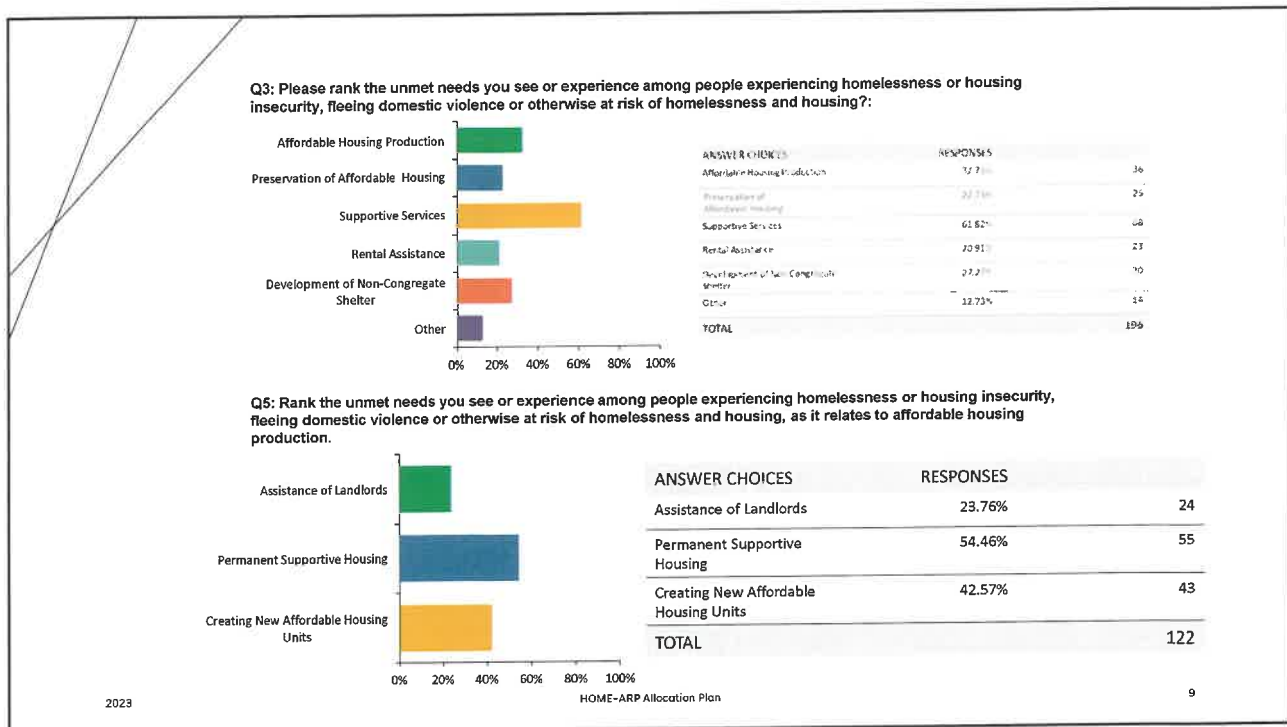
HOME-ARP CONSULTATION

Community and Neighborhood Services (CNS) conducted a HOME-ARP survey December 22, 2022 - January 31, 2023 to receive feedback on community needs. 110 surveys were completed.

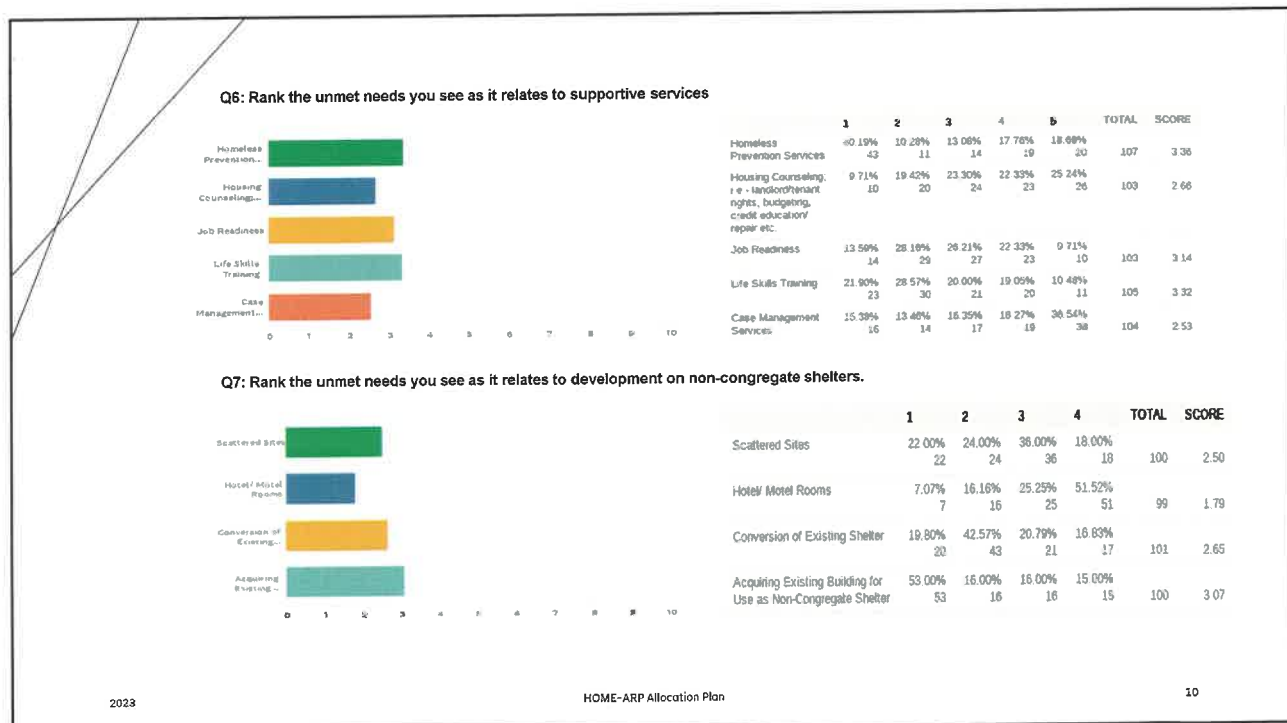
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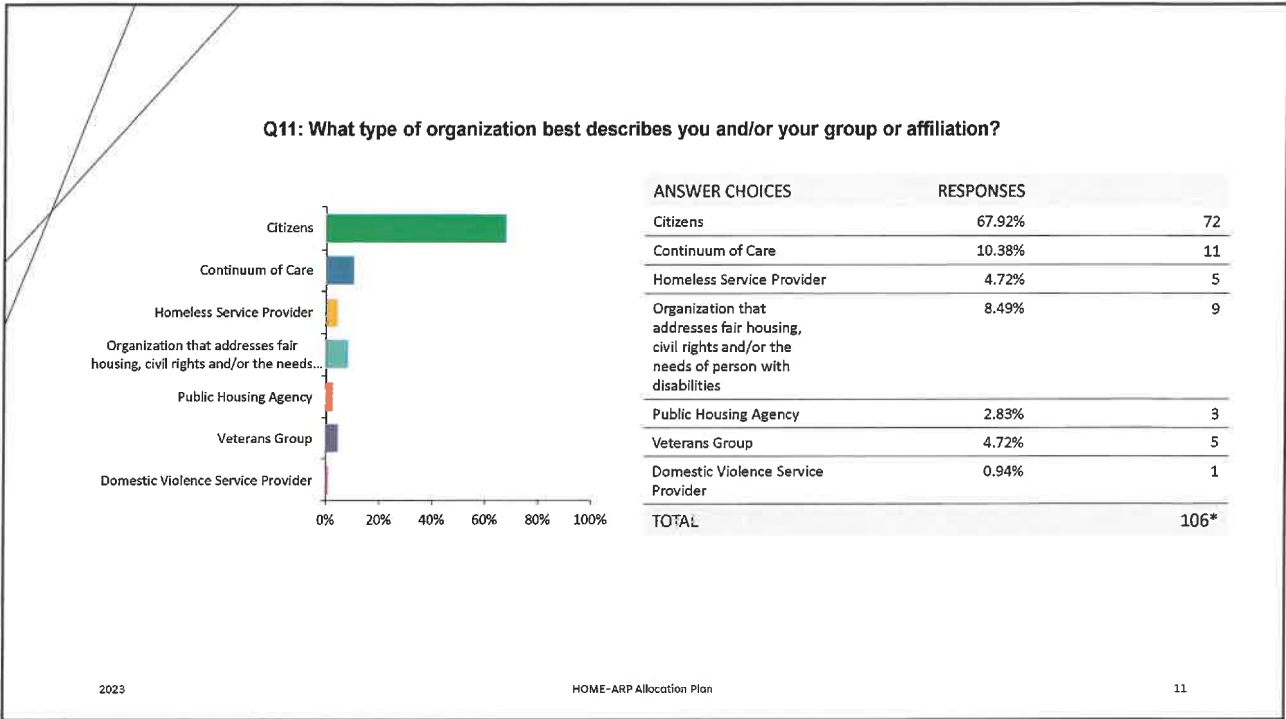
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HOME-ARP CONSULTATION

CNS directly consulted over 20 agencies to identify barriers and unmet needs of the qualifying populations.

Logos displayed include: Tuscaloosa Housing Authority, Tuscaloosa Police, Tuscaloosa Fire Department, Tuscaloosa Safe Community, Tuscaloosa City Schools, West Alabama, Indian Rivers Mental Health Center, VA, Priority, and others.

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CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Availability of affordable housing units for low-income renters
- Transportation Access
- 24-Hour Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing
- Access to public housing and Section 8 vouchers
- Fair Housing Training for Landlords/Tenants
- Alleviate barriers to obtaining/maintaining affordable housing
 - Fixed-income/underemployment
 - Credit/financial management issues
 - Criminal background
 - Prior evictions
 - Rental/utility assistance
 - Security deposits
- Landlord Engagement
- Additional staff to support qualifying populations
- Various services to include providing state-issued identification, mental health services, healthcare services, childcare, elder care, food, clothing, life skills training, job training, and housing counseling.

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NEED/GAP ASSESSMENT

- Currently there appears to be adequate shelter beds available based on the Housing Inventory Count, 2022 Point In Time Count, and HMIS data.
 - This plan, however, does acknowledge that HMIS data shows a growing number of unsheltered homeless. This would support the need for additional supportive services
- Tuscaloosa is deficient in rental units serving very low and low-income individuals and families. Based on the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2015-2019, there is a gap of 5,375 rental units.
- Tuscaloosa has a long wait list for public housing and Section 8 vouchers
- Over 75% of very low income and low-income renters are housing cost burdened (CHAS 2015-2019)




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Each activity coincides with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Priorities

-  Increase and maintain affordable housing units
-  Increase the community's ability to access and maintain affordable housing
-  Promote the development and stabilization of communities by addressing the needs of individuals and families to include youth, seniors, and other vulnerable populations

PROPOSED HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN ACTIVITIES

Based on HOME-ARP eligible activities, qualifying populations, consultation feedback, and needs/gap assessment, CNS is proposing the following activities:

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Supportive Services | \$ 461,468.75 |
| 2. Development of Affordable Rental Housing | \$1,000,000.00 |
| 3. Administration and Planning | \$ 257,906.25 |
| Total: | \$1,719,375.00 |

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HOME-ARP ALLOCATION: NEXT STEPS

- **Citizen Comment Period – February 24, 2023 – March 13, 2023**
 - Public Comment submitted in the following ways:
 - ✓ By mail to the Office Of Community and Neighborhood Services at P.O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
 - ✓ By phone at (205) 248-5050
 - ✓ By Email to cnservices@tuscaloosa.com
 - ✓ Online at <https://www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/housing/home-arp>
 - ✓ In-person at the public hearing
- **HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Hearing – March 2, 2023**
 - Location: City Hall Council Chambers at 10:00am and 5:00pm
- **Request for Adoption of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan**
 - March 21, 2023
- **Submission to HUD**
 - On or before March 31, 2023

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