

### HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM -AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

# HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #3

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT





### **CITY OF WATERBURY**

### HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### A. Overview

The City of Waterbury has received an allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. The funding is authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("the Act"), which appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

Under the Act, the City of Waterbury has received:

HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021			
HOME-ARP allocation – City of Waterbury	\$ 3,248,404		
Period of Performance	December 14, 2021 - September 30, 2030		

In accordance with guidance from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City is required to engage in consultation, solicit public input and encourage participation, and develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in order to receive its HOME-ARP allocation. This plan meets the requirements of HUD under Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program*, the Act, and other applicable regulatory requirements.

Funding under the Act is limited to the following four activities:

- Affordable Rental Housing;
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance;
- Supportive Services; and
- Non-congregate Shelter.

Additionally, under the Act, up to 15 percent of the City's HOME-ARP allocation may be used for payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs.

HOME-ARP funding and activities must primarily benefit individuals and families who categorically fall within one of the following defined qualifying populations (QPs):

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria



In accordance with the Act, up to five percent of the HOME-ARP funding may be used for operating costs of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other non-profit organizations, including homeless providers. Additional funding is available for capacity building.

### **B.** Summary of Planned Activity

The City of Waterbury has allocated to following funding to activities:

Waterbury HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Summary	
Supportive Services	\$ 1,500,000
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,098,724
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 162,420
Administration and Planning	\$ 487,260
Total HOME-ARP Activities	\$ 3,248,404

Following extensive consultation and public participation, the City has determined that the best priority to address the City's needs would be to focus on the development of affordable rental housing and the support of supportive services provided by the City's homeless and domestic violence service providers.

This Plan provides the following information:

- A summary of the City's consultation process and the results of its upfront consultation;
- A summary of comments received by the City through the public participation process and a summary of any comments or recommendations not accepted and the reasons why;
- A description of HOME-ARP qualifying populations within the City;
- An assessment of unmet needs of each qualifying population in the City;
- An assessment of gaps in housing and shelter inventory, homeless assistance and services, and homelessness prevention service delivery system in the City;
- A summary of the planned use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities based on the unmet needs of the qualifying populations;
- An estimate of the number of housing units for qualifying populations the City will produce or preserve with its HOME-ARP allocation; and
- A description of any preferences for individuals and families in a particular qualifying population or a segment of a qualifying population\*

The City of Waterbury is <u>**not**</u> giving preference to any of the eligible qualifying populations.



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### CONSULTATION



#### II. CONSULTATION

#### A. Summary of the City's Consultation Process.

The City of Waterbury carried out required consultation through its Office of Community Development. In January 2022, a Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates (see Appendix A) was adopted by the City's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), which included five designated dates for HOME-ARP roundtable consultations. Overall, the City consulted with all required groups via virtual meetings, phone conversations, and email, data, and information exchange.

The City also consulted several documents including the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count reports. In addition to consultation with the CoC, the Office of Community Development consulted with homeless and domestic violence service providers, several public agencies, and fair housing and human rights officers and organizations. A list of the organizations consulted can be found below (see Appendix B for "Consultation List for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan").

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care	Virtual Meeting – HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (February 2, 2022); Email and Telephone Communications with Members, Leadership	Funding for services needed; local shelters, operations funding need; support services needed.
Northwest-CT County Coordinated Access Network (CAN)	Continuum of Care - Coordinated Access Network	Virtual Meeting – HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (February 2, 2022); Email and Telephone Communications with Members, Leadership; NW CAN Leadership Meetings	Funding for services needed; helpful to have local HOME- ARP funds directed toward supportive service, operations to compliment state use of funding for housing units.



Brian Gibbons	Homeless	Virtual Meeting –	Funding for services	
Homeless	Service	HOME-ARP	needed; helps	
Outreach	Provider; Non-	Roundtable	unhoused homeless	
	profit 501(c)(3)	Consultation	obtain vouchers and	
	organization	(February 10,	housing; homeless	
	organization	2022; February	population shift to	
		16, 2022); Email	younger, addicted to	
		and Telephone	drugs – harder to	
		Communications	follow b/c mobile.	
Center for	Homeless	Virtual Meeting –	Funding for services	
Human	Service	HOME-ARP	and housing needed;	
Development	Provider;	Roundtable	short-term goal:	
Development	Mental Health;	Consultation	making agencies	
	Non-profit	(February 10,	whole (supportive	
	501(c)(3)	2022; February	services, operating	
	organization	16, 2022); Email	costs); medium term:	
:	organization	and Telephone	rehab; long-term:	
		Communications	housing units.	
Safe Haven	Domestic	Virtual Meeting –	Funding for services	
Sale naven	Violence Service	HOME-ARP	e	
	Provider;	Roundtable	and operations	
	Homeless	Consultation	needed; concern	
	Service		about existing	
	Provider; Non-	(February 2, 10, &	programs and	
		16, 2022); Email	increasing expenses.	
	profit 501(c)(3)	and Telephone		
Q4 <b>X</b> 7• 4	organization Homeless	Communications		
St. Vincent	Service	Virtual Meeting –	Funding for services	
DePaul	Provider &	HOME-ARP	and operations	
	Shelter; Mental	Roundtable	needed; TBRA not	
	Health; Non-	Consultation	needed, units and	
	profit $501(c)(3)$	(February 2, 10, &	services to keep	
	organization	16, 2022); Email	people housed are;	
	organization	and Telephone	need funding for	
		Communications	supportive service to	
			handle large case	
			loads; concern about	
			impact if shelters	
			close.	
Salvation Army	Homeless	Virtual Meeting –	Funding for services	
	Service Provider	HOME-ARP	and operations	
	& Shelter; Non-	Roundtable	needed; concern	
	profit 501(c)(3)	Consultation	about providing	
	organization	(February 10 &	when other service	
		16, 2022); Email	money is exhausted.	
		and Telephone		
		Communications		



Waterbury Hospital Community Partners in Action (Reentry Center) Pope Francis Center for Renewal	Public Agency Addressing QP Needs – All QPs; Health Provider; Mental Health Homeless Service Provider; Public Agency Addressing QP Needs – At-Risk & Other Populations; Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization Homeless Service Provider & Shelter; Non-	Virtual Meeting – HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (February 10 & 16, 2022); Email and Telephone Communications Virtual Meeting – HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (February 10 & 16, 2022); Email and Telephone Communications	Support services for homeless(ness) and other. Funding needed for support services and transitional housing/development of rental units. No feedback received.
Waterbury Housing Authority Fair Housing & Relocation Assistance - Waterbury Development Corporation (WDC)	Public Housing Agency Fair Housing	Virtual Meeting – HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (March 11, 2022); Email and Telephone Communications HOME-ARP Consultation, March 14, 2022	Shortage of housing units; increase in rents; development of affordable housing imperative; landlords passing on vouchers b/c can get higher rents; section 8 waiting list is 902. Lack of availability of rental units in the City of Waterbury; increasing rents; suggested more security deposit and apartment loan



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City of Waterbury Health Department	Public/Private Agency addressing QP Needs – Other Populations	HOME-ARP Consultation – phone	No feedback received; department does not deal with homeless population.
Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board	Public/Private Agency addressing QP Needs – Other Populations	HOME-ARP Consultation – phone	No feedback received.
The Arc of Waterbury Mental Health CT	Public/Private Agency addressing QP Needs – Other Populations & At-Risk of Homelessness; Needs of Persons with Disabilities Public/Private Agency addressing QP	HOME-ARP Consultation – phone HOME-ARP Consultation – phone	Do not deal with housing such as rental assistance; clients get rental assistance through other programs; provide in-home services (home care, meal prep, etc.) Work with homeless, part of Waterbury/Litchfield
	Needs – All QPs; Needs of Persons with Disabilities; Mental Health		CAN & Listed with 2-1-1; shelters need support due to increased number of clients; lack of affordable housing units; concern about increasing rents.
Ability Beyond Disability	Public/Private Agency addressing QP Needs – All QPs; Needs of Persons with Disabilities	HOME-ARP Consultation – phone	No feedback received.



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### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**



#### TH. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 <u>no less</u> <u>than 15 calendar days</u>. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment" for Plan amendments in its current Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). In addition, PJs must hold <u>at least one public hearing</u> during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and prior to submission.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, 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.
- A. Description of the public participation process, including information about the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the Plan.

City of Waterbury HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Public Participation Process	
Public Comment Period	March 28, 2022 – April 28, 2022
Public Hearing	February 15, 2022
Public Hearing	April 13, 2022
HOME-ARP Community Survey	February 11, 2022 – March 10, 2022

The City of Waterbury provided public participation by carrying out two (2) public hearings at different times during the planning process, and by providing a HOME-ARP Community Survey for residents and organizations to provide input on the planning process and potential uses of HOME-ARP funds. The first public hearing was held on February 15, 2022, by the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC). The first notice, Notice of Funding Availability and Public Hearing (see Appendix C, "Citizen Participation"), provided information on the HOME-ARP availability, including the range of activities that may be carried out under the funding, as well as the amount of the funding allocation awarded to the City. Further, the notice provided the information for a virtual hearing on the needs of the community related to HOME-ARP and its goals of providing housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable



populations. The notice appeared in the Republican American on January 29, 2022, and on the City's website. The second notice appeared in the Republican American on February 12, 2022, and on the City's website. (see Appendix C)

In an effort to maximize outreach, all notices and announcements were sent out to individuals and organizations on the department's current mailing list, as well as to potential participants, applicants, current subrecipients, and all City department heads. A HOME-ARP specific webpage was developed: <u>www.waterburyct.org/home-arp</u> in an effort to provide additional information and another resource for the community and interested stakeholders. The webpage includes HOME-ARP information, the planning schedule, announcements and notices, the draft ARP-Allocation Plan, and a link to the HOME-ARP Community Survey, which was made available to the public beginning on February 11, 2022, through March 10, 2022. Hardcopies of the survey (as well as notices and the draft Allocation Plan) were also made available in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), including the following locations: the City Clerk's Office, the Silas Bronson Library, and the Office of Community Development. A copy of the survey, and a table of the survey results, have been included with this plan in Appendix D.

A second public hearing was held on April 13, 2022, to solicit input and receive comments on the draft plan and proposed allocations under the City's HOME-ARP program. The public hearing was be noticed in accordance with the HOME-ARP guidance and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, occurring during the City's scheduled 30-day public comment period, which commenced on March 28, 2022, and ended on April 28, 2022. The combined notice of public hearing, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Summary, and public comment period was advertised in the Republican-American on March 26, 2022. The notice and proposed Plan was also posted on the City's website and in accordance with the City's CPP. Any comments on the plan received during the public comment period and at the public hearing were considered by the CAC prior to final adoption and referral to the City's Board of Aldermen (see Section C and Appendix C). Once approved, the City's final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD as a substantial amendment to the CD YR 47 Annual Action Plan under the current 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (the "Con Plan").

### B. Efforts taken to broaden public participation.

Under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Citizen Participation requires a minimum of one public hearing and a 15-day public comment period. The City's efforts, however, went above and beyond the minimum requirements. Under the City's CPP, as amended April 2020, substantial amendments require notice, one public hearing, and a 30-day public comment period. In carrying out the planning for the HOME-ARP allocation Plan, the City decided to add an additional 15 days to the public comment period to further solicit needs and input from the community and groups/organizations consulted, and added a second public hearing. Further, the City developed and distributed a community survey to solicit input from residents, organizations, and stakeholders. The survey was announced by notice in the



Republican American, posted on the City's website, and made available at the distribution points provided for under the CPP, including the City Clerk's Office, Silas Bronson Library, and the Office of Community Development.

### C. Summary of comments or recommendations and response.

During the thirty (30) day comment period, the Department of Community Development did not receive any written comments on the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. There was one (1) public speaker who commented on the Plan at the April 13, 2022 public hearing held by the CAC. For more information, please see *Summary of Comments Received on the Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1 Memorandum*, dated April 29, 2022, in Appendix C.

As noted, the CAC was informed of comment(s) received; and, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and the City's CPP, all comments were considered by the CAC prior to final adoption and referral to the City's Board of Aldermen at their May 3, 2022 meeting. All comments and views were accepted.



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### NEEDS ASSESSMENT & GAPS ANALYSIS



#### IV. NEEDS ASSESSMENT & GAPS ANALYSIS

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations (QPs) within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. 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.

### A. Description of size and demographic composition of QPs within PJs boundaries; and unmet housing and service needs.

The City of Waterbury evaluated the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the City's boundaries and assessed the unmet needs of each. Specifically, this section describes the unmet housing and service needs of the following qualifying populations:

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

In reviewing the size and demographic composition of QPs within Waterbury, the City considered recent data from 2020, as indicated in the following tables. Older data were used to account for any change or impact that may have resulted in QP counts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to consultation with service providers and the jurisdictions CoC/CAN, the City used data from the most recent point in time count and housing inventory count, as well as the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) Multi-Year Point-in-Time Count Data for the City of Waterbury. The City also used data and information from its 2020-2024 Five-Year Con Plan in carrying out the homeless needs assessment, review of available resources, and other sections of this plan.

The data in the tables below provide an overview of the number of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness on a given night in the City of Waterbury. The tables provide an overview of persons in each household type, along with a breakdown in demographics by race, ethnicity, and age. Further, Table 5 provides a breakdown of other populations requiring services.



Table 1. Homeless Needs Assessment Summary of Persons in Each Household Type						
Population Sheltered						
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total		
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	64	0	0	64		
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	0	0		
Persons in Households with Only Adults	70	0	23	93		
Total	134	0	23	157		

Data Source(s): 1. CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Point in Time Count, 2020; https://cceh.org/data/interactive/PITresults/

Table 2. Homeless Needs Assessment –   Demographic Summary of Homeless by Race						
Population		eltered	nandriven ale fan de	<u>HEYYTEYD AL AL LLAN CYGELLWH A HAC MEDDAN A SONNWAA</u>		
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total		
White	73	0	14	87		
Black	50	0	6	56		
Asian	1	0	0	1		
American Indian	2	0	0	2		
Native Hawaiian	1	0	3	4		
Multiple Races	7	0	0	7		
Total	134	0	23	157		

Data Source(s): 1. CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Point in Time Count, 2020; https://cceh.org/data/interactive/PITresults/

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Population Sheltered						
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total		
Hispanic/Latino	47	0	3	50		
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	87	0	20	107		
Total	134	0	23	157		

Data Source(s): 1. CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Point in Time Count, 2020; https://cceh.org/data/interactive/PITresults/



Table 4. Homeless Needs Assessment – Demographic Summany of Homeless by Age						
Population	She	ltered				
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total		
Children under age 18	36	0	0	36		
Persons age 18 to 24	9	0	0	9		
Persons over age 24	89	0	23	112		
Total	134	0	23	157		

Data Source(s): 1. CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Point in Time Count, 2020; <u>https://cceh.org/data/interactive/PITresults/</u>

Table 5. Homeless Needs Assessment – Summary of All Other Populations Reported						
Population	She	eltered				
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total		
Veterans	2	0	4	6		
Persons with Mental Illness	8	0	13	21		
Persons with HIV	2	0	0	2		
Persons with Substance Abuse	4	0	15	19		
DV Survivor	29	0	0	29		
Chronically Homeless Individuals	0	0	3	3		
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0		

Data Source(s): 1. <u>https://cceh.org/data/interactive/PITresults/</u> CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) Multi-Year Point-in-Time Count Data for CT, Waterbury 2020.



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	Far	nily	Adult	s Only	Vets	Family	Adult		Vict-	Fai	nily	Adult	s Only
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	HH (at least 1 child)	HH (w/o child)	Vets	ims of DV	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	73	18	78	78	2								
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	14								
Permanent Supportive Housing	141	102	239	239	21								
Other Permanent Housing						25	25	0	5				
Sheltered Homeless						14	38	4	0				·
Unsheltered Homeless						0	8	2	0				
Current Gap										175	81	296	246

Data Source(s): 1. HUD 2020 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations, CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State CoC; 2. HUD 2020 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report, CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State CoC; Consultation with CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State CoC; CAN; and Homeless and Domestic Violence Service Providers.

As noted above, the City utilized data from the 2020 CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) Multi-Year Point-in-Time Count to account for a change in the methodology used for the 2021 unsheltered count. This change in methodology limited data available for regional and jurisdictional information. The City also utilized data from the HUD 2020 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations, CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State CoC, report; the HUD 2020 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report, CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State CoC; data obtained from consultation with CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State CoC; and data from homeless and domestic violence (DV) service providers.

### Homeless (24 CFR 91.5) – Description of Size and Demographic Composition

According to the data in the tables above, 85.35% of persons counted are sheltered in emergency shelters in the City of Waterbury, with 52.24% coming from persons in adults-only households. When looking at the data in Table 2, Demographic Summary of Homeless by Race, 55.41% of those experiencing homelessness on a given night were white, 35.67 were black/African American, 4.46% were multiple races, 2.55% Native Hawaiian, and 2.36% American Indian or Asian. When comparing the demographic data of race across those experiencing homelessness to the City of Waterbury population as a whole, black/African Americans appear to disproportionately represent a larger portion of



those experiencing homelessness. According to the data from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) Five-Year Estimates, of the 114,403 Waterbury residents, 21.7% are black/African American, as compared to 35.67% of the population experiencing homelessness. The 2019 ACS data shows the following breakdown by race:

Table 7, 2019 ACS – Race and Hispanic Origin (N=1	14,403)
White	60.9%
Black or African American	21.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	2.4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Two or more races	4.5%
Hispanic or Latino	37.4%
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	37.8%

Source(s):

https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/dashboard/waterburycityconnecti cut/POP060210 US Census Bureau, QuickFacts, Waterbury, CT April 1, 2020 US Census and 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) Five-Year Estimates

When looking at Ethnicity, 35.07% of those individuals experiencing homelessness had a reported ethnicity of Hispanic or Latino. Similar to the breakdown by race, with the exception of Black/African American, 37.4% of the total population in Waterbury have a reported ethnicity of Hispanic or Latino.

Table 4 provides a breakdown of those experiencing homelessness by age. The data indicate that, on any given night in Waterbury, 22.93% of those experiencing homelessness are children under the age of 18. Of that subpopulation, no individuals are experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Table 5 shows other reported populations including veterans, DV survivors, persons with HIV, and persons with mental illness or substance abuse. The data seems to indicate that those with substance abuse tend to face unsheltered homelessness. Further, 100% of DV survivors were sheltered. Of the 13.38% of individuals facing homelessness with mental illness, reported cases were slightly higher for those who were unsheltered (61.90%).

As noted in the City's most recent Con Plan (2020-2024, Section NA-40), the best way to describe homelessness needs in Waterbury is to summarize observations of those most familiar with the issues: members of the CAN structure. The Con Plan identified that there is a lack of affordable, decent housing within the City of Waterbury. High housing



cost burdens have made affordability even more difficult, especially in light of the difficult housing market that has emerged during the pandemic. Further, the Con Plan noted that the overwhelming cause of homelessness is related to unemployment and a lack of job opportunities, resulting in an income inadequate to afford housing. These factors help to identify some of the unmet housing needs.

With regard to the QPs listed above, the following unmet housing and service needs have been identified during consultation and public participation with those groups most familiar with the issues:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
  - Shelter resources
  - Shelter funding
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
  - Resources for security deposits
  - Resources for utilities
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness
  - Employment and education training
  - Childcare needs
  - Homelessness Prevention resources and funding
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations
  - Training and counseling services
  - Behavioral health and substance abuse counseling

The Con Plan identified several goals and anticipated outcomes which address the contents of this Plan as it relates to unmet housing and service needs:

- Reduce Housing Cost Burden
  - Increase housing affordability
  - Increase availability of and accessibility to decent, safe, and affordable housing
- Increase supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing
  - Increase availability of and accessibility to decent, safe, and affordable housing resources
  - Increase the supply of 3+ bedroom units
- Address Homelessness
  - Maintain and increase housing for homeless
  - Increase supply of 3+ bedroom units
- Provide supportive housing
  - Maintain and increase the availability of housing and support services for the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness.



### Other Populations - Description of Size and Demographic Composition

With regard to housing cost burden, the 2019 ACS data indicate that the median household income in Waterbury is \$42,401, with 23.4% of the population living in poverty. Based on the data, median mortgage and household costs result in a cost burden that is 46.52% of the median household income. This is not surprising, as the Con Plan noted that the overwhelming housing problem in Waterbury continues to be cost burden. As defined by HUD, cost-burdened households pay more than 30% of their income for housing, with severely cost-burdened households paying more than 50% of their income for housing. A 2021 Equity Profile study of Waterbury provided by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) identified that "Forty-eight percent of Waterbury's households are cost-burdened, meaning they spend at least 30 percent of their total income on housing costs."<sup>1</sup> The same report noted that "cost-burdened, compared to 36 percent of owner households."<sup>2</sup>

### At Risk of Homelessness (24 CFR 91.5) – Description of Size and Demographic Composition

The Con Plan also identified several needs among low-income individuals and families with children who are currently housed but at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered. These included several that were discussed during consultation for this plan: money for healthcare needs, childcare, and transportation costs. Additional issues included lack of employment, benefits and services, family support, mental health and chronic health issues, substance abuse, and domestic violence. The Con Plan also noted that these needs are especially critical for individuals and families receiving rapid re-housing assistance and exiting shelters trying to avoid homelessness again. As the Con Plan notes, "having affordable and secure housing is the end goal for homeless families exiting programs in the City."

Housing Needs In	Table 8.0 ventory and Gap	Analysis Table:	
	Non-Homeless	n An an an an Anna Anna	
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	23,987		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)			
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://nvcogct.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/waterbury-equity-profile-2021.pdf</u> Waterbury 2021 Equity Profile, DataHaven in August 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid



0%-30% AMI Renter w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of	7,315	
Homelessness)	,	
30%-50% AMI Renter w/ 1 or more		
severe housing problems (Other	3,620	
Populations)		
Current Gaps		

Source(s): <u>https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html</u>; "CHAS" data (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy); 2014-2018 ACS; https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?tid=ACSDP5Y2019. DP04&g=0400000US09\_1600000US0980000&hidePreview=true – US Census Data, 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profile; DP04, Selected Housing Characteristics; Total Rental & Homeowner Units: 47,830

# Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD – Description of Size and Demographic Composition

Data from Safe Haven, a provider for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through free, confidential services in a safe, caring environment, indicate a target population of 60 adults between the ages of 18 and 75. Utilizing prior fiscal year data, 73 children between birth and age 18 accompanied their parent during. Of the target population, 57% were white, 32% were African American, 7% were mixed race and the remaining 4% other races. Overall, 44% reported being Hispanic.

### **B.** Identification of current resources

This section of the Plan identifies and considers the current resources available to assist qualifying populations within the City of Waterbury, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

The City of Waterbury currently offers resources through the Office of Community Development via the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These programs help fund a variety of public services, essential services, and other resources to help address homeless needs. Further, HOME funding assists with the development of affordable housing and TBRA.

The City's current CPD program allocations for its regular entitlement programs include:

Waterbury	CF	D Programs CD YR 47
CDBG	\$	2,235,286
HOME	\$	897,277
ESG	\$	190,972

CDBG resources currently provides operating funds for Safe Haven, a domestic violence shelter and provider; and the Salvation Army, emergency shelter. Funding also assists the Center for Human Development's Hospitality Center, a safe haven for homeless families



offering hot showers, laundry, and computers along with vital social services. The Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries (GWIM) food pantry and soup kitchen also receive funding under CDBG. GWIM provides nutritional meals to the homeless and non-homeless as well as a food pantry.

2021 Waterbury C Homeless/Homel	Contraction of the set	
CHD	\$	50,000
GWIM*	\$	50,848
Salvation Army*	\$	9,786
Safe Haven	\$	8,917
Total	\$	119,551

\*Not all clients are homeless

The City's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) provides annual funding for shelter operations, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention. St. Vincent DePaul Shelter provides emergency and longer-stay housing, as well as a soup kitchen for both individuals and families. Salvation Army Shelter provides emergency and longer-stay housing for families with children only. Safe Haven provides housing for victims of domestic violence and their children.

2021 Waterbury ESG	All	ocations
Shelter Operations		
Safe Haven	\$	20,756
Salvation Army	\$	10,000
St. Vincent DePaul	\$	83,827
Rapid Re-Housing		
Salvation Army	\$	10,650
St. Vincent DePaul	\$	22,830
Homelessness Prevention		
Salvation Army	\$	28,586
Total	\$	176,649

HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)

Other Resources/Prog	rar	ns
HOME		
HOME Tenant Based Rental	\$	300,000
Assistance Program (TBRA)		

There are also various other TBRA programs and various federal Section 8 Programs. Additional services and facilities meeting the needs of homeless persons include:

United Way	Serves as a clearinghouse and referral service for
	various agencies.



Social Security Administration	Assists the homeless to register for and access
	income benefits.
Western Connecticut Mental	Administers specific mental health programs and care
Health Network	coordination and referrals through the Housing
	Homeless Services Division
Connecticut Legal Services	Provides legal consultation to the homeless with legal
	issues such as eviction and pending criminal actions.
Waterbury Housing Authority	The Services Coordinator works with homeless
	shelters to, if possible, place homeless persons and
	families in public housing units.*
Ability Beyond Disabilities	Assists in placing homeless persons with disabilities
	in education/training programs and possible
	employment

Source(s): 202-2024 5-Year Con Plan; consultation

\* The PHA will offer a preference to families experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons.

WHA will offer a chronic homelessness preference to any family that meets the HUD definition of chronic homelessness. If there are no chronic homeless families at the time of vacancy, the opportunity will be offered to the next most vulnerable homeless person in accordance with prioritization established by the Coordinated Access Network "CAN". The family must be referred to WHA by a homeless service provider through the CAN based on their vulnerability. Referring agencies must have an executed Memorandum of Understanding with WHA, outlining the provider's responsibility to provide services for the referred household. The referral must include a commitment by the homeless service provider to provide housing search assistance and supportive services to help the household transition from homelessness to permanent housing, including complying with the Housing Choice Voucher program rules. One of every five vouchers issued from the waiting list will be made available to a chronically homeless or other vulnerable homeless person applicant.

The PHA will offer a preference to families eligible for the Mainstream Voucher Program (MDV).

Non-elderly persons with disabilities transitioning out of institutional and other segregated settings, at serious risk of institutionalization, currently experiencing homelessness, previously experienced homelessness and currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project, or at risk of experiencing homelessness. One of every five vouchers issued from the waiting list will be made available to a non-elderly persons with disabilities.

The PHA will offer a preference to families at risk of homelessness with school- aged children from Waterbury Schools, eligible through the McKinney Vento Act.

Families with school-aged children referred from Waterbury Schools who are eligible through the McKinney Vento Act at risk of homelessness. One of every five vouchers issued from the waiting list will be made available to a families with school-aged children.

Consultation with the CoC and homeless/DV providers showed a need for more essential services funding, operating funding, and a need for housing that meets basic housing quality standards and is affordable. Supportive services are necessary to ensure that formerly homeless individuals and families maintain long-term housing stability.



### C. Identification of gaps within housing inventory and service delivery system

The following gaps and issues were identified through analysis of the data, evaluation of services, and by consultation carried out in the preparation of this Plan.

- More Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is needed
- Operating and services funds to assist shelters maintain adequate number of beds
- A need for affordable units for victims of DV
- Support services for individuals and families who leave shelters
  - Budgeting classes/counseling
  - Tenant/landlord rights information
  - Employment resources
- Lack of availability of rental units & increasing rents
- More section 8 vouchers needed
- Programs to consider to assist with affordability, housing preservation, and at-risk of homelessness:
  - Security deposit program
  - Rental assistance
  - Rehab program

# D. Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of "other populations" as established in the HOME-ARP Notice.

This section is not applicable. The City of Waterbury does not plan to include such conditions in its definition of "other populations."

### E. Identification of priority needs for QPs

Based on consultation carried out and input during the citizen participation process, the following priority needs have been identified for all of the QPs:

**Priority 1.0:** Provide funding for supportive services;

- **Priority 2.0:** Provide funding for homeless/domestic violence (non-profit) operating expenses (5% cap)
- **Priority 3.0:** Provide funding for the development (including substantial rehabilitation) of affordable rental housing;

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

The determination for the level of need and gaps in the City's shelter and housing inventor and delivery systems based on the data in this Plan were made in conjunction with consultations and citizen participation. The needs identified in these efforts were in



line with what the data presented: a need for affordable housing and more support services for homeless and at-risk of homelessness. The data and analysis offered in the plan will help the City continue to identify needs and assess how best to award subgrants to recipients of the HOME-ARP program.



V

### **HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES**



#### V. HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

#### A. Resources

The City of Waterbury has received an allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. The funding is authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("the Act"), which appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

Under the Act, the City of Waterbury has received:

HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021		
HOME-ARP allocation – City of Waterbury	\$ 3,248,404	
Period of Performance	December 14, 2021 - September 30, 2030	

Under the Act, up to 15 percent of the City's HOME-ARP allocation may be used for payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs.

Further, up to five percent of the HOME-ARP funding may be used for operating costs of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other non-profit organizations, including homeless providers. Additional funding is available for capacity building.

Where possible and applicable, the City will use HOME-ARP funds to leverage additional federal, state, local, and private funding to maximize the impact that HOME-ARP will have on the Waterbury community.

### **B.** Solicitation of Applications

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

Upon approval of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the City of Waterbury, through its Office of Community Development, will develop programs for its identified uses of funds. Similar to the City's annual entitlement planning process, the City will develop program guidelines, issue a notice of financial assistance (NOFA) and solicit applications. With the exception of affordable housing development and rehabilitation, all eligible activities funded under this plan will be sub-awarded based on a one-time application process.

With regard to the development of affordable rental housing, the City, through its Office of Community Development, will within one year of the approval of this plan, develop program guidelines compliant with HOME-ARP regulations, and solicit applications



based on a rolling application process in a manner consistent with the City's annual HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The City of Waterbury <u>does not</u> plan to administer any eligible HOME-ARP activities directly.

### C. Administrative Funds Distribution

The City of Waterbury <u>did not</u> provide any portion of its administrative funds to a subrecipient of contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of this plan.

### D. Use of HOME-ARP Funding

As identified in section IV(E) of this plan, the City has identified three priority needs for qualifying populations: the provision of funds for supportive services provided by homeless and domestic service providers; the provision of funds for non-profit operating expenses; and the provision of funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. The chart below provides the funding allocations that support these priority needs:

HOME-ARP Funding Allocations			
Eligible Activity	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 1,500,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,098,724		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 162,420	5%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$		5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 487,260	15%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$ 3,248,404		· · · ·

The table above is the estimated allocation of funding per eligible activity. As such, the allocations above are estimates only, and do not reflect actual limitations on use of funds.



The City of Waterbury HOME-ARP funds will only be used for the following QPS:

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria.

The City of Waterbury is not prioritizing one eligible QP over another.

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

As outlined in section IV(C) of this allocation plan, several gaps have been identified in in the housing inventory and service delivery system. As noted, the City of Waterbury has a lack of affordable housing inventory. This concern has been intensified by the booming housing market, increasing rents, and a stagnant economy. These factors continue to put pressure on low- and moderate-income families who continue to face ever-increasing housing costs and demands. As more individuals and families deal with housing cost burdens, affordability becomes more difficult and the risk of homelessness increases. Further, finding affordable, permanent supportive housing for those leaving shelters is strained due to low housing inventory.

Additionally, this plan identified the need for operating and supportive services funding for non-profits who provide services for the homeless, at-risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence, and other populations facing homelessness and housing instability. As noted during consultation with these providers, while Waterbury's shelters have the beds needed to assist homeless individuals and families, there is a concern with a lack of funding to sustain the shelters. Further, there is a concern with a lack of funding needed to provide support required to help individuals avoid homelessness, who are in shelters, and who are in need of other assistance as they leave shelters and homelessness. For more, please refer to sections IV(C) and (E).

Overall, the City's analysis of these needs supported the development of this plan and its allocations for eligible activities. The City hopes that this plan and its targeted funding priorities will result in a sustained service delivery system and more housing affordability.



### VI

### HOME-ARP PRODUCTION HOUSING GOALS



#### VI. HOME-ARP PRODUCTION HOUSING GOALS

### A. Estimate of Affordable Rental Housing Units

The PJ will estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP Allocation.

As noted in the needs assessment and gaps analysis, there is a need for more affordable rental housing in the City of Waterbury. To address this need, the City has allocated \$1,098,724 in HOME-ARP funding for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. While the City has not yet developed program guidelines and an application for these funds, the City estimated that the funding will result in the production, including rehabilitation, of 15 to 20 affordable rental housing units.

Further, the City has allocated \$1,500,000 for supportive services. The City estimates that between 50 to 100 households will be assisted with services funded under this plan.

### **B.** Affordable Rental Housing Production Goals

The PJ should describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how it will address the PJs priority needs.

The City's five-year 2020-2024 Con Plan (SP-30) noted that a shortage of affordable, decent housing units is an identified need. The Con Plan further noted that the market characteristics influencing the priority include the age and condition of the existing housing stock without the rent levels to support rehabilitation. Similarly, when it comes to rehabilitation the achievable rents and income levels in Waterbury often result in making rehab in the private marketplace financially infeasible. The same plan identified an existing gap in the lack of permanent affordable housing and supportive housing.

The strategic plan of the Con Plan provides an overview of the City's identified priority needs (SP-25). The applicable priority needs in the Con Plan include:

- 1. Reduce Cost Burden
- 2. Increase Supply of Decent, Safe, and Affordable Housing
- 3. Address Homelessness
- 4. Provide Public and Supportive Services
- 5. Provide Supportive Housing

Additionally, with regard to affordable rental housing, the Con Plan identified the following corresponding goal:

- Increase Availability of and Accessibility to Decent, Safe, and Affordable Decent Housing
  - Outcome Indicator:

100 Units of New Rental Housing Created:



The City has an annual goal of creating 20 decent and affordable rental units through rehabilitation or new construction using HOME funding. Over the five year period covered by the City's Con Plan, it is estimated that 100 decent, safe, and affordable rental units will be created. The implementation of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will assist the City with addressing its priority needs and meeting or exceeding its goal to increase the availability and accessibility to decent, safe, and affordable housing. The HOME-ARP funds will have an impact on both the availability and affordability of rental housing units for low- and moderate-income residents.



### VII

### PREFERENCES


#### VII. PREFERENCES

The PJ will identify whether or not it will 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 of Waterbury <u>does not</u> intend to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or subpopulations for any funded eligible activity or project.

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

N/A - The City of Waterbury <u>does not</u> intend to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or subpopulations for any funded eligible activity or project.

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

N/A - The City of Waterbury <u>does not</u> intend to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or subpopulations for any funded eligible activity or project.



## VIII

# HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES



#### VIII, 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;
- 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;
- State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both;
- Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer;
- State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG;
- Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable.

The City of Waterbury <u>does not</u> intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.



# IX

# **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**



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## **APPENDIX A**



### HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Friday, January 28, 2022
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
February 4 – March 4, 2022
Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 10, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 5:30 p.m.
March 28 – April 28, 2022
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 6, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 17, 2022

## **APPENDIX B**



### Continuum of Care – Balance of State

### Coordinated Access Network (CAN)

CT 505 Connecticut Balance of State COC

Northwest CT County Coordinated Access Network (CAN)

The Housing Collective – Jessica Kubicki – jessica@thehousingcollective.org. david@thehousingcollective.org. PH: 203-258-4548

Jared Bruzas (see contact information below under St. Vincent DePaul) - helped coordinate the meetings.

### Private Homeless/Domestic Violence Service Providers

### **Brian Gibbons Homeless Outreach**

Rick Povilaitis, Director E-mail: <u>povilaitis@sbcglobal.net</u> Phone: 203-525-3724

### **Center for Human Development**

Belinda Arce-Lopez, Program Director Phone: (203) 596-9323 E-mail Address: <u>BArceLopez@CHD.ORG</u> Address: 965 South Main Street Waterbury, CT 06706

### <u>Safe Haven – Domestic Viollance</u>

Lee Schlesinger, Executive Director Phone: (203) 575-0388 Fax: 203-574-3306 E-mail - lschlesinger@safehavenofgw.org Address: 29 Central Avenue Waterbury, CT 06702 Mailing Address: PO Box 1503 Waterbury, CT 06721-1503

### St. Vincent DePaul

Gary Beaulieu, Executive Director Phone: 203-757-9381

Fax: 203-757-0568 E-mail: <u>st.vincent.de.paul@snet.net</u> Address: 173 Mark Lane, # 6, Waterbury, CT 06704

Jered Bruzas, Director of Operations Phone: 203-754-0000 Fax: 203-756-0865 E-mail: <u>jbruzas@svdpmission.org</u> Address: 34 Willow Street Waterbury, CT 06710

Edwin Rodriguez

Director of Development and Public Relations Phone: 203-754-0000 Fax: 203-756-0865 E-mail: <u>edwinr@svdpmission.org</u> Address: 34 Willow Street Waterbury, CT 06710

### Salvation Army

Captain James Bang Phone: (203) 754-7056 E-mail – James.Bang@USE.Salvation.Army.Org Address: 74 Central Avenue Waterbury, CT, CT 06702-1207

Captain Jina Bang Phone: (203) 754-7056 E-mail – Jina.Bang@USE.Salvation.Army.Org

Sofia Swaby, Housing Program Coordinator Phone: (203) 754-7056 E-mail - <u>Sofia.Swaby@USE.SalvationArmy.Org</u>

### Waterbury Hospital

Anthony (Tony) Bocci Phone: (203)-206-7886 E-mail: <u>anthony.bocci@wtbyhosp.org</u> Address: 64 Robbins Street Waterbury, CT 06708

### **Community Partners in Action**

Beth Hines, Executive Director Phone: (860) 566-2030 E-mail: bhines@cpa-ct.org Address: 110 Bartholomew Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

### **Pope Francis Center for Renewal**

Nicole Plasky E-mail: <u>outreach@waterburybasilica.org</u>

### Mental Health & Addiction Services

### **Public Agencies**

### CT Department of Mental and Addiction Services – Western CT Mental Health Network

Phone: (203) 805-5300 Address: 95 Thomaston Avenue Waterbury, CT 06702

### **Private Agencies**

#### **Center for Human Development**

#### St. Vincent DePaul

#### Waterbury Hospital

Anthony (Tony) Bocci Phone: (203)-206-7886 E-mail: anthony.bocci@wtbyhosp.org Address: 64 Robbins Street Waterbury, CT 06708

Please note some of the agencies listed are funded by DMHAS & provide multiple services.

### **Public Housing Agencies**

### Waterbury Housing Authority

Chris D'Orso, Acting Executive Director Phone: (203) 596-2647 E-mail: chris.dorso@waterburyha.org

Address: 2 Lakewood Road Waterbury, CT 06704

### **Fair Housing**

### Fair Housing & Relocation Assistance

Waterbury Development Corporation Michael Gilmore, Re-Investment Manager & Logistics Specialist/Fair Housing Officer Phone: (203) 346-3810 Ext. 7278 E-mail: gilmore@wdconline.org Address: 83 Bank Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Waterbury, CT 06702

### Human Rights

### Human Rights Commission

Martin Spring, Chairman Phone: 203-757-7479 E-mail: martinspring258@hotmail.com Address: 1400 Meriden Road Apt. # 2-3 Waterbury, CT 06705

### Veteran's Groups

### CT State Department of Veterans Affairs – 5<sup>th</sup> District

Jason Coppola Veterans Service Officer jason.coppola@ct.gov

Rowland State Government Center 55 West Main Street, Suite 140 Waterbury, CT 06702

Phone: (203) 805-6340 Fax: (203) 805-6341

### The WorkPlace

Cristina Alcantara Waterbury Case manager Supportive Services for Veteran Families Calcantara@workplace.org (203) 383-9558

They also provide job training, education and re-entry for non-Veterans.

### **Public Agencies**

### City of Waterbury Health Department

Aisling McGuckin Director

### Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board

Catherine Awwad, President/CEO 203-574-6971 ext. 426 Catherine.awwad@nrwib.org

### **Disability**

### **Ability Beyond Disabilities**

888-832-8247

### The Arc of Waterbury

Richard Kalcznski, Director (203) 575-0707 ext. 122

### **Christopher Bandecchi**

F Support: Cc: Subject: Attachments:	Christopher Bandecchi Friday, January 28, 2022 2:12 PM Jered Bruzas Tina Lubus; Christopher Bandecchi HOME-ARP CAN/CoC Consultation - Wednesday, February 2, 2022 HOME-ARP NOFA - PH Notice - Wtby OCD - Rep Am Jan 29 2022 Final.pdf; HOME-ARP, 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates, Amended.pdf
Importance:	High
Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:	Follow up Flagged

Hi Jered,

As you are aware, the City of Waterbury will be receiving \$3,248,404 in HOME-ARP funding to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. As part of the planning process, and in accordance with the HOME Implementing HUD Notice CPD-21-10, *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, the City ("PJ") is required to carry out consultation before developing its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. In accordance with the aforementioned notice, the City is required to consult with all CoCs/CANs serving the jurisdiction. We are reaching out to you to see if you are available to meet with our office on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 10 am, in person or virtually, as a representative of the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOS-C

The purpose of the consultation is to discuss and identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems. The City is also seeking the most recent City-specific data from both the PIT and HIC. For your reference, I have included the NOFA and public hearing notice that will appear in the Republican-American tomorrow, and the CAC-approved HOME-ARP Schedule of Meetings and Dates. In accordance with the schedule, our Office will be holding additional consultations, including the following groups: homeless and domestic violence service providers, veteran's groups, PHAs, and other public agencies and groups that address the needs of qualifying populations.

If you feel that someone else should be meeting in your place on behalf of the CoC/CAN, or that others representing the CoC/CAN should join you, please let us know and we will reach out. Should you reach out, please let us know any other attendees. Once we receive confirmation, we will send a calendar invitation for either the in-person meeting, or a link with the virtual meeting credentials.

I hope you have a nice weekend, and keep warm and safe during the snow storm.

Kind regards, Chris

### Christopher D. Bandecchi

Community Development Grants Director Office of Community Development City of Waterbury

235 Grand Street Room C-29 Waterbury, CT 06702

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#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Waterbury has been informed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will be receiving \$3,248,404 in HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. The funding is authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("the Act"), which appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

In order to receive its HOME-ARP funding, the City is required to engage in consultation, solicit public input and encourage participation, and develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that meets the requirements of HUD, the Act, and other applicable regulatory requirements. Funding under the Act is limited to the following four activities:

- Affordable Rental Housing;
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance;
- Supportive Services; and
- Non-congregate Shelter.

Additionally, funding and activities must primarily benefit individuals and families who categorically fall within one of the following defined qualifying populations:

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria

In an effort to maximize public participation, the City will make a community survey available to residents beginning on Friday, February 4, 2022. The survey will be available online at <u>www.waterburyct.org/services/community-development</u>. The City will also provide copies of the survey at designated locations in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Interested residents will have until Friday, March 4, 2022, to complete and submit the survey.

In addition to the community survey, the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to solicit views of all citizens, agencies, and other interested parties with regard to the housing, services, and shelter needs within the community. To participate in the public hearing, residents must register online at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4r9273f9</u>

Persons with a disability or non-English speaking who wish to participate should contact Nancy Allen at 203-346-3810 ext. 7274 or by email at <u>nallen@waterburyct.org</u> no later than February 7, 2022, to discuss how the City can accommodate their needs.

Questions regarding HOME-ARP or the 2022 planning process may be directed to the Office of Community Development, at 235 Grand Street, Room C29, Waterbury, CT 06702; or by contacting the Office of Community Development at (203) 346-3810.

R-A January 29, 2022

### HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting: Discussion of HOME-ARP Planning Process	Tuesday, January 11, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HOME-ARP Funds & Public Hearing	Friday, January 28, 2022
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
HOME-ARP Resident/Community Survey seeking resident input on use of HOME-ARP Funds	February 4 – March 4, 2022
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
Public Hearing # 1: Needs of Community (HOME-ARP) Speaker Sign-up Begins – 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:30 p.m.
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Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Jered Bruzas <jbruzas@svdpmission.org>
Cc: Tina Lubus <tlubus@waterburyct.org>; Christopher Bandecchi <cbandecchi@waterburyct.org>
Subject: HOME-ARP CAN/CoC Consultation - Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Hi Jered,

As you are aware, the City of Waterbury will be receiving \$3,248,404 in HOME-ARP funding to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. As part of the planning process, and in accordance with the HOME Implementing HUD Notice CPD-21-10, *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, the City ("PJ") is required to carry out consultation before developing its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. In accordance with the aforementioned notice, the City is required to consult with all CoCs/CANs serving the jurisdiction. We are reaching out to you to see if you are available to meet with our office on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 10 am, in person or virtually, as a representative of the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOS-CoC).

The purpose of the consultation is to discuss and identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems. The City is also seeking the most recent City-specific data from both the PIT and HIC. For your reference, I have included the NOFA and public hearing notice that will appear in the Republican-American tomorrow, and the CAC-approved HOME-ARP Schedule of Meetings and Dates. In accordance with the schedule, our Office will be holding additional consultations, including the following groups: homeless and domestic violence service providers, veteran's groups, PHAs, and other public agencies and groups that address the needs of qualifying populations.

If you feel that someone else should be meeting in your place on behalf of the CoC/CAN, or that others representing the CoC/CAN should join you, please let us know and we will reach out. Should you reach out, please let us know any other attendees. Once we receive confirmation, we will send a calendar invitation for either the in-person meeting, or a link with the virtual meeting credentials.

I hope you have a nice weekend, and keep warm and safe during the snow storm.

Kind regards, Chris

### Christopher D. Bandecchi

Community Development Grants Director Office of Community Development City of Waterbury

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### **Christopher Bandecchi**

FromJered Bruzas <jbruzas@svdpmission.org>SerWednesday, February 2, 2022 4:47 PMTo:Lauren Zimmermann; Jessica KubickiCc:Christopher BandecchiSubject:Fwd: HOME-ARP CAN/CoC Consultation - Wednesday, February 2, 2022Attachments:HOME-ARP-Allocation-Plan-Consultation-CoC-Data-Assessment-Gaps-<br/>Analysis-2-2-22-1.pdf

Hi Lauren and Jessica,

Can you guys help me attain the data Chris is looking for? Not sure if we have this year's data already....Can be last year's data if we don't have current data. Thanks

Regards,

Jered Bruzas Director of Operations

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From: Christopher Bandecchi <cbandecchi@waterburyct.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:56:55 PM

To: d Bruzas <jbruzas@svdpmission.org>

Cc: 'lschlesinger@safehavenofgw.org' <lschlesinger@safehavenofgw.org>; Tina Lubus <tlubus@waterburyct.org> Subject: RE: HOME-ARP CAN/CoC Consultation - Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Jered and Lee,

Thank you both for participating in the consultation this morning. Your input on behalf of the CoC is important for the development of the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. As discussed, I have attached the section of the plan template that deals with the needs assessment and gaps analysis. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are looking for quantifiable data, from the HIC/PIC, or other CoC/CAN data for the PJ jurisdiction (within the City of Waterbury only).

Please feel free to respond to any of the questions that accompany the tables, as well. I look forward to joining an upcoming meeting of the CoC to discuss, as well.

Thank you, Chris

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Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 4:32 PM

To: Christopher Bandecchi < cbandecchi@waterburyct.org>; 'lschlesinger@safehavenofgw.org'

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**Cc:** Tina Lubus <tlubus@waterburyct.org>; Gary Beaulieu <st.vincent.de.paul@snet.net>; Edwin Rodriguez <edwinr@svdpmission.org>

Subject: Re: HOME-ARP CAN/CoC Consultation - Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Thanks, Chris!

Regards,

Jered Bruzas Director of Operations

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### **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. 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. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.

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Supportive Housing	#	#	#	#	#								
Other Permanent Housing						#	#	#	#				
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### **OPTIONAL** Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

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

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

	Non-Homeless		
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	***# of Households
Total Rental Units	#		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	#		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	#		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		#	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		#	
Current Gaps			#

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

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

Enter narrative response here.

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

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness; and,

Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:

Enter narrative response here.

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: Enter narrative response here.

*Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:* Enter narrative response here.

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

Enter narrative response here.

*Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:* Enter narrative response here.

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

### **Christopher Bandecchi**

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments: Jered Bruzas <jbruzas@svdpmission.org> Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:22 AM Christopher Bandecchi Jessica Kubicki Fw: NW CAN Leadership Meeting 2.9.22 NW CAN Agenda 2.9.22.docx

Hi Chris,

Per our conversation, we added you to the meeting agenda to speak at the meeting this morning around 9:20.

Regards,

Jered Bruzas Director of Operations

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From: Jered Bruzas <jbruzas@svdpmission.org> Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 11:34 AM To: michael.hayden@nrwib.org <michael.hayden@nrwib.org> Cc: Edwin Rodriguez <edwinr@svdpmission.org> Subject: NW CAN Leadership Meeting 2.9.22

Hi Michael,

Here's the agenda for Wednesday's NW CAN Leadership Meeting. I placed you at the top of the meeting's agenda so you can hop off for your 9:30. Thanks for joining us...

If you want me to send out any literature beforehand, feel free to send me any attachments.

Regards,

Jered Bruzas Director of Operations

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### Northwest CAN Leadership Meeting 2/9/2022 9:00-10:30AM

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9:00-9:05	Welcome and Introductions
	Review of minutes
9:05-9:20	Workforce Investment Board
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9:20-9:30	BOS & Funding Updates
	ARPA & HOME
9:30-9:55	Programmatic Updates
	Medical Respite
	CHD Outreach Plan
9:55-10:05	Cold Weather
	Housing Strategies/ Exits before 4/15
10:25 -10:30	Next Steps

Next Meeting: March 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM

### Christopher Bandecchi

F	Jessica Kubicki <jessica@thehousingcollective.org></jessica@thehousingcollective.org>
Sell To:	Monday, March 7, 2022 8:13 AM Alisha Donovan; Agustin Lopez; Adam Lytton; Amy Robinson; Michelle Anderson; Bocci, Anthony; apitts fishnwct.org; Anastacia Woolcock; Belinda Arce-Lopez; ROBERT G DORR; Brenda.Downing@use.salvationarmy.org; Christopher Bandecchi; Christina Emery; Chris D'Orso; clifford.knight@ct.gov; Dana Serra; Gemme, David; David Rich; Deanna Bencivengo; Deirdre Houlihan DiCara; emartinez-hernandez@theconnectioninc.org; Gabrielle Padilla; gbrisco@nwcty.org; Rivera, Gladys; Glenn Ryan; glyde@cpa-ct.org; Jason Rinaldi; Jered Bruzas; Judith Gough; Jason Martinez; Jessica Remmey; Julia H. Scharnberg; Kathi Crowe; Lauren Zimmermann; laurene.gomez@ct.gov; Laura Cummings; Shields-Church, Leigh; Lisa Cretella; Laura Mancini; Lee Schlesinger; Mowrey,
	Margaret; mconklin@connlegalservices.org; Mary Conklin; Michael Culmo; Maria Gonzalez; Megan Santiago; Cannavo, Nancy; DeLaRosa, Nicole; Owen Quinn; Pleshaun Bing; Paul Rabeuf; Rebecca Rioux; rmoriarty@wellmore.org; Renee Young;
	sarruda@chrysalisceterct.org; Sharon Castelli; sdougherty@svdpmission.org; Sofia Swaby; stephen.carrollsr@use.salvationarmy.org; Nicolas, Tahaira S.; Creel, Teddi L; Thomas Czarkosky; Tina Lubus; Douglas, Tracie (Tracie.Douglas@ct.gov); Virginia Gold; Willem Donahue; William Rybczyk; Hendricks, Yonique
Subject:	NW CAN Leadership Meeting 3/9/22
Attachments:	NW CAN Agenda 3.9.22.docx; NW CAN leadership minutes 2.9.22.docx

Good morning everyone,

JCa reminder we have our CAN leadership meeting this weekend at 9am. We will only meet for an hour since we don't have a large agenda.

Look forward to seeing you all then!

Jessica Kubicki, LCSW (She, Her, Hers) Chief Initiative Officer, Opening Doors



203.258.4548 thehousingcollective.org

### NW Virtual CAN Leadership Meeting February 9, 2022 9:00-10:30AM

**In Attendance**: David Rich, Willem Donahue, Jessica Kubicki, Jered Bruzas, Anastacia Woolcock, Jason Rinaldi, Julie Scharnberg, Belinda Arce-Lopez, Rebecca Rioux, Jessica Remmey, Glenn Ryan, Sofia Swaby, Gabrielle Padilla, Maria Gonzalez, Leigh Shields-Church, Adam Lytton, Anthony Bocci, Jason Martinez, Nicole DeLaRosa, Laura Cummings, Tahaira Nicolas, Deanna Bencivengo, Megan Santiago, Marnie Mowry, Paul Rabeuf, Deirdre DiCara, Chris Bandecchi, Tina Lubus, Sofia Swaby, Agustin Lopez, Lori Layotte, Pamela LaRosa, Dana Serra, Rock Povilitis, Christina Moulthrop

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

• Review of the January 12,2022 minutes. Julie made a motion, Sofia second, all in favor, no abstentions

#### 2. Workforce Investment Board

- Overview of resources available in the community for clients that are seeking employmentlocated at Thomaston Ave in Waterbury.
- Suggested to have Pamela or someone from WIB come to a CAN operations meeting to review these resources to the front line staff as well.

#### 3. BOS & Funding Updates

- ARPA & Home- City of Waterbury has launched its planning phase around the HOME ARPA funding for the homeless, at-risk, fleeing DV. Public hearing is being held on 2/15 to solicit needs and feedback on how these funds should be used/ gaps in our current system. Additional consultations will occur with providers over the next week or two.
  - Documentation on eligible participants is a focus which means the clients accessing these funds will come from the CAN.
- BOS Update- no update this meeting since Belinda/ Nancy were not available to report out.
- Advocacy needs to continue being a priority for the homeless and haven't made as much traction as we would like with the State. Need to transition to a more aggressive/ strategic approach in advocating for this funding.

#### 4. Programmatic Updates

- Medical Respite- received a small amount of funding to hire a consultant. RFP has gone out for proposals to start the interview and hiring phase.
- CHD Outreach Plan- review of the outreach plan, hot spot locations across the NW CAN, and collaboration with other providers.
  - No concerns or corrections to the plan.

#### 5. Cold Weather

• 18 households are utilizing the cold weather hotel rooms and almost all of them are matched to housing and should be out by 3/31. There are a couple families in the hotel due to lack of space but connected to navigators.

• More of a concern to ensure that all clients in Torrington overflow are on the BNL and connected to someone to start working on housing plans. MHC and opiate taskforce are starting these discussions and supporting the work of overflow.

#### 6. Taskforce Update

- Focusing on recruitment of new landlords in Waterbury and possibly identify other community around the area for housing inventory.
- Subgroup housing taskforce meetings to address the housing challenges targeted to the specific communities housing.
  - Housing clients needs to be a top priority as it affects length of time homeless and inventory is not going to change anytime soon.

#### 7. Other Business

- Discussion around mask mandates, returning to full capacity in shelter, etc. Waiting on guidance from DOH and local public health dept.
- PPE distribution- masks and test kits will be distributed from DOH to each shelter location as soon as they receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> shipment so everything can be distributed at one time.

#### Next Meeting: March 9, 2022 at 9am via Zoom.

### **Christopher Bandecchi**

From:	Christopher Bandecchi
Sent:	Friday, February 11, 2022 4:02 PM
То:	'povilaitis@sbcglobal.net'; Belinda Arce-Lopez; 'Lee Schlesinger'; Gary Beaulieu; Jered Bruzas; 'Megan Santiago'; 'Edwin Rodriguez'; 'James.Bang@USE.SalvationArmy.Org'; 'Jina.Bang@USE.Salvation.Army.Org'; 'Sofia Swaby'; 'anthony.bocci@wtbyhosp.org'; 'bhines@cpa-ct.org'; 'outreach@waterburybasilica.org'
Cc:	Tina Lubus; Nancy Allen; Christopher Bandecchi
Subject:	HOME-ARP Homeless & Domestic Violence Service Providers Consultation - Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Attachments:	HOME-ARP NOFA - PH Notice - Wtby OCD - Rep Am Jan 29 2022 Final.pdf; HOME-ARP, 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates, Amended.pdf; HOME-ARP 2nd PH Notice - Wtby OCD - Rep Am Feb 12 2022 Final.pdf
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The purpose of the consultation is to discuss and identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems and to seek collaborative and strategic input from your organizations. For your reference, I have included the <u>NOFA and</u> <u>public hearing notice that appeared in the Republican-American on January 29, 2022</u>, as well as the CAC-approved HOME-ARP Schedule of Meetings and Dates. In accordance with the schedule, our Office will be holding additional consultations, including the following groups: veteran's groups, PHAs, and other public agencies and groups that address the needs of qualifying populations. Please forward this consultation notice to any other providers who you believe should be involved in the planning process.

In accordance with the City of Waterbury's Citizen Participation Plan, there will be a Virtual Public Hearing to solicit citizen input on the needs of the community before the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. To participate in this Public Hearing, you must register at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4r9273f9</u>. The Second Notice of Public Hearing is attached for your reference, and will appear in the Republican-American tomorrow, February 12, 2022.

Additionally, in an effort to maximize public participation, the City has created a HOME-ARP community survey. The survey and more HOME-ARP information may be accessed online at <u>www.waterburyct.org/home-arp</u>. Copies of the survey are also available at the Office of Community Development, the Office of the City Clerk, and the Silas Bronson Library. Interested residents will have until Thursday, March 10, 2022, to complete and submit the survey. **Please share the survey link to interested residents and program participants**.

To participate in Wednesday's consultation, please register here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2duyyk2t</u>

For additional information regarding the HOME-ARP program, please refer to <u>HUD Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements for</u> <u>the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program</u> and <u>Appendix: Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Implementation of</u> <u>the HOME-ARP Program</u>.

I K you have a nice weekend.

Kind regards, Chris

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Friday, June 17, 2022

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- Affordable Rental Housing;
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance;
- Supportive Services; and
- Non-congregate Shelter.

Additionally, funding and activities must primarily benefit individuals and families who categorically fall within one of the following defined qualifying populations:

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria

In an effort to maximize public participation, the City will make a community survey available to residents beginning on Friday, February 4, 2022. The survey will be available online at <u>www.waterburyct.org/services/community-development</u>. The City will also provide copies of the survey at designated locations in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Interested residents will have until Friday, March 4, 2022, to complete and submit the survey.

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Persons with a disability or non-English speaking who wish to participate should contact Nancy Allen at 203-346-3810 ext. 7274 or by email at <u>nallen@waterburyct.org</u> no later than February 7, 2022, to discuss how the City can accommodate their needs.

Questions regarding HOME-ARP or the 2022 planning process may be directed to the Office of Community Development, at 235 Grand Street, Room C29, Waterbury, CT 06702; or by contacting the Office of Community Development at (203) 346-3810.

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R-A January 29, 2022

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### SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY SURVEY WATERBURY HOME-ARP

The City of Waterbury has been informed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will be receiving \$3,248,404 in HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding.

In accordance with the City of Waterbury's Citizen Participation Plan, there will be a Virtual Public Hearing to solicit citizen input on the needs of the community before the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. To participate in this Public Hearing, you must register at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4r9273f9</u>.

Persons with a disability or non-English speaking who wish to participate should contact Nancy Allen at 203-346-3810 ext. 7274 or by email at <u>nallen@waterburyct.org</u> no later than February 14, 2022, to discuss how the City can accommodate their needs.

In an effort to maximize public participation, the City has created a HOME-ARP community survey. The survey may be accessed online at <u>www.waterburyct.org/home-arp</u>. The City will also provide copies of the survey at the Office of Community Development, the Office of the City Clerk, and the Silas Bronson Library. Interested residents will have until Thursday, March 10, 2022, to complete and submit the survey.

Questions regarding HOME-ARP or the 2022 planning process may be directed to the Office of Community Development, at 235 Grand Street, Room C29, Waterbury, CT 06702; or by contacting the Office of Community Development at (203) 346-3810.

R-A February 12, 2022

Fro Ser To: Cc: Subject: Christopher Bandecchi Friday, March 11, 2022 1:56 PM 'Chris D'Orso'; Nancy Allen Dana Serra; Tina Lubus RE: HOME ARP Roundtable

Thanks Chris. Let's do Zoom. Here is the information:

Christopher Bandecchi is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Waterbury HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation Time: Mar 11, 2022 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://waterburyct.zoom.us/i/91242737190?pwd=enQxM2wveUowQ3BZenB1QURKVStadz09

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#### Christopher D. Bandecchi

Community Development Grants Director Office of Community Development City of Waterbury

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From: Chris D'Orso <Chris.Dorso@waterburyha.org>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Christopher Bandecchi <cbandecchi@waterburyct.org>; Nancy Allen <nallen@waterburyct.org>
Cc: Dana Serra <dana.serra@waterburyha.org>
Subject: RE: HOME ARP Roundtable

It will be Dana Serra, Director of Leased Housing Programs, and I. Does Teams or Zoom work, or do you prefer phone?

Thanks,



## Chris D'Orso

Acting Executive Director Phone 203.596.2647 Mobile 203.410.5499 Email chris.dorso@waterburyha.org Web www.waterburyha.org 2 Lakewood Road | Waterbury, CT 06704

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From: Christopher Bandecchi <<u>cbandecchi@waterburyct.org</u>>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 9:06 AM
To: Nancy Allen <<u>nallen@waterburyct.org</u>>; Chris D'Orso <<u>Chris.Dorso@waterburyha.org</u>>
Cc: Christopher Bandecchi <<u>cbandecchi@waterburyct.org</u>>
Subject: RE: HOME ARP Roundtable

2 pm works for me. We can carry it out via phone, if that works. Chris, what number do you want us to call you on? I have cc'd Tina Lubus, who will be joining the call as well.

For background and informational purposes:

As you are aware, the City of Waterbury will be receiving \$3,248,404 in HOME-ARP funding to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. As part of the planning process, and in accordance with the HOME Implementing HUD Notice CPD-21-10, Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program, the City ("PJ") is required to carry out consultation before developing its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. In accordance with the aforementioned notice, the City has consulted with the CoCs/CANs serving the jurisdiction and the homeless and domestic service providers serving the jurisdiction. The City would like to carry out consultation with the Waterbury Housing Authority, per requirements in Notice CPD-21-10. The consultation will take place with our office today, March 11, 2022, at 2 pm via telephone. Please let me know if anyone else from the Housing Authority will be attending the call.

The purpose of the consultation is to discuss and identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems and to seek collaborative and strategic input from the PHA. For your reference, and more information, please visit <u>www.waterburyct.org/home-arp</u>, which includes the NOFA and public hearing notice that appeared in the Republican-American on January 29, 2022, as well as the CAC-approved HOME-ARP Schedule of Meetings and Dates. In accordance with the schedule, our Office will be holding additional consultations, including the following groups: veteran's groups and other public agencies and groups that address the needs of qualifying populations, fair housing, and fair housing, civil rights, and persons with disabilities. Please forward this consultation notice to any other providers who you believe should be involved in the planning process or who may wish to provide input on the allocation plan.

For additional information regarding the HOME-ARP program, please refer to HUD Notice CPD-21-10: <u>Requirements for</u> the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program and <u>Appendix</u>: Waivers and <u>Alternative Requirements for Implementation</u> of the HOME-ARP Program.

Thank you, Chris

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From: Nancy Allen <<u>nallen@waterburyct.org</u>> Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 8:33 AM To: Chris D'Orso <<u>Chris.Dorso@waterburyha.org</u>> Cc: Christopher Bandecchi <<u>cbandecchi@waterburyct.org</u>> Subject: RE: HOME ARP Roundtable

Good Morning Chris, I have cc'd Chris B. on this to see if he is available today at 2:00.

Chris B., Please let us know. Thanks, Nancy

## Nancy K. Allen

Program Specialist Corrounity Development Cit Waterbury

235 Grand Street C-29





From: Chris D'Orso <<u>Chris.Dorso@waterburyha.org</u>> Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 4:55 PM To: Nancy Allen <<u>nallen@waterburyct.org</u>> Subject: RE: HOME ARP Roundtable

Good afternoon Nancy,

Sorry for the late response. I can do tomorrow at 2 although I may have to log off early for another call.

Thank you,



## **Chris D'Orso**

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From: Nancy Allen <<u>nallen@waterburyct.org</u>> Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:33 PM To: Chris D'Orso <<u>Chris.Dorso@waterburyha.org</u>> Subject: HOME ARP Roundtable

Good afternoon Chris,

Chris Bandecchi has asked that I reach out to you to see if you (and anyone else from WHA that might benefit from this information) would perhaps be able to attend a roundtable to discuss this funding.

We have tomorrow Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 or Thursday, March 10th @ 2:00 available. Please let me know if either is convenient for you and your staff.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.

Nancy

## Nancy K. Allen

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Tina Lubus Monday, March 14, 2022 1:13 PM outreach@waterburybasilica.org Christopher Bandecchi HOME-ARP Consultation

#### Nicole,

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Please provide any input on the following matters no later than Thursday, March 17, by 4:00 p.m. All input and consultation will be taken into consideration during the drafting of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which will be made available for a 30-day public comment period beginning on March 26th.

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Thank you very much for your time and input.

Kind regards,

F S To: Cc: Subject: Tina Lubus Monday, March 14, 2022 1:18 PM martinspring258@hotmail.com Christopher Bandecchi HOME-ARP Consultation

#### Martin,

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They you very much for your time and input. Kind regards, Chris

From: Sent: To: Subject: Tina Lubus Monday, March 14, 2022 1:19 PM Christopher Bandecchi HOME-ARP Consultation

Chris,

I forgot to copy you on this one.

Tina

### Tina Lubus

Housing & Community Planning Program Mgr. Community Development City of Waterbury

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From: Tina Lubus Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 1:16 PM To: Mike Gilmore <Gilmore@wdconline.org> Subject: HOME-ARP Consultation

Mike,

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From:	Tina Lubus
Sent:	Monday, March 14, 2022 1:59 PM
То:	calcantara@workplace.org
Cc:	Christopher Bandecchi
Subject:	FW: HOME-ARP Consultation
Attachments:	HOME-ARP NOFA - PH Notice - Wtby OCD - Rep Am Jan 29 2022 Final.pdf; HOME-ARP, 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates, Amended.pdf; HOME-ARP 2nd PH Notice - Wtby OCD - Rep Am Feb 12 2022 Final.pdf

## Christina,

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments:	Tina Lubus Monday, March 14, 2022 2:03 PM jason.coppola@ct.gov Christopher Bandecchi FW: HOME-ARP Consultation HOME-ARP NOFA - PH Notice - Wtby OCD - Rep Am Jan 29 2022 Final.pdf; HOME-ARP, 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates, Amended.pdf; HOME-ARP 2nd PH Notice -
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# **APPENDIX C**



# CITIZEN PARTICIPATION & CONSULTATION

## HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

## CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #3

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•	CAC Meeting (Approve Schedule, Planning Dates) o Agenda	January 11, 2022
	<ul> <li>Summary Minutes</li> </ul>	,
٠	CAC Meeting (Amend Schedule, Planning Dates)	January 27, 2022
	o Agenda	<b>,</b> ,
	<ul> <li>Summary Minutes</li> </ul>	
٠	NOFA, Public Hearing Notice (Republican American)	January 29, 2022
	• Posted on Website	
•	Mail List Notice - NOFA, Public Hearing, Survey	February 11, 2022
	• CD YR 48, CoC/CAN, Department Heads	•
	<ul> <li>Notice of Survey Availability</li> </ul>	
•	Survey Posting Notices (CPP Designated Locations)	February 11, 2022
	• City Clerk, Silas Bronson Library	<b>2</b>
•	Website Update – www.waterburyct.org/home-arp	February 11, 2022
٠	2nd Notice of Public Hearing (Republican American)	February 12, 2022
	• Posted on Website	5 ,
٠	CAC Public Hearing	February 15, 2022
	o Agenda	•
	<ul> <li>Verbatim Minutes</li> </ul>	
•	CAC Meeting (Review Draft HOME-ARP Plan)	March 15, 2022
	o Agenda	
	<ul> <li>Summary Minutes</li> </ul>	
٠	CAC Meeting (Approval Draft HOME-ARP Plan)	March 16, 2022
	0 Agenda	
	<ul> <li>Summary Minutes</li> </ul>	
٠	CAC Meeting (Approval Draft HOME-ARP Plan)	March 22, 2022
	0 Agenda	
	<ul> <li>Summary Minutes/Cancellation Notice</li> </ul>	
٠	Notice of Public Hearing, Summary, & Availability	March 26, 2022
	of Proposed Home-ARP Allocation Plan	
٠	Update to Mailing List, Stakeholder of Hearing	March 29, 2022
	Summary, and Availability	
٠	CAC Public Hearing	April 13, 2022
	0 Agenda	
	<ul> <li>Verbatim Minutes</li> </ul>	
٠	Memo to CAC re: Comments on Plan during	April 29, 2022
	30-day Public Comment Period (March 26-April 25)	
٠	CAC Meeting (Review Comments, Final Adoption	May 3, 2022
	and Referral to Board of Aldermen)	
	0 Agenda	
	<ul> <li>Summary Minutes</li> </ul>	
٠	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Approval of Plan	February 13, 2023

## NOTICE OF MEETING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) January 11, 2022 5:30 P.M.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC MEETING YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT:

## http://alturl.com/ckuqj

## \*DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL MEETING

## AGENDA

#### 1. Call to Order

- 2. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. May 4, 2021; May 20, 2021; June 22, 2021; June 29, 2021 (public hearing); July 1, 2021; September 16, 2021; September 21, 2021 (public hearing); September 27, 2021

#### 3. Public Speakers

- 4. Program Updates:
  - a. Submission of CD YR 46 CAPER
  - b. Submission of Substantial Amendment #4 to CD YR 46/CDBG-CV Funding
  - c. HOME-ARP
  - d. CD YR 48 Annual Process and Schedule
- 5. Adjournment

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## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

## Meeting Held via Zoom January 11, 2022 5:30 P.M.

## SUMMARY MINUTES

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<u>Present</u>: Gail Moriarty, Chairman; Michael Salvio; Anthony Bocci; Paul Pernerewski; Dave Lepore; Ximena Camanero; Bernard Bailey

#### Absent:

Also Present: Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director Tina Lubus, Housing and Community Planning Program Manager Nancy Allen, Program Specialist Michael LeBlanc, Finance Director

#### Call to Order

A quorum being present, the public meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Moriarty. The pledge of allegiance was observed.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021; May 20, 2021; June 22, 2021; June 29, 2021 (public hearing); July 1, 2021; September 16, 2021; September 21, 2021 (public hearing); and September 27, 2021.

On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021; May 20, 2021; June 22, 2021; June 29, 2021 (public hearing); July 1, 2021; September 16, 2021; September 21, 2021 (public hearing); and September 27, 2021.

#### Public Speakers

Chairman Moriarty welcomed any members of the public in attendance to address the Citizens Advisory Committee. There were no speakers.

#### **Program Updates**

Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide an update on the CD YR 46 CAPER submission.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty. He noted that HUD requires grantees to submit a yearend report no later than 90 days following the end of its program year. He also noted that the CAPER, which covered CD YR 46 (Oct. 1, 2020-Sep. 30, 2021), was submitted to HUD on December 28, 2021, and it is currently being reviewed by the field office.

Mr. Bandecchi further informed the committee that the CAPER provides and overview of the City's expenditures and projects carried out during the covered year under the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs. These wide variety of activities and projects primarily served the low- and moderate-income residents of Waterbury. A total of 6,498 people received a benefit from the fourteen public service agencies, including 332 seniors who received needed transportation through the senior shuttle program. A total of 703 people received food and shelter from the three emergency solutions grantees, and an additional 77 received prevention and rapid-rehousing services. Under the HOME program, two projects with six three-bedroom apartments and six one- and two-bedroom apartments were substantially completed during the program year.

The CAPER was made available to the public and noticed in the Republican American on November 26, 2021. The 15-day public comment period ended at 4:30 p.m. on December 13, 2021. No comments on the report were received. Further, the City was compliant with all regulatory requirements, including the 15% public service and 20% admin cap for CDBG.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi. She asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide an update on the Substantial Amendment to CD YR 46.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty. He noted that the Fourth Substantial Amendment to CD YR 46 was approved by the Board of Aldermen at the December 14 meeting. The amendment reallocated funding to two new CDBG-CV projects being carried out by Family and Childrens' Aid and GWIM. He also noted that the next step is for HUD to approve the Amendment, followed by contract approval by the Board of Aldermen, and that the process should be completed by late January/early February.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi. She asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide an update on the HOME-ARP program.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty. He informed the committee that on December 14, the Board of Aldermen approved the Agreement between the City and HUD for \$3,248,404 in HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. The Agreement was signed and returned to HUD the next day. In order to receive the full allocation, the City is required to carry out a planning process, including consultation and citizen participation, and to develop a HOME-ARP plan. He noted that the process will be carried out in tandem with the City's CD YR 48 planning process, and that it will be submitted to HUD via substantial amendment to the CD YR 47 approved annual action plan.

Mr. Bandecchi also noted that the funding needs to be used for four eligible activities: the development /support of affordable housing; TBRA; supportive services; or the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter (NCS) units. Funding and activities must benefit five qualifying populations (or QPs), including: homeless, at-risk of homelessness, individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other populations where supportive services would prevent homelessness or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; and veterans and families with vets who meet the aforementioned criteria.

Mr. Bandecchi further noted that HUD has issued an extensive CDP Notice that both provides guidance and rules/regulatory changes carried out to implement the program. In developing the HOME-ARP allocation plan, the City must engage in consultation and public participation processes. The Plan must describe how the City intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds, including how the funds will address the needs of QPs. Specifically, the plan must include:

- Consultation with agencies and service providers whose clientele includes QPs
- Public participation, including reasonable notice and comment opportunity (public comments/hearings)
- Overview of QPs in community
- Needs assessment and gap analysis
- Summary of planned use and HOME-ARP activities
- Production Housing Goals (production/preservation); and
- QP preferences, if applicable

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi. She asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide an update on the CD YR 48 Annual Process.

Mr. Bandecchi informed the committee that the planning for CD YR 48 is underway. He noted that HUD has not yet determined allocations under the CPD formula grants, therefore the City will use its prior year allocations for planning purposes. As the plan is developed, if allocations are still unknown, the City will be required to include contingency provisions in the event an increase or decrease in funding is realized. Plans may not be submitted to HUD without actual allocations or contingency provision language. Mr. Bandecchi further noted that both the 2020 CAC Meeting Schedule and the CD YR 48 Annual Process and Schedule, which includes HOME-ARP planning dates, requires approval by the committee.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi. She asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she asked if all members received and reviewed the two schedules. All members having received and reviewed the documents, Chairman Moriarty noted that each document would be approved separately. The Chairman entertained a motion to approve the CAC Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022.

On the motion of Commissioner Bocci, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CAC Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022.

Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the CD Year 48 & HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates.

On the motion of Commissioner Bocci, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CD Year 48 & HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to adjourn. On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director City of Waterbury, Office of Community Development

Attachments: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Regular Meeting Schedule 2022 CD Year 48 & HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates

## CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

## **Regular Meeting Schedule 2022**

Meetings are held (via Zoom) in Veterans Memorial Hall Waterbury City Hall 235 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – 5:30pm

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 5:30pm

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 – 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 5:30pm

## CD Year 48 & HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting: Discussion of Annual Process & HOME-ARP Planning Process	Tuesday, January 11, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG/ESG/HOME and HOME-ARP Funds	Thursday, January 20, 2022
Applications for CDBG/ESG & HOME-ARP available	Friday, January 21, 2022
Technical Assistance Workshop 1: Application Assistance CDBG/ESG	Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Technical Assistance Workshop 2: Application Assistance HOME-ARP	Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
Technical Assistance Workshop 3: Application Assistance CDBG/ESG	Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
Technical Assistance Workshop 4: Application Assistance HOME-ARP	Friday, January 28, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Public Hearing # 1: Needs of Community (CD YR 48 & HOME-ARP) Speaker Sign-up Begins – 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, February 8, 2022 5:30 p.m.
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Wednesday, February 16, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Application Deadline – CD YR 48 & HOME-ARP Original and required number of copies due by 3:00 p.m.	Friday, February 25, 2022 3:00 p.m. No exceptions.
Staff application review – CD YR 48 & HOME-ARP	February 28 – March 4, 2022
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Thursday, March 10, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
CAC Public Meeting: Review/Evaluation of Applications – CD YR 48 & HOME-ARP	Tuesday, March 15, 2022 5:30 p.m.
CAC Public Meeting: Review/Evaluation of Applications. Vote on Funding Allocations/Adopt Proposed Plan for CD YR 48 & HOME-ARP	Wednesday, March 16, 2022 5:30 p.m.

## CD Year 48 & HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates

CAC Public Meeting: Vote on Funding Allocations/Adopt Proposed Plan for CD YR 48 & HOME-ARP, if needed	Tuesday, March 22, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Public Comment Period for Draft CD YR 48 & HOME-ARP Plans. Plans available at locations designated in the CPP and on City website.	March 26 – April 25, 2022
<b>ZOOM Public Hearing #2: Comments on Proposed CD</b> <b>YR 48 Plan &amp; HOME-ARP Plan</b> <i>Speaker Sign-up Begins – 5:00 p.m.</i>	Tuesday, April 5, 2022 5:30 p.m.
CAC Public Meeting: Review Public Comments and Approve Annual Plan & HOME-ARP Plan (Substantial Amendment to CD YR 47)	Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Board of Aldermen ZOOM Meeting to Adopt Annual Plan & HOME-ARP Plan (Substantial Amendment to CD YR 47)	Monday, June 6, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Submission of HOME-ARP Plan (Substantial Amendment to CD YR 47) to HUD	Friday, June 17, 2022
Annual Plan Due at HUD	Friday, July 29, 2022

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) January 27, 2022 5:30 P.M.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC MEETING YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE AT:

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Program Updates:
  - a. HOME-ARP Process and Schedule
- 3. Adjournment

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## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

## Meeting Held via Zoom January 27, 2022 5:30 P.M.

#### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

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Present:	Gail Moriarty, Chairman; Michael Salvio; Anthony Bocci; Dave Lepore; I Bailey	Bernard MAR	ATERBUR
Absent:	Paul Pernerewski; Ximena Camanero	je T	Y OF
<u>Also Present</u> :	Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director Tina Lubus, Housing and Community Planning Program Manager Nancy Allen, Program Specialist	12: <b>5</b> 0	THE REAL

#### Call to Order

A quorum being present, the public meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Moriarty. The pledge of allegiance was observed.

#### Program Updates – HOME-ARP Process and Schedule

Chairman Moriarty welcomed members of the committee and noted that the purposed for the meeting was to receive an update on the HOME-ARP planning process and to amend the HOME-ARP planning schedule previously approved by the committee on January 11. Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide additional information.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty. He noted that a few minor changes were being made to the schedule/planning process to allow for more citizen participation and input by including a second public hearing and a survey; and to hold off on an application process for supportive services activities until required consultation is carried out. Mr. Bandecchi noted that development of the plan and consultation will help to better guide the need and use of an application later in the planning process.

Mr. Bandecchi further noted that there were no changes to the CD YR 48 planning schedule. The first public hearing was noticed in the Republican-American on Friday, January 21, and the Office of Community Development held two technical assistance workshops. Mr. Bandecchi informed the committee that at the CAC meeting on March 15, the Office of Community Development will provide additional guidance on plan development and more changes to the schedule may be needed to accommodate any additional planning needs or application process. Lastly, the schedule would be posted separately so that there is no confusion between CD YR 48 and HOME-ARP planning.

Mr. Bandecchi informed the committee that the following changes were made and need to be approved:

 Technical Assistance Workshops 2 and 4, to be held January 26 and 28 respectively, have been cancelled. These workshops were for the HOME-ARP application process that will not be carried out at this point in the process. The workshops will be scheduled for a date in the future when, and if, applications are available;

- A resident/community survey will be released on February 11th and close on March 10th; and
- An additional public hearing will now be held by the CAC on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bandecchi noted that there were no additional changes; and, when the CAC meets on Tuesday, March 15, to review applications for CD YR 48, the Office of Community Development will provide guidance and a draft allocation plan for consideration. At that point, the plan may be approved for comment, along with CD YR 48 plan; or, additional planning steps may be added/necessary, including a competitive application process for supportive services or other eligible activities under the HOME-ARP grant.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi. She asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she entertained a motion to approve the amendments to the HOME-ARP schedule of meetings and due dates.

On the motion of Commissioner Bocci, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the amendments to the HOME-ARP schedule of meetings and due dates.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to adjourn. On the motion of Commissioner Lepore, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director City of Waterbury, Office of Community Development

Attachments: HOME-ARP 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates, Amended

## **HOME-ARP** 2022 Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting: Discussion of HOME-ARP Planning Process	Tuesday, January 11, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HOME-ARP Funds & Public Hearing	Friday, January 28, 2022
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
HOME-ARP Resident/Community Survey seeking resident input on use of HOME-ARP Funds	February 4 – March 4, 2022
HOME-ARP Roundtable Consultation (TBD)	Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.
Public Hearing # 1: Needs of Community (HOME-ARP) Speaker Sign-up Begins – 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:30 p.m.
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Speaker Sign-up Begins – 5:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
CAC Public Meeting: Review Public Comments and Approve Final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and referral to BOA	Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:30 p.m.
Board of Aldermen ZOOM Meeting to Adopt HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (Substantial Amendment to CD YR 47)	Monday, June 6, 2022 7:00 p.m.
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Supportive Services; and

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www.waterburyct.org/services/community-development. The City will also provide copies of the survey at designated locations in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Interested residents will have until Friday, March 4, 2022, to complete and submit the survey.

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As part of the planning process, and in an effort to maximize public participation, the City has created a HOME-ARP community survey. The survey and more HOME-ARP information may be accessed online at

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Further, in accordance with the City of Waterbury's Citizen Participation Plan, there will be a Virtual Public Hearing to solicit citizen input on the needs of the community before the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. To participate in this Public Hearing, you must register at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/4r9273f9</u>.

Thank you for your participation and for sharing the survey. Chris

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## SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY SURVEY WATERBURY HOME-ARP

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R-A February 12, 2022

## Christopher D. Bandecchi

Community Development Grants Director Office of Community Development City of Waterbury

235 Grand Street Room C-29 Waterbury, CT 06702 <u>cbandecchi@waterburyct.org</u>
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R-A February 12, 2022

# **City of Waterbury – Office of Community Development**



To: Raechel Guest, Director Silas Bronson Library

From: Chris Bandecchi Community Development Grants Director

Date: February 11, 2022

Re: HOME – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Community Survey

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In order to receive its HOME-ARP funding, the City is required to engage in consultation, solicit public input and encourage participation, and develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that meets the requirements of HUD, the Act, and other applicable regulatory requirements. Funding under the Act is limited to the following four activities:

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Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria

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### **Christopher Bandecchi**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Mary Jane Boucher Friday, February 11, 2022 3:39 PM Christopher Bandecchi Home- American Rescue Plan (Home ARP) Community Survey

Hi Chris,

The SBL is in receipt of the Home-American Rescue Plan (Home ARP) Community Survey. It is available for public viewing in our Main Reading Room.

Mary Jane

Mary Jane Boucher 203-574-8222

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#### TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC HEARING YOU MUST REGISTER AT:

#### https://tinyurl.com/4r9273f9

#### \*DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC HEARING

#### AGENDA

#### 1. Call to Order

- 2. Public Hearing A public hearing is held for the purpose of soliciting input on the needs of the community before the Citizen's Advisory Committee as part of the development process for the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. HOME-ARP funding is limited to the following four activities: Affordable Rental Housing; Tenant Based Rental Assistance; Supportive Services; and Non-congregate Shelter. Additionally, funding and activities must primarily benefit individuals and families who categorically fall within one of the following defined qualifying populations: Homeless; At-risk of homelessness; Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking; Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria.
- 3. Adjournment





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# In The Matter Of:

Citizens Advisory Committee

Hearing

February 15, 2022

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3	CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
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5	PUBLIC HEARING
6	IN RE: PROPOSED 2022-2023 CD YEAR 48
7	ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
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9	VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE
10	Public Hearing held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022
11	beginning at 5:30 p.m. via remote access
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13	Held Before:
14	GAIL MORIARTY, Chairperson ANTHONY BOCCI
15	PAUL PERNEREWSKI MICHAEL SALVIO
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17	Administrative Staff:
18	TINA M. LUBUS, Housing and Community
19	Planning Program Manager
20	NANCY K. ALLEN, Program Specialist
21	CHRISTOPHER BANDECCHI, Community Development Grants Director
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1	Public Speakers:
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3	BELINDA ARCE-LOPEZ KEVIN TAYLOR, Neighborhood Housing Services
4	Of Waterbury CHRISTIAN D'ORSO, Waterbury Housing Authority
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I'd like to 1 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: call the public hearing to order and at this time if 2 3 everyone stands for the pledge, please. 4 (Pledge of Allegiance) 5 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: I'd like to thank everyone for joining us this evening and for your 6 7 participation in tonight's public hearing. 8 The purpose of this public hearing 9 is to receive public input on the needs of the community as part of the development process for the 10 City's Home ARP Allocation Plan. So, Chris, before we 11 proceed do you have any additional information that you 1213 want to share? 14 CHRIS BANDECCHI: Hi, Madam Chair. 15 Yeah. I have a little bit of information. Thank you. I just want to start by thanking you and the members of 16 17 the staff for your time this evening, as well as all those who have joined to participate in the public 18 19 hearing. Just a few quick notes on the Home 20 So, as we've noticed, the City of Waterbury's 21 ARP. been informed by the U.S. Department of Housing and 22 23 Urban Department, that it will be receiving \$3,248,404 24 in Home Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan, 25 or ARP funding.

1 This public hearing that's being held tonight is required under Citizen Participation 2 It's one of two public hearings that we'll hold. 3 Plan. I do want to note, for the members of the cast, that 4 when we approve a final allocation plan under the home 5 6 ARP, it will be actually approved as a substantial 7 amendment to our CD year 47 program year. It's not a standalone plan, as our regular planning programs are. 8

9 One other note, we created a 10 website -- a webpage on our city website, WaterburyCT.org/home-arp. There you can sign in using 11 12 the link to take a resident survey. We released the 13 community survey on Friday of last week and noticed in The Republican American this past Saturday. It will be 1415 available to residents, organizations, and any other individuals who may wish to participate until the 10th 16 17 of March, which is a Thursday. So if anybody has any 18 questions on what Home ARP is, on the survey or on 19 anything else that's being planned or discussed, please feel free to reach out to me or Tina at our office, and 20 21 we'll be happy to assist you.

I do want to make one other note on the survey. If you do not have access on-line, there are paper copies available, both in the office of the (unintelligible) city planning, I'm sorry, the city

1 clerk office, and the public library where you can receive paper copies and submit them or submit them to 2 3 our office. With that, Madam Chair, I'll return it 4 back to you. CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Perfect. 5 6 Thank you. I would like to remind everyone that the 7 CAC has a limit of three speakers per organization and that there's a limit of 3 minutes per speaker. 8 9 At this time I'll call on the first speaker, and let's see -- let's do -- you'll just have 10 11 to give me a minute here. Let's start with -- Lee, 12 would you like to start? 13 Hi. Yeah, I LEE SCHLESINGER: really don't have any prepared remarks. I just wanted 14 15 to, you know, stress that hopefully we can -- I'm not 16 sure what the full use of these funds are, but to 17 bolster the existing programs, you know, a lot of us 18 have been operating our shelters with no increase in 19 funding, so we're supposed to be getting a decrease in 20 funding from BOCA, so everything's going up. Gas prices are going up, oil, food prices, everything. 21 So 22 if we are allowed to use these funds for services to the existing shelter, I think that would be a great use 23 of, you know, at least a portion of these funds. 24 That's the only thing I really had to say. Thank you. 25

CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you.

Belinda, would you like to speak?

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BELINDA ARCE-LOPEZ: Yes. Thank you so much for giving me the time to speak. I just wanted to kind of resonate what Lee was saying and speak on behalf of the some of the social service providers, that this funding would definitely assist us in bolstering some of the services that we're currently providing.

As you all know, a lot of these 10 agencies have increased the expenses that we have 11 administratively because of we were able to apply for 12 CDBG, ESG, CD dollars, but some of this money is going 13 to be ending soon; right? And we want to be able to, 14 15 as social service providers, continue to provide those services because, although, you know, the things are 16 changing, the pandemic is not over and we're still 17 struggling with certain areas, but I also feel that we 18 should be having a discussion around, not only a 19 short-term plan but a mid-term plan, and a long-term 20 plan, which should include some rehab of current 21 22 existing unit spots.

There is a high need for housing inventory at this point. Housing inventory that has the capacity to pass housing quality standards inspection, and I know that being Waterbury residents
and living here for many years, that that's also
limited, so that would bring us to a long-term plan
where we should really be using some of these funds in
conjunction with other funds to potentially develop
additional housing for all family sizes.

7 That's the most important thing that 8 I wanted to get across, that we should really be 9 looking at short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals, 10 because there is a need that's happening today where 11 we're not able to utilize the funding provided with our 12 current population, because there isn't enough housing 13 inventory.

The housing inventory that is existing doesn't pass housing quality standard inspections, and a lot of these landlords out there, because of the fair market, are asking above payment standards for rents, which are hard to maintain from a long term perspective.

I thank you all for your time, and
 if you have any questions, I'm here.

CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you, Belinda. Kevin Taylor, you know, I should have -before you speak, just say what organization you're representing. Thank you.

1 Thank you. My name **KEVIN TAYLOR:** 2 is Kevin Taylor. I'm executive director at Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury.

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4 I would like to -- I think Belinda 5 pretty much said all I was going to say towards the 6 tail end of her talk. I just -- I would like to echo 7 the fact of acquisition for properties, affordable 8 housing in the City of Waterbury as a quality is on the 9 low end and our focused area, which is in the Crown 10 Brook neighborhood in the north end of Waterbury, 11 there's a lot of housing opportunity as far as creating 12 better housing. The only problem is the majority of 13 them are in current landlord hands, and their asking price for property is high due to, of course, what we 14 15 have seen recently in the real estate market.

16 So being able to use these funds to acquire property and then get it in the control of a 17 18 CDC's hands, like ourselves, the Neighborhood Housing 19 Services of Waterbury, and then being able to rehab 20 them and create better quality affordable housing for 21 folks out there.

So that's what I would like to see 22 23 the request for, to use towards the acquisition of 24 property to create quality affordable housing.

> Thank you CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY:

very much. Christian D'Orso.

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CHRISTIAN D'ORSO: I'm with the 2 Waterbury Housing Authority. I echo the concerns that 3 every speaker has had so far. We kind of deal with a 4 different realm of public funding. We're kind of 5 pigeonholed into our capital fund program and operating 6 7 fund subsidy, but whenever this other funding opportunities, be it CDBG or this new program, I just 8 wanted to kind of get myself acquainted with it and 9 10 also listen to what other community agencies have to say, especially when it comes to housing, because 11 there's always an opportunity for us to partner with 12 people. We do have project-based vouchers and stuff 13 14like that.

15 As everyone said, affordable housing, low income housing in the city is at a 16 minimal. We're assisting HUD right now in relocating 17 tenants for our Porter Street development. We have 25 18 vouchers out on the street. Since December, out of 19 those 25 families, zero have found housing. So, you 20 know, housing is a big concern in the city, so I'm just 21 kind of here to see what this program is about and 22 offer any assistance to any of our organizations in any 23 24 capacity that we can.

CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Nice. Thank

1 you very much. James Bang? He already left. Ralph, 2 would you like to speak? 3 RALPH MONTE: I'm pretty good. 4 Thank you. I'm just here as a conscientious objector. I've got Belinda speaking on my behalf. 5 I will say, as a private landlord, 6 7 and most of the people who are speaking are going to be 8 for nonprofit or for the public sector. I partnership 9 with several of the not-for-profit in order to 10 accommodate a better stock of affordable housing, and 11 Chris was just commenting on the Porter Street, and 12 there were 25 vouchers that are still out there. I was 13 kind enough to lease out the one and only three bedroom 14apartment I have to somebody from Porter Street this 15 past week and it was under what the -- what I consider I can get on the open market, but I'm that kind of guy. 16 17 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Good thing 18 you are. Would anyone else like to speak or not speak and then speak? Anyone? That's it? Okay. Well, 19 then, if there isn't anyone else, then --20 RALPH MONTE: One last thing. 21 Ιf 22 nobody is speaking, I could use a million. 23 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Come down to 24 the office. We'll take care of you. 25 KEVIN TAYLOR: Can I ask a

question, just for clarification purposes, regarding 1 2 the ARP dollars? 3 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: The only thing would be and, Chris, unless you wanted to change 4 it, it's usually customary during the public hearing 5 that we don't have any questions, so you would just 6 7 call the office. But, Chris, are we still doing that, 8 or would you like to.

9 CHRIS BANDECCHI: Yeah, it's a
 10 public forum, so it should follow those rules. Any
 11 questions could just be directed to our office. Thank
 12 you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Sure. So if 14 there's no other speakers, I'd like to, once again, 15 thank everyone for attending this even's public 16 hearing, and we're adjourned. Thank you so much, 17 everyone.

18 (Whereupon, the Hearing was 19 adjourned at 5:43 p.m.) 20 21

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#### CERTIFICATE FOR REMOTE HEARING

I hereby certify that the foregoing 11 pages are a
complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my
original stenotype notes taken of the City of Waterbury
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Public Hearing held by
Remote Access in Re: PROPOSED 2022-2023 CD YEAR 48
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, which was held remotely before GAIL
MORIARTY, CHAIRPERSON, on February 15, 2022.

Debra A. Chasse, CSR 00055 Court Reporter A PLUS Reporting, LLC 55 Whiting Street, Suite 1A Plainville, CT 06062 NOTICE OF MEETING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) March 15, 2022 5:30 P.M.

> **Location:** City Hall Veterans' Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor 235 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

# AGENDA

#### 1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. January 27, 2022 Special Meeting
- c. February 8, 2022 Public Hearing
- d. February 15, 2022 Public Hearing
- 3. Public Speakers
- 4. CD YR 48

a. Review of Applications

5. HOME-ARP

a. Review Draft Allocation Plan

6. Adjournment

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### **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

### MEETING March 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Waterbury City Hall Veterans Memorial Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 235 Grand Street

#### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

Present: Gail Moriarty, Chairman; Michael Salvio; Anthony Bocci; Dave Lepore; Bernard Bailey; Paul Pernerewski; Ximena Camanero

#### Absent:

<u>Also Present</u>: Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director Tina Lubus, Housing and Community Planning Program Manager Nancy Allen, Program Specialist

#### Call to Order

A quorum being present, the public meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Moriarty. The pledge of allegiance was observed.

#### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 – Regular Meeting; January 27, 2022 – Special Meeting; February 8, 2022 – Public Hearing; and February 15, 2022 – Public Hearing.

On the motion of Commissioner Salvio, seconded by Commissioner Lepore, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022 – Regular Meeting; January 27, 2022 – Special Meeting; February 8, 2022 – Public Hearing; and February 15, 2022 – Public Hearing.

#### **Public Speakers**

There were two members of the public present (see attached). Chairman Moriarty welcomed any members of the public in attendance to address the Citizens Advisory Committee. There were no speakers.

#### CD YR 48 – Review of Applications

Chairman Moriarty welcomed members of the committee and noted that the purposed for the meeting was to review the applications for the City's CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs. Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide additional information about the planning and application process.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty and the CAC members for their time and effort during the planning process. He noted that the City noticed its funding availability on January 20, and applications were made available on January 21. While the application submission deadline was originally February 25, it was extended to Monday, February 28, due to a snowstorm. During the application period, the Office of Community Development held two technical assistance workshops and the CAC held a public hearing on community needs on February 8. Following the deadline, the Office of Community Development reviewed and evaluated all applications received. Copies were also forwarded to all CAC members for review.

Mr. Bandecchi noted that the City's application process and program remained robust this year. The City received a total of 36 applications for a total ask of \$3,405,278. The requests included:

- 21 applications for CDBG Social Service Programs totaling \$823,357
- Three (3) applications for ESG totaling \$216,400
- 12 applications for CDBG projects totaling \$2,365,521

He further stated that, as noted in the NOFA, the City is using CD YR 47 allocations for planning purposes. These amounts are as follows:

- CDBG: \$2,235,286
- HOME: \$896,277
- ESG: \$190,972

Mr. Bandecchi further informed that committee that HUD had not yet informed the City of its actual entitlement allocations. Congress passed the FY22 Omnibus spending measure, which was signed by President Biden on Friday, March 11. The spending bill included \$53.7 billion for HUD programs and increased most CPD programs with the exception of CDBG, which received a \$150 million (4.5%) decrease in funding. Given that actual allocations are unknown, the CAC will need to include contingency provision language as has been done in prior planning years. Final allocations should be known before the close of the 30-day comment period, which will begin on March 26 and end on April 25.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi. She reminded the committee about the Con Plan priorities for funding, which include:

- First Priority: meeting basic needs (i.e. food, shelter, housing, health);
- Second Priority: seniors, youth, and transportation; and
- Third priority: case management, education, and recreation.

Chairman Moriarty suggested the committee consider applications/funding allocations for programs in the following order: CDBG, including public services, projects, and administration; ESG; and HOME.

Beginning with CDBG public services, Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi if the Office of Community Development had any recommendations based on their review of the applications.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty, and reminded the committee that public services are capped at 15% of the grant, or \$335,292 based on the planning figure. As noted, the City received a total of 21 applications for Social Service Programs, totaling \$823,357. Mr. Bandecchi noted that based on the review of applications, subrecipient performance, community need, and conformance with Con Plan priorities, the Office of Community Development recommends the following allocations:

CDBG AGENCY NAME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Community Partners in Action	\$52,500.00
Manufacturing Alliance Service Corporation, Inc.	\$59,250.00
GWIM - Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.	\$60,000.00
Center For Human Development	\$50,000.00
Waterbury Senior Shuttle	\$45,871.00
Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury, Inc.	\$11,174.00
Salvation Army	\$9,786.00
Waterbury Youth Services, Inc.	\$8,917.00
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury, Inc CDBG	\$8,917.00
Walnut Orange Walsh Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, Inc.	\$8,917.00
Shakesperience Productions, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities, Inc Archdiocese of Hartford - Family Center	\$5,174.00
Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury, Inc.	\$4,786.00
TOTALS	\$335,292.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE CAP (15%)	\$335,292.00

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was any discussion with regard to the proposed allocations. She also suggested that no votes be taken on allocations during the meeting, and that the committee reviews its work at the meeting on March 16, at which time the CAC can

finalize the proposed plan. Following discussion, no changes were made to the proposed allocations for public service projects.

Chairman Moriarty suggested the committee turn to CDBG capital project allocations. She asked Mr. Bandecchi if the Office of Community Development had any recommendations based on their review of the applications.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty, and asked the committee to first consider allocating the full 20% - the CDBG cap – for administration of the grants and programs, totaling \$447,057, and leaving a total of \$1,452,937 for capital projects under CDBG. He then noted that based on the review of applications, subrecipient performance, community need, and conformance with Con Plan priorities, the Office of Community Development recommended the following allocations for CDBG Capital Projects:

CDBG PROJECT NAME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Park Improvements Library Park (Parking Lot & Terraces)	\$650,000.00
Brass City Harvest (Walk-In Freezer)	\$146,937.00
YMCA (Large Pool Rehab)	\$250,000.00
Low-Mod Park Improvements (General Park Improvements in Low/Mode Areas/Block Groups)	\$200,000.00
Boys & Girls Club (Parking Lot & Stairs)	\$55,000.00
Waterbury PAL (Branch St. Splash Pad)	\$151,000.00
TOTALS	\$1,452,937.00

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was any discussion with regard to the proposed allocations. Following discussion, no changes were made to the proposed allocations for public service projects.

Mr. Bandecchi reminded the committee of the need for contingency provision language. The following contingency provision language was proposed:

• In the event of an increase in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program would receive additional funds up to the 15% public service cap; administration would receive additional funds up to the 20% cap; and the remaining increase would be allocated to the library park project.

• In the event of a decrease in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program would be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 15% public service cap; administration would be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 20% cap; and the library park project would be reduced by the remaining amount.

Mr. Bandecchi further noted that in prior years the City has estimated the receipt of \$14,000 in program income (PI). He noted that the same amount of PI was expected in CD YR 48, and recommend that the committee allocate the estimated PI to the library park project.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was any discussion with regard to the contingency provision language. Hearing none, she moved on to allocations under the ESG grant.

At the request of Chairman Moriarty, Mr. Bandecchi proposed the following allocations for CD YR 48 ESG based on review by the Office of Community development:

ESG AGENCY NAME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury, Inc. (Shelter)	\$20,756.00
The Salvation Army (Shelter)	\$10,000.00
The Salvation Army (Homelessness Prevention)	\$28,586.00
The Salvation Army (Rapid Re-Housing)	\$10,650.00
St Vincent DePaul Society (Shelter)	\$83,827.00
St Vincent DePaul Society (Rapid Re-housing)	\$22,831.00
Administration/Planning (7.5% Cap)	\$14,322.00
TOTAL ESG GRANT ALLOCATION	\$190,972.00

Mr. Bandecchi informed the committee that the proposed allocations maintain level funding for the critical services provided by the City's ESG recipients. It also takes into account the 7.5% admin cap. Prior to moving on to discussion, Mr. Bandecchi suggested the following contingency provision language:

- In the event of an increase in funding, ESG administration would be increased to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining increase would be divided proportionately amongst the projects.
- In the event of a decrease in funding, ESG administration would be decreased to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining decrease would be divided proportionately amongst the projects.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked the committee if there was any discussion with regard to the proposed ESG allocations. Hearing no discussion, Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide information on the HOME program.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked the Chairman, and noted that the recommendation from the Office of Community Development was to allocate funding as follows:

HOME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Administration (10%)	\$89,627.00
CHDO (15%)	\$134,442.00
Housing Related Activities (75%)	\$672,208.00
Total 2022-2023 HOME Allocation	\$896,277.00

Mr. Bandecchi noted that the HOME funding is the same as in CD YR 47. He also proposed the following contingency provision:

- In the event of an increase in HOME funding, administration would be increased to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside would be increase to the 15% requirement; and the remaining increase would be allocated to housing related activities.
- In the event of a decrease in HOME funding, administration would be decreased to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside would be decreased to the 15% requirement; and the remaining decrease would be taken from housing related activities.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked the committee if there was any discussion with regard to the proposed HOME allocations. Hearing no discussion, she suggest that no votes be taken on allocations at the meeting, and that the CAC reviews its work and finalized the proposed plan at tomorrow's meeting.

#### HOME-ARP: Review Draft Allocation Plan

Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to provide an update on and any recommendation for funding allocations for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Mr. Bandecchi thanks Chairman Moriarty and noted that the Office of Community Development has developed a draft allocation plan based on citizen input and participation, broad consultation, and consideration of needs identified both in the Con Plan and in the development of the HOME-ARP plan.

Mr. Bandecchi noted that the draft plan will be noticed for 30-days, in tandem with the CD YR 48 plan that the committee began developing this evening. The allocation plan will be submitted as an amendment to the City's HUD-approved CD YR 47 annual action plan.

Mr. Bandecchi reminded the committee that the City will be receiving \$3,248,404 in HOME-ARP funds to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. He noted that Funding under the Act is limited to the following four activities:

- Affordable Rental Housing;
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance;
- Supportive Services; and
- Non-congregate Shelter.

Additionally, under the Act, up to 15 percent of the City's HOME-ARP allocation may be used for payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs.

HOME-ARP funding and activities must primarily benefit individuals and families who categorically fall within one of the following defined qualifying populations (QPs):

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria

Mr. Bandecchi informed the committee that the Office of Community Development carried out required consultation. In January 2022, a Schedule of Meetings and Due Dates was adopted by the CAC, which included five designated dates for HOME-ARP roundtable consultations. Overall, the City consulted with all required groups via virtual meetings, phone conversations, and email, data, and information exchange.

The City also consulted several documents including the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the CT-505 Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count reports. In addition to consultation with the CoC, the Office of Community Development consulted with homeless and domestic violence service providers, several public agencies, and fair housing and human rights officers and organizations.

Mr. Bandecchi noted that the public participation requirements were met, including two public hearings, a 30-day public comment period, and the release of a HOME-ARP resident survey. The City took efforts to broaden and increase public participation.

In developing the plan, Mr. Bandecchi noted the identification of the following priority housing and service needs:

Priority 1.0:	Provide funding for supportive services
Priority 2.0:	Provide funding for homeless/domestic violence (non-profit) operating expenses (5% cap)
Priority 3.0:	Provide funding for the development (including substantial rehabilitation)

of

To address these needs, the following allocations were proposed:

affordable rental housing

HOME-ARP Funding Allocations					
Eligible Activity	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit		
Supportive Services	\$ 1,500,000				
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,098,724				
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 162,420	5%	5%		
Administration and Planning	\$ 487,260	15%	15%		
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$ 3,248,404				

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was any discussion or questions with regard to the proposed allocations and plan for HOME-ARP. Following discussion/questions, no changes were made to the proposed allocations.

Chairman Moriarty suggested that, similar to CD YR 48, no votes be taken on allocations at the meeting, and that the CAC reviews its work at tomorrow's meeting, where the committee can finalize the proposed plan.
**Adjournment** 

There being no further business, Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to adjourn. On the motion of Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director City of Waterbury, Office of Community Development

Attachment(s): 1

# NOTICE OF MEETING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) March 16, 2022 5:30 P.M.

**Location:** City Hall Veterans' Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor 235 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

### **AGENDA**

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Speakers
- 3. CD YR 48
  - a. Review of Applications
  - b. Adoption of Draft Plan
- 4. HOME-ARP
  - a. Review Draft Allocation Plan
  - b. Adoption of Draft Allocation Plan
- 5. Adjournment

### **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

#### MEETING March 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Waterbury City Hall Veterans Memorial Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 235 Grand Street

#### SUMMARY MINUTES

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Present: Gail Moriarty, Chairman; Michael Salvio; Anthony Bocci; Dave Lepore; Bernard Bailey; Paul Pernerewski; Ximena Camanero

#### Absent:

<u>Also Present</u>: Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director Nancy Allen, Program Specialist

#### Call to Order

A quorum being present, the public meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairman Moriarty. The pledge of allegiance was observed.

#### **Public Speakers**

There were two members of the public present (see attached). Chairman Moriarty welcomed any members of the public in attendance to address the Citizens Advisory Committee. There were no speakers.

#### CD YR 48 – Adoption of Draft Plan

Chairman Moriarty welcomed members of the committee and noted that the purpose for the meeting was to review and approve the proposed applications and draft plan for the City's CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs. Chairman Moriarty suggested that the CAC review and approve each program separately, beginning with CDBG. Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to read the proposed allocations for CDBG, beginning with administration, followed by social services and then capital projects.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty and the CAC members for their time. He informed the committee that the proposed allocation for CDBG administration was \$447,057, or 20% of the planning figure (\$2,235,286).

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and entertained a motion to approve the allocation for CDBG Administration in the amount of \$447,057.

On the motion of Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the allocation of \$447,057 for CDBG Administration for CD YR 48.

Following approval of the Administration allocation, Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to review the proposed public service allocations. Mr. Bandecchi read of the proposed CDBG social service allocations:

CDBG AGENCY NAME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Community Partners in Action	\$52,500.00
Manufacturing Alliance Service Corporation, Inc.	\$59,250.00
GWIM - Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc.	\$60,000.00
Center For Human Development	\$50,000.00
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Walnut Orange Walsh Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, Inc.	\$8,917.00
Shakesperience Productions, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Catholic Charities, Inc Archdiocese of Hartford - Family Center	\$5,174.00
Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury, Inc.	\$4,786.00
TOTALS	\$335,292.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE CAP (15%)	\$335,292.00

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed social service allocations as read.

On the motion of Commissioner Salvio, seconded by Commissioner Camanero, the Citizens Advisory Committee moved to discussion of the item. Commissioner Bailey inquired about funding for Walnut Orange Walsh and Children in Placement. He expressed interest in providing additional funding, suggesting that Manufacturing Alliance Service Corporation receive less funding. Commissioner Pernerewski reminded the committee that there is a limited amount of funding, and that he was satisfied with the allocations as proposed. Following discussion, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted 6-1 to approve the CD YR 48 social service allocations. Commissioner Bailey voted no on the motion.

Following approval of the social service allocations, Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to review the proposed capital project allocations. Mr. Bandecchi read of the proposed CDBG capital project allocations:

CDBG PROJECT NAME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Park Improvements Library Park (Parking Lot & Terraces)	\$650,000.00
Brass City Harvest (Walk-In Freezer)	\$146,937.00
YMCA (Large Pool Rehab)	\$250,000.00
Low-Mod Park Improvements (General Park Improvements in Low/Mode Areas/Block Groups)	\$200,000.00
Boys & Girls Club (Parking Lot & Stairs)	\$55,000.00
Waterbury PAL (Branch St. Splash Pad)	\$151,000.00
TOTALS	\$1,452,937.00

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed capital project allocations as read.

On the motion of Commissioner Salvio, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the Citizens Advisory Committee moved to discussion of the item. Commissioner Bailey inquired about funding for New Opportunities and the Waterbury Housing Authority. He noted that City parks had received a lot of funding over the past few years, and expressed interest in providing additional funding for the referenced projects. Commissioner Pernerewski noted that, similar to social services, the there is a limited amount of funds; and, that he was satisfied with the allocations as proposed. Following discussion, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CD YR 48 capital project allocations. Following approval of the capital allocations, Chairman Moriarty noted that the CAC also needed to approve contingency provision language. She read off the proposed contingency provisions:

- In the event of an increase in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program would receive additional funds up to the 15% public service cap; administration would receive additional funds up to the 20% cap; and the remaining increase would be allocated to the library park project.
- In the event of a decrease in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program would be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 15% public service cap; administration would be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 20% cap; and the library park project would be reduced by the remaining amount.

Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the CD YR 48 CDBG Contingency Provision Language.

On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CD YR 48 CDBG Contingency Provision Language.

Chairman Moriarty thanked the committee, and she noted that the CAC needed to approve the allocation of anticipated Program Income (PI) in the amount of \$14,000 to the library park project. She entertained a motion to approve the allocation.

On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the allocation of anticipated program income (\$14,000) under the CDBG program to the library park project.

Chairman Moriarty suggested that the committee next review and approve the ESG allocations. She asked Mr. Bandecchi to review the proposed ESG allocations. Mr. Bandecchi read off the proposed ESG allocations:

ESG AGENCY NAME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury, Inc. (Shelter)	\$20,756.00
The Salvation Army (Shelter)	\$10,000.00
The Salvation Army (Homelessness Prevention)	\$28,586.00
The Salvation Army (Rapid Re-Housing)	\$10,650.00
St Vincent DePaul Society (Shelter)	\$83,827.00
St Vincent DePaul Society (Rapid Re-housing)	\$22,831.00
Administration/Planning (7.5% Cap)	\$14,322.00
TOTAL ESG GRANT ALLOCATION	\$190,972.00

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed CD YR 48 ESG allocations as read.

On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CD YR 48 ESG allocations.

Following approval of the ESG allocations, Chairman Moriarty reminded the committee that it needed to approve contingency provision language. She read off the proposed contingency provisions for the ESG grant:

- In the event of an increase in funding, ESG administration would be increased to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining increase would be divided proportionately amongst the projects.
- In the event of a decrease in funding, ESG administration would be decreased to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining decrease would be divided proportionately amongst the projects.

Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the CD YR 48 ESG Contingency Provision Language.

On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CD YR 48 ESG Contingency Provision Language.

Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to review the proposed HOME allocations and contingency provisions. Mr. Bandecchi read off the proposed HOME allocations and contingency provision language:

HOME	CD YR 48 Proposed
Administration (10%)	\$89,627.00
CHDO (15%)	\$134,442.00
Housing Related Activities (75%)	\$672,208.00
Total 2022-2023 HOME Allocation	\$896,277.00

Contingency provisions:

• In the event of an increase in HOME funding, administration would be increased to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside would be increase to the 15% requirement; and the remaining increase would be allocated to housing related activities.

• In the event of a decrease in HOME funding, administration would be decreased to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside would be decreased to the 15% requirement; and the remaining decrease would be taken from housing related activities.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed CD YR 48 HOME allocations and contingency provisions, as read.

On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CD YR 48 HOME allocations and HOME contingency provision language.

#### HOME-ARP: Adoption of Draft Allocation Plan

Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to review the proposed funding allocations for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked the Chairman, and reminded the committee of the HOME-ARP allocation in the amount of \$3,248,404. He read off the proposed HOME-ARP Allocations based on the draft plan:

HOME-ARP Funding Allocations												
Eligible Activity Funding Amount Percent of Statutor the Grant Limit												
Supportive Services	\$ 1,500,000											
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,098,724	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·										
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 162,420	5%	5%									
Administration and Planning	\$ 487,260	15%	15%									
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$ 3,248,404											

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi, and asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed draft HOME-ARP allocation plan.

On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Chairman Moriarty thanked the committee again for their time and hard work, and reminded them that the CD YR 48 draft plan and draft HOME-ARP allocation plan would be published in the Republican-American on March 25; and, the 30-day public comment period would begin on March 26 and end on April 25. The CAC will meet to hold a public hearing on the draft plans on April 5 at 5:30 pm. Further, unless needed, next week's CAC meeting on March 22 will be cancelled.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to adjourn. On the motion of Commissioner Pernerewski, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (7-0) to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director City of Waterbury, Office of Community Development

Attachment(s): 1

# NOTICE OF MEETING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) March 22, 2022 5:30 P.M.

**Location:** City Hall Veterans' Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor 235 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

# AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Speakers
- 3. CD YR 48
  - a. Review of Applications
  - b. Adoption of Draft Plan
- 4. HOME-ARP
  - a. Review Draft Allocation Plan
  - b. Adoption of Draft Allocation Plan
- 5. Adjournment

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### **CANCELLATION OF MEETING NOTICE**

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MEETING OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

# ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22, 2022 5:30 PM

# HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA ITEMS



#### PROPOSED HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN-CD YR 47 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### A SUMMARY OF THE CITY OF WATERBURY PROPOSED HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN/ USE OF FUNDS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

The City of Waterbury has prepared the City's proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Notice is hereby given that the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold a Public Hearing and public comment period for the proposed allocation plan. This action is undertaken in compliance with federal regulations 24 CFR 91 and in accordance with Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program. The Allocation Plan delineates proposed activities to be funded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan identifies how \$3,248,404 in HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding be used. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("the Act"), appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. A summary of the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is listed below.

In order to receive its HOME-ARP funding, the City engaged in consultation, solicitation of public input, and encouraged participation in the development of its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Funding under the Act is limited to the following four activities:

- Affordable Rental Housing;
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance;
- Supportive Services; and
- Non-congregate Shelter.

Additionally, funding and activities must primarily benefit individuals and families who categorically fall within one of the following defined qualifying populations:

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria

A thirty (30) day public comment period will commence on March 28, 2021, and will end April 28, 2022. Drafts of the proposed plan will be available for public review at the Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street; the City Clerk's Office, 235 Grand Street; and the Office of

Community Development, 235 Grand Street. The Plan is also available on the City of Waterbury website at <u>www.waterburyct.org//home-arp</u>.

Written comments regarding the draft plan may be submitted to the attention of Nancy Allen, Program Specialist, Community Development Office, City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Room C-29 Waterbury, CT. 06702 nallen@waterburyct.org

**Second Public Hearing**: Notice is hereby given that the CAC will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:30 PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed allocation plan. The hearing will be located at City Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor, 235 Grand Street. The facility is handicapped accessible. The City will provide interpreters and assistance for non-English speaking, hearing-impaired, or disabled residents upon receiving a request at least four (4) days prior to this hearing date. Contact Nancy Allen at 203-346-3810 ext. 7274 or at nallen@waterburyct.org. All interested person(s) are encouraged to participate.

#### Summary of Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan identifies three priority needs for qualifying populations: the provision of funds for supportive services provided by homeless and domestic service providers; the provision of funds for non-profit operating expenses; and the provision of funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. The chart below provides the funding allocations that support these priority needs:

<u>Supportive Services</u>: (\$1,500,000) - funds for supportive services provided by homeless and domestic service providers.

**Development of Affordable Rental Housing: (\$1,098,724)** - funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

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<u>Administration and Planning</u>: (\$487,260) – funds for administration and planning of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

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FROM:	Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director Office of Community Development, City of Waterbury
RE:	Materials Available for Public Review Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1
DATE:	March 28, 2022

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Good morning Jered,

Would you please forward the attached Public Legal Notice and below message to your distribution list for the CoC/CAN? This notice appeared in the Republican American on March 26, and was distributed to the Department's current mailing list and subrecipients on March 28. The notice has also been posted to the City website.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your help.

Thanks, Chris

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Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find a copy of the Public Legal Notice on the Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Republican American on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Please note that there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:30 PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed plan. The hearing will be located at City Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor, 235 Grand Street.

Please note that drafts of the proposed plan are available for public review at the Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street; the City Clerk's Office, 235 Grand Street; and the Office of Community Development, 235 Grand Street. The Plan is also available on the City of Waterbury website at <u>www.waterburyct.org/home-arp</u>.

The 30-day public comment period commenced March 28, 2022, and will end on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Thank you for your interest in the City's Community Development Program and we look forward to your participation.

Chris

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# <u>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</u> CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) April 13, 2022 5:30 P.M.

**Location:** City Hall Veterans' Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor 235 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

## **AGENDA**

#### 1. Call to Order

- 2. Public Hearing A public hearing to receive public input on the Proposed 2022-2023 CD YR 48 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which details proposed activities to be funded under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs. The Proposed AAP was published in the Republican American on March 26, 2022, and made available for public review at the Silas Bronson Library, the City Clerk's Office, the Office of Community Development, and on the City of Waterbury website.
- 3. Public Hearing A public hearing to receive public input on the Proposed HOME Investment Partnerships –America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan details proposed activities funded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Proposed Plan was published in the Republican American on March 26, 2022, and made available for public review at the Silas Bronson Library, the City Clerk's Office, the Office of Community Development, and on the City of Waterbury website
- 4. Adjournment

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	16	RICHARD STALLINGS	
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CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: I'd like to call the hearing to order. At this time stand for the pledge. (Pledge of Allegiance.)

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CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you all very 4 5 much. I'd like to thank everybody for joining us this 6 evening and for your participation in tonight's public 7 hearing. We have two items on this evening's agenda. The 8 first is a hearing to receive public input on the proposed 9 2022-2023 CD year 48 annual action pan, and the second one, 10 which is a hearing to receive public input on proposed HOME Investment Partnerships America Rescue Plan, which is called ARP, allocation plan CD year 47 substantial amendment number one.

14 Chris, before we proceed, do you have any 15 additional information?

16 CHRISTOPHER BANDECCHI: Thank you, madam 17 chair. I just want to thank everyone, members of CAC and 18 members of the public, for coming out this evening, for your 19 time, and during the planning process. Just as a reminder 20 for the CAC, the plans covered by this evening's hearing are 21 currently out for public comment that went out on 22 March 28th. The public comment period will end on 23 April 28th. Those are all. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you. I'd like 25 to remind everyone that the CAC has a limit of three

speakers per organization and that there's a limit of three minutes per speaker. With that, we'll proceed with the first agenda item on the proposed 2022-2023 CD year 48 annual action plan.

Our first speaker is Beth Hines from Community Partners in Action. Thank you.

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BETH HINES: I just wanted to say it's so nice to be in public and to see people. I think this is my first event in, like, a very long time. I really appreciate the opportunity to be here in such a beautiful building.

So my name is Beth Hines. I'm the executive director for Community Partners in Action, also referred to as CPA, and I wish to extend my thanks to the Citizens Advisory Committee for recommending that the Waterbury Reentry Welcome Center continue to receive community development block grant funding. The reentry welcome enter is currently located at the Opportunities Industrialization Center, which is also known as the OIC building, at 77 Bishop Street in Waterbury.

Currently, we occupy two offices on the first floor of the OIC, but we will be relocating downstairs to a renovated space in the coming weeks thanks to the City of Waterbury for renovating the space for us. We're looking forward to being able to offer more on-site services to our participants in this new larger space, which will include

workforce development. So a year ago when I thanked you, we really -- I don't even think we had \$100,000 to open the reentry welcome center. And so I just wanted to kind of go over what we've been able to accomplish briefly in order to scale up the center to full operations.

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6 So we opened our doors officially this past 7 December. We have enrolled 22 participants from local 8 halfway houses. Our participant drop-off policy with the 9 Department of Corrections has led to an additional five 10 participants enrolled, which brings our total caseload up to 27 as of March 31st, and this is just in three short months. 11 We already have several people from the Department of Corrections scheduled for drop-off during the month of So instead of people being dropped off on the green April. in the middle of the city with nowhere to go, people now come to the center and have people waiting for them and we know when they're coming, we know what their needs are, and so they're no longer in crisis on the day of their release.

19 In this past December, we were the 20 beneficiaries of a Department of Justice award, which enables us to scale our operations up much sooner than we 21 22 ever had anticipated. So we have a program manager, a case manager, a reentry navigator, an admin assistant, and enough 23 24 funding for -- to meet participant needs, their basic needs, 25 shelter, food, clothing.

I just want you to know that none of this would really be possible if the Citizens Advisory Committee didn't believe that we could make this happen. So I stand before you today a year later with a center I just left serving people and making a difference in the Waterbury community, making it safer. And so I thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you very much. Next, we have GWIM, Richard Stallings.

9 RICHARD STALLINGS: Good evening, ladies and 10 My name is Richard Stallings. I want to first gentlemen. say it's an honor to be here. This is the first time I've 11 12 ever done anything like this. I thank my boss for the 13 opportunity to try this. Again, I wanted to say good 14 evening again. My name is Richard Stallings. I'm here for the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Incorporation, 15 770 East Main Street. I work for MaturityWorks. My present 16 assignment is at the Greater Waterbury Interfaith 17 18 Ministries.

I want to express my experience of seeing and hearing firsthand dealing with the homeless people and people who are going through tough times in their lives at this present time. But because of you ladies and gentlemen, you give hope to these people by making it possible for them to have a place where they can go and get a hot meal, clean clothes, and so much more through food pantry that gives

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generously to the needy. The smile and the warmth that comes on these people's faces is undefined. You ladies and gentlemen make this possible. You make this happen. There's a book that says angels can come in the form of women and men. What you do for this community is awesome. It's so much greatly needed and so much greatly appreciated. We would just love to say thank you for the bottom of our hearts. Thank you, Citizens Advisory Committee.

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CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you.

10Our next speaker is Lee Schlesinger from11Save Haven.

LEE SCHLESINGER: Hello. Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Lee Schlesinger from Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury. We're at 29 Central Avenue. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the CAC for our past support of our program to Safe Haven and for your proposed funding plan for 2022-2023 CD year 48.

We realize that there are many other 18 19 deserving programs applying for this money and that 20 difficult decisions must be made, especially as costs and the needs for services rise without additional funding. 21 We are very grateful that you keep Safe Haven included in this 22 group with your proposal to continue funding our emergency 23 shelter and our community-based services, including case 24 25 management and our community education program.

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I'm just going to go off my little script here for a second. I'm just thinking of increased need of services. Kathy came in and sat down in front of me. Our -- we have two people at our office that participate in the forensic interviews over at the Child Advocacy Center. They normally do about 100 interviews in a year. They've already done 90 since the beginning of January. The need is astronomical this year.

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As the restrictions around the pandemic 9 10 ease, we have begun seeing more clients in person. Our therapy program and the other classes have shifted back to 11 in person from virtual. We continue to look forward to the 12 days where we can operate in fully prepandemic mode. This 13 funding will help us continue providing these live-saving 14 services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. 15

We will also be able to continue our efforts 16 to reduce this type of violence through our communicate 17 prevention education program. Thank you again to the Citizens Advisory Committee for volunteering your time and 19 your commitment to our community. It is truly appreciated. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you. Next, we have Barbara Dublin from GWIM. BARBARA DUBLIN: Good evening, everyone. My name is Barbara Ann Dublin. I'm the executive director of

GWIM, Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, located at 770 East Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, thanks to Ralph Monte. We are a soup kitchen, food pantry, and resource center.

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5 Thank you Citizens Advisory Committee for 6 all your hard work, your energy, and time. I'm grateful. 7 I'm extremely grateful. The amount of food, the amount of hungry citizens that join us for a gourmet lunch daily simultaneously grows daily, so the prices of the food that we're experiencing, necessary items to stock our pantry and serve our people at the soup kitchen, the prices are extraordinary. So when I shop for them, I'm very mindful of all the necessities that I must purchase. And at the same time, I'm being very conscientious of the population we They require specialized food, nutritional items serve. that must support their medical diagnoses as well, such as diabetes and other special needs.

18 When shopping, it is very imperative that I 19 shop for many specialized food and nutritional items that are always essential to good health. They're not only 20 pricey, but they're scarce. I'm frugal, so when I shop, I 21 22 have to search for basic items, which are very expensive. Apple juice is one of the items I always look for for 23 children. Hard to find. Just wanted to say thank you. 24 I'm 25 feeling truly blessed for each and every one of you for

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taking the time, the hard work, and the energy in consideration of GWIM providing a basic need. We appreciate you. Our hungry friends appreciate you. All our neighbors appreciate you. And thank you for allowing me to continue a community that relies on our services. Have a wonderful evening. God bless.

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CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Next, we have Karen Senich from Boys & Girls Club.

KAREN SENICH: Good evening. I'm Karen
Senich. I'm the executive director of the Boys & Girls Club
of Greater Waterbury, which is located at 1037 East Main.
On behalf of our board of directors, our staff, and our
families, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury thank
you for supporting the club for year 48 funding allocations.

The City's ongoing support for the CDBG 15 16 grant program allow the Boys & Girls Club to improve its programs and its facilities. The proposed support will 17 18 allow the club to repave its parking lot, its stairs and sidewalks used by members and families every day. The club 19 is committed to providing a safe environment to its members, 20 staff, visitors, and volunteers, and this funding will allow 21 the club to continue that progress that it has made over the 22 23 past several years.

Thank you again for supporting our mission,
 which is by providing a wide range of educational and

recreational opportunities, a safe environment, supportive relationships, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury helps young people who need it most to discover their interests, have a positive outlook on their futures, be confident and successful stewards of their communities. Thank you.

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7 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Our next speaker is from Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury, Jessica Reho. 8 JESSICA REHO: Good evening. My name is 9 Jessica Reho and I am the executive director of Literacy 10 Volunteers of Greater Waterbury. Our adult literacy program 11 12 is housed in the Silas Bronson Library located at 267 Grand 13 Street. I am here tonight to thank you for considering Literacy Volunteers for CDBG funding in the proposed draft 14 plan for the upcoming program year. I also want to thank 15 you for not proposing to further cut our funding and, 16 17 therefore, keep us in the budget at the same amount as last 18 year.

For those who are not familiar with our program, with the help of almost 50 volunteer tutors, we have been able to provide our adult learners with free weekly classes in basic literacy, English as a second language, and U.S. citizenship both virtually and in person at the library. We are currently serving 100 adult learners and have 27 adults awaiting a tutor. This number continues to grow daily as new students enroll, showing there is a continued need for our services in the community.

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Over the past few months, the following success stories have been shared by our tutors. Two students passed their U.S. citizenship test; one student received their state license for handyman services; two students got a new job and did their interview in English; nine students improved their reading and comprehension skills; 11 students improved their speaking skills; two students improved their listening skills; three students improved their writing skills; two students showed an increase in competence in speaking English; one student continues classes at Naugatuck Valley Community College; one student has been enrolled in classes at Waterbury Adult Education; and three students have recently enrolled in classes at RIBA Aspira Academy.

17 The CDBG funds we are requesting would help 18 cover a portion of the salaries of our staff, who train our 19 tutors, who register our students, and who provide ongoing support to our tutors and students. It would also help 20 cover some of the costs of the materials needed for tutor 21 trainings and workshops. Please know that all funds awarded 22 23 to Literacy Volunteers will go directly toward serving the 24 adult members in our community. It is our hope that by 25 attending our program, adults will be able to meet their

personal, educational, and professional goals and become 1 2 more productive members of our community. Please know that your continued support is 3 vital to the success of our adult literacy program, and it 4 5 is my hope that you will keep Literacy Volunteers at the 6 proposed funding amount for the upcoming year. Thank you 7 for your consideration. Together we can achieve literacy for all. 8 XIMENA CAMANERO: I just want to let you 9 know and congratulate you. I was one of the students for 10 the literacy volunteers when I just arrived to this country. 11 Thank you. 12 13 JESSICA REHO: That's amazing. Thank you so much for sharing. 14 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Our next speaker is 15 16 from the YMCA, Allison --17 ALLISON REKLAITIS: -- Reklaitis. It's a 18 tough one. 19 Good evening, everyone. My name is Allison Reklaitis. I'm the development director for the Greater 20 Waterbury YMCA located at 136 West Main Street. Many thanks 21 to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the opportunity to 22 speak this evening and who are considering proposed funding 23 for the Y. 24 25 The Waterbury YMCA is a leading social

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services agency in our community. We provide programs and services to residents in a nine-town service area predominantly through Waterbury. We offer financial assistance and subsidized fees for all our services, health and wellness programs, from infant and child care to youth and teen, adult senior programming. We serve about 22,000 individuals each year.

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8 Our YMCA facilities include West Main 9 Street, the Annex at Rose Hill, the Berkeley Warner Recreation Center, and two outdoor day camp centers as well. 10 So I'd like to thank you for favorably considering the Y's 11 request regarding funding for the renovation and improvement 12 of our large pool located in our West Main Street building. 13 The Y's pool is a critical part of the Waterbury community 14 in respect to both health and safety. Each year thousands 15 of community members make use of the pool. Hundreds of 16 children learn proper swim technique and safety around 17 water. And adults and children are engaging in physical 18 activity in the pool during, like, swim team and lap swim. 19

20 The CDBG funds to renovate and upgrade the existing large pool, which was originally constructed in 21 1973, will help renovate the 50-year-old pool. It's in need 22 of significant repair, particularly in filtration; and this 23 filtration is critical to both the quality of the pool water 25 as well as the air quality in the pool deck, which, of

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course, is important to our members in the community. Beyond the upgraded filtration, we'll be replacing diving blocks, tiling, piping, and making some structural enhancements, as well, to ensure that the pool is to the standards of the community it serves.

So I want to thank you guys again for your support of this request and recognizing the Y's commitment to the City of Waterbury and its residents. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you.

Next is James from the Salvation Army.

JAMES BANG: Good evening, everyone. My name is Captain James Bang from the Salvation Army of Waterbury, 74 Central Avenue. The Salvation Army of Waterbury would like to thank the CAC volunteers and the City of Waterbury for the continued funding allocated to our food pantry, emergent family shelter, rapid rehousing program, and homeless prevention program.

Since October 2021, this funding has allowed the Salvation Army to provide emergency shelter for 28 families comprised of 86 individuals, 42 under the age of 18, rental assistance to prevent homelessness to 16 families comprised of 43 individuals, rapid rehousing to ten families comprised of 36 individuals, and food pantry to 975 individuals. All of these numbers represent a mother, father, a grandparent, and a child within our community who

would be struggling to have their basic needs met without 1 2 the services provided by the Salvation Army. 3 As you can imagine, these clients come to 4 our team hopeless, struggling, and fearful. When we are 5 able to provide them with one of these essential services, 6 it allows them to begin focusing on their immediate needs, 7 like obtaining employment and child care, to continue to meet their basic needs of food, shelter, and housing. The 8 continued financial support of the City of Waterbury allows 9 our team to constantly help individuals in our community. 10 Again, we thank you. 11 12 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you. Our next speaker is Isaiah Santiago from 13 Shakesperience Productions. 14 15 ISAIAH SANTIAGO: I'll just use my theater 16 voice and read from here. 17 I didn't know we had three full minutes. I probably would have done a scene from Shakespeare. My name 18 19 is Isaiah Santiago. I am the managing director at Shakesperience Productions just on Bank Street there. We at 20 Shakesperience Productions want to thank the Citizens 21 22 Advisory Committee for the funding of our acting intensive programming. 23 24 Although the last few years have been taxing

on us all, especially nonprofits like us, we have overcome

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these obstacles by being able to bring programs to low-income Waterbury families. This grant, not only does it do so much for us, but it has allowed us to work on new initiatives that fuse our neighborhoods programming and our annual holiday show to increase diversity and love, which is two things that we so desperately need now more than ever.

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Our programs have been able to reach not only all of Waterbury but the entire State of Connecticut. Shakesperience has expanded the level of its scholarship program to provide free tuition to moderate- to low-income students in our three seven-week Saturday acting sessions. The program has enabled dozens of students who would not otherwise be able to afford the program to find their voice, and this high-impact enrichment performance and educational program embodies the philosophy of and leads a strong discipline ensemble grounded in language and positive interaction.

18 Students learn to develop action and character through text within a strong socially responsive 19 20 ensemble that gives them ownership of that work. Students 21 show significant long-term results, including literacy, public speaking, individual and group work ethic, as well as 22 a positive outlook, attitude, and self-expression. These 23 impressions at the individual level are invaluable in 24 25 creating leadership skills and pride necessary to counteract blight in our urban center.

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Prior to CDBG scholarship funding, the opportunities in valuable personal and interpersonal skills gained in our acting intensive programs was unavailable to low- and moderate-income students in Waterbury.

So we thank you once again and continue to
look forward to invest in our community.

8 CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you very much. 9 And our last speaker is Waterbury Youth 10 Services.

11 KATHI CROWE: I don't have a theater voice, 12 so I'm going -- that was impressive. My name is Kathi 13 Crowe, the executive director of Waterbury Youth Services. 14 I'd like to thank you very much for volunteering your time 15 and effort that you put in. I know it's a rather thankless 16 job, so thank you.

We have applied for two things this year. 17 One is something that you supported us for many years, and 18 19 that is our truancy program. We put in a request to 20 increase that funding because we have seen such a tremendous 21 increase in truancy cases. We provide a case manager who goes to the homes to try to figure out what the purpose --22 the reason behind the truancy. Last year we had 220 young 23 people that were truant at this time of the year. This year 24 we have 340. We're still trying to do the same job with not 25

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even one full-time case manager, so we really need to add a second case manager. So I'd ask -- you know, we're grateful for the support you've committed, but I would ask you to reconsider, you know, that position that we requested.

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The other thing we requested is vent ductwork replacement. We bought our building at 83 Prospect Street in Waterbury from the City a number of years ago, and we this year had a mold problem in our ductwork. It cost us money because we lost a long-term tenant there. We lease out different sections of our building to other nonprofits, and we had a lease that got vacated because we found mold in the ductwork and had to throw out all the furniture, redo carpets, repaint everything; but we still have the ductwork issue, which is significant. That's a \$60,000 job. So that wasn't -- that's not in your plan. I would ask that you please -- if you can reconsider, we would really, really appreciate that.

So we love working with you. You have always been very good to us. And we appreciate that. But if you could, you know, look again at the numbers and find us the money we need so that our truancy program isn't a token effort, but it's really impactful on the 340-something kids that have needed it so far this year. Thank you for your time.

CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you very much.

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Is there anyone I missed? Do we have another speaker?

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KARINA FIGUEROA: I wasn't ready to talk. Today is my first time here, but I want to say thank you to consider Catholic Charities. We have a diaper bank on 965 South Main Street. You guys have been very grateful to consider us for another year. Thank you so much.

CHRISTOPHER BANDECCHI: Madam chair, before 8 you go on, I just want to read into the record a letter of 9 testimony from Arts for Learning Connecticut, if that's okay. So the gentleman who wrote this is John-Michael 11 Parker. He is the executive director.

This is what he wrote: To the members of 13 14 the City of Waterbury Citizen Advisory Committee, my name is 15 John-Michael Parker, and I am the executive director of Arts for Learning Connecticut, a nonprofit organization providing 16 17 arts learning programs in your city. I would first like to thank you for your service to the community and for your 18 19 significant support you provide to organizations offering 20 critical services in the city. I would also like to thank you for reading this testimony in my absence. 21

While our organization has provided services 22 23 in the city for many years, this was our first application to the CDBG program. We sought \$10,000 to implement our 24 25 whole-school, deep-impact teaching and learning program,

Higher Order Thinking, or HOT, schools at FJ Kingsbury Elementary during the 2022-23 school year. This program will provide hundreds of hours of arts learning activities for Kingsbury's 490 K-through-5 students.

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With 84 percent of these students eligible 5 6 for free or reduced price lunch, this project aims to create suitable living environment for low- and moderate-income youth in Waterbury. We appreciate your careful consideration, and we are disappointed not to be recommended for funding this year. In order to provide further insight into the value of our work, I'd like to share a remark from Kingsbury principal, Erik Brown.

Through the arts, our approach has been 13 social emotional learning with mental health at the 14 forefront. Bullying, depression, and character building are 15 16 all examples of the umbrella we've been falling under post-pandemic to best serve our students. With AFLCT's HOT 17 schools, our students have benefitted tremendously. Staff 18 as individuals are beginning to embrace us as a HOT school. 19 At first, most could not have comprehended the importance of 20 the arts and how it enhances the school culture and climate. 21 The related physical development has been a significant 22 influence to alter minds teacher by teacher. Each 23 professional enjoys a PD that is immediately utilized in 24 25 The final stage for this mission is on May 27, classrooms.

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2022, with Boogie Chillun. That will allow parents and community members to partake in this unique arts experience. We will infuse the arts with our athletically driven field day activities. My assumption is the parents are going to love it. As for next year, we need to carry this positivity forward. The arts make us at Kingsbury feel good. The Kingsbury community is on fire. We are definitely a HOT school.

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9 While we've received matching funds from a 10 number of sources, including the Connecticut Office of the 11 Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, Connecticut 12 Community Foundation, and the Red Rhino Fund, to support 13 this work in 2022-23, we hope you will consider and include 14 some level of funding for this project here in CD year 48.

Either way, we look forward to continuing to share our work with you in the future. Thank you. Sincerely, John-Michael Parker, executive director.

CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Thank you.

19Also, we had 19 letters from the Hispanic20Coalition. I won't read them.

So I believe if there's no other speakers, then we'd like to thank you all for coming and attending this public hearing. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd, to review the comments on the plans.

Sorry, guys. The second public hearing to

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in the second	receive public input on the proposed HOME Investment
/	Partnerships American Rescue Plan, HOME-ARP, allocation plan
-	CD year 47 substantial amendment number one.
4	The HOME-ARP allocation plan details
Į	proposed activities funded under the American Rescue Plan
6	Act of 2021. The proposed plan was published in the
-	Republican American on March 26, 2022, and made available
8	for public review at the Silas Bronson Library, the city
5	clerk's office, the Office of Community Development, and on
10	the City of Waterbury's website.
11	So do we have speakers for this?
12	CHRISTOPHER BANDECCHI: You have to ask if
13	anybody wants to speak. Just ask if there are any speakers.
14	CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Are there any
15	speakers? Yes. Barbara?
16	BARBARA DUBLIN: May I speak?
17	CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: Please.
18	BARBARA DUBLIN: Good evening again,
19	everyone. I'm Barbara Ann Dublin from Greater Waterbury
20	Interfaith Ministries. I just want to say that in reading
21	the ARP allocation plan, I think it's amazing that the City
22	is going to be able to support 1.5 million funding for
23	supportive services that will help the homeless and domestic
24	service providers. I really think it's such a necessary
25	part of what we need in this city. And I'm just so proud

that they have this funding, will be receiving this funding, and I know it will be put to the best use ever. I wanted to say I'm so in favor of seeing the City receive this and being able to help more and more than they already do, which is a lot.

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Hello, Mr. Mayor. How are you?

So I just wanted to say thank you to the City receiving this special funding and also for the development of affordable rental housing, nonprofit operating, and administrating the planning. I think it's monumental that the City receives this, and I just wanted to say thank you.

Thank you, Barbara. CHAIRPERSON MORIARTY: 13 Would anyone else like to speak or to 14 That's it? Okay. May 3rd is our next meeting. 15 comment? We will review everything that went on tonight. So thank 16 you to all that stayed. 17

18 (Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.) 19 20 21 22

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original stenotype notes taken of the hearing in re: City of Waterbury Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing on April 13, 2022.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd day of May, 2022.

**Vessica Noble Notary Public CT License No. 402** 

My Commission expires: September 30, 2026



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MEMORANDUM

то:	Gail Moriarty, Chairman Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee
FROM:	Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director
RE:	Summary of Comments Received on the Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1
DATE:	April 29, 2022

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 §§105(b)(4) and (5), Section IV(C) of the City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), and Notice CPD-21-10, this memo provides a summary of comments received during the thirty (30) day public comment period on the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1. As you know, the CAC must consider any comments or views received on the Plan during this time. This memo will be included as an attachment to the final AAP.

By way of background, the City of Waterbury is eligible to receive \$3,248,404 in HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. The funding is authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. In order to receive this funding, the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The planning process includes a thirty (30) day public comment period which began on March 28, 2022, and concluded on April 28, 2022. The combined notice of public hearing, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan summary, and public comment period was advertised in the Republican-American on March 26, 2022. The notice and proposed Plan was also posted on the City's website and in accordance with the City's CPP. During the comment period, the CAC held a public hearing on April 13, 2022.

During the thirty (30) day comment period, the Department of Community Development did not receive any written or verbal comments. There was one (1) public speaker at the aforementioned public hearing, who spoke in favor of the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and thanked the CAC.

Your review and consideration of the comments noted above is required prior to your final vote on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

# <u>NOTICE OF MEETING</u> CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) May 3, 2022 5:30 P.M.

Location: City Hall Veterans' Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor 235 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702

### <u>AGENDA</u>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
  - a. March 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Public Meeting (Review/Evaluation of Applications);
  - b. March 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Public Meeting (Review/Evaluation of Applications);
  - c. April 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Public Hearing #2
- 3. Public Speakers
- 4. CD YR 48:
  - a. Review and consideration of public comments received during 30-day comment period
  - b. Approval of the Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48 (2022-2023)
  - c. Recommendation of the Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48 to the Board of Alderman
- 5. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:
  - a. Review and consideration of public comments received during 30-day comment period
  - Approval of the HOME Investment Partnerships America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1
  - c. Recommendation of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/Substantial Amendment to the Board of Alderman
- 6. Other Business
- 7. Adjournment

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## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

#### MEETING

### May 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Waterbury City Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 235 Grand Street

#### SUMMARY MINUTES

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Gail Moriarty, Chairman; Michael Salvio; Anthony Bocci; Dave Lepore; Bernard Present: Bailey; Ximena Camanero

Absent: Paul Pernerewski

Also Present: Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director Tina Lubus, Housing and Community Planning Program Manager Nancy Allen, Program Specialist

#### Call to Order

A quorum being present, the public meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Moriarty. The pledge of allegiance was observed.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the minutes as listed. On the motion of Commissioner Salvio, seconded by Commissioner Bocci, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Public Meeting (Review/Evaluation of Applications); March 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Public Meeting (Review/Evaluation of Applications); and April 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Public Hearing #2.

#### **Public Speakers**

Chairman Moriarty welcomed any members of the public in attendance to address the Citizens Advisory Committee. There were no speakers.

#### **CD YR 48**

Review and consideration of public comments received during 30-day comment period.

Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to review any comments received during the 30-day public comment period.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty and the CAC members for their time. He informed the committee that the proposed 2022 Annual Action Plan was noticed in the Republican-American on March 26, 2022; and the Plan and notice were also posted on the City's website and in accordance

with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The public comment period commenced on March 28, 2022, and concluded on April 28, 2022.

Mr. Bandecchi noted that during the thirty-day comment period, the Office of Community development received no comments on the Annual Action Plan. There were 11 speakers at the Public Hearing held by the CAC on April 13, 2022. All speakers thanked the CAC for including their organization/project in the proposed AAP. One speaker, Ms. Crowe from Waterbury Youth Services, asked the CAC to reconsider their ductwork project, and to increase funding for more staff under the Truancy program. Arts for Learning Connecticut submitted written testimony for the hearing, asking the CAC to reconsider their funding request. Mr. Bandecchi provided the CAC with a summary of comments, dated April 29<sup>th</sup>, and reminded the committee that, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, it must consider the comments prior to approval of the Proposed Annual Action Plan.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi and asked for any discussion on the comments received or the proposed plan. Hearing none, Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the proposed 2022 Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48 as final.

#### Approval of the Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48 (2022-2023).

On the motion of Commissioner Salvio, seconded by Commissioner Bocci, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the proposed Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48 (2022-2023) as final.

Chairman Moriarty thanked the CAC and informed the members that the approved plan needed to be referred to the Board of Aldermen for final adoption/approval. The Chairman entertained a motion to send the plan to the Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation.

#### Recommendation of the Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48 to the Board of Alderman.

On the motion of Commissioner Bocci, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to send the Final 2022 Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48 to the Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation.

#### **HOME-ARP Allocation Plan**

Review and consideration of public comments received during 30-day comment period.

Chairman Moriarty asked Mr. Bandecchi to review any comments received during the 30-day public comment period.

Mr. Bandecchi thanked Chairman Moriarty. He informed the committee that the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/Substantial Amendment to CD YR 47 was noticed in the Republican-American on March 26, 2022; and the Plan and notice were also posted on the City's website and in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The public comment period commenced on March 28, 2022, and concluded on April 28, 2022. Mr. Bandecchi noted that during the thirty-day comment period, the Office of Community development received no comments on the Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. There was one speaker at the Public Hearing held by the CAC on April 13, 2022. Ms. Dublin spoke in favor of the HOME-ARP Plan and thanked the CAC. Mr. Bandecchi provided the CAC with a summary of comments, dated April 29<sup>th</sup>, and reminded the committee that, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, it must consider the comments prior to approval of the Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Chairman Moriarty thanked Mr. Bandecchi and asked for any discussion on the comments received or the proposed plan/amendment. Hearing none, Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to approve the proposed HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1 as final.

# Approval of the HOME Investment Partnerships -- America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1.

On the motion of Commissioner Lepore, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/Substantial Amendment to CD YR 48 as final.

Chairman Moriarty thanked the CAC and informed the members that the approved plan needed to be referred to the Board of Aldermen for final adoption/approval. The Chairman entertained a motion to send the plan to the Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation.

# Recommendation of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/Substantial Amendment to the Board of Alderman.

On the motion of Commissioner Salvio, seconded by Commissioner Bocci, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to send the Final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1 to the Board of Aldermen with a favorable recommendation.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Moriarty entertained a motion to adjourn. On the motion of Commissioner Lepore, seconded by Commissioner Salvio, the Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to adjourn at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher D. Bandecchi, Community Development Grants Director City of Waterbury, Office of Community Development

Attachment(s): 4 – Memo, Summary of Comments on Proposed 2022 Annual Action Plan for CD YR 48; Memo, Summary of Comments on Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan; Final CD YR 48 Allocations/Plan Summary; Final HOME-ARP Allocations/Plan Summary



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MEMORANDUM

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DATE:	April 29, 2022

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By way of background, the City of Waterbury is an Entitlement Community that receives funding under the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs. In order to receive this annual funding, the City must prepare an AAP for each year under the Consolidated Plan (2020-2024). This process includes a thirty (30) day public comment period which began on March 28, 2022, and concluded on April 28, 2022. The combined notice of public hearing, AAP summary, and public comment period was advertised in the Republican-American on March 26, 2022. The notice and proposed AAP was also posted on the City's website and in accordance with the City's CPP. During the comment period, the CAC held a public hearing on April 13, 2022.

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Your review and consideration of the comments noted above is required prior to your final vote on funding allocations for the 2022 AAP for PY 48. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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During the thirty (30) day comment period, the Department of Community Development did not receive any written or verbal comments. There was one (1) public speaker at the aforementioned public hearing, who spoke in favor of the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and thanked the CAC.

Your review and consideration of the comments noted above is required prior to your final vote on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/CD YR 47 Substantial Amendment #1. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
#### Final 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan:

#### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$2,235,286

#### Administration & Planning - \$447,057

<u>Administration</u> (235 Grand Street): \$447,057 - Allocation of 20% CDBG funds to provide for program administration.

#### Social Service Programs - \$335,292

<u>Catholic Charities</u> (965 South Main St.): \$5,174- Funds salaries, building facility, and case management at Waterbury Family Center.

<u>Center for Human Development</u> (690 East Main St.): \$50,000 – Funds coordinators salary to support the Hospitality Center.

<u>Community Partners in Action</u> (77-79 Bishop St.): \$52,500 - Funds case management other services for Watebury Reentry Welcome Center (RWC).

<u>Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries</u> (770 East Main St.): \$60,000 - Funds food, supplies, utilities, and salaries at soup kitchen and food pantry.

<u>Hispanic Coalition (135 East Liberty St.):</u> \$11,174 - Funds salaries for Hispanic community case managers.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury, Inc. (267 Grand St.): \$4,786 - Funds salaries and expenses of the literacy program.

Manufacturing Alliance Service Corp. (173 Interstate Lane): \$59,250 – Funds teachers salaries and expenses for CNC Entry Level Operator program.

<u>Safe Haven</u> (29 Central Ave.): \$8,917 - Funds utilities and insurance to support services for abused women/children.

<u>Salvation Army</u> (74 Central Ave.): \$9,786 - Funds for emergency food pantry salaries and food at the Family Service Food Pantry.

Shakesperience Productions, Inc. (117 Bank St.): \$10,000 - Funds acting intensive scholarship program.

Waterbury Senior Shuttle (83 Bank St.): \$45,871 - Funds transportation costs for seniors.

Waterbury Youth Service Systems (83 Prospect St.): \$8,917 - Funds truancy program salaries.

<u>WOW-NRZ Association, Inc.</u> (308 Walnut St.): \$8,917 - Funds operating expenses of Community Learning Center.

#### **Improvement Projects - \$1,452,937**

Economic Development-Brass City Harvest (329 Mill St.): \$146,937 – Funds will be used to construct a walk-in freezer.

<u>Park Improvements – Library Park</u> (267 Grand Street): \$650,000 – Supplemental funds will be used to reconstruct the parking lot to include more ADA compliance; pavement raising; sidewalks; drainage; signage. Program Income of \$14,000, if realized, will also be added.

<u>Park Improvements – Low/Mod Parks</u> (Various Locations): \$200,000 – Funds will be used to carry out park improvements at various parks located in low- and moderate-income areas throughout the City. Improvements may include (but not limited to) walkways, ADA access, fencing, lighting, athletic courts, and site amenities.

Police Activity League of Waterbury (9-11/13-15 Branch Street): \$151,000 - Funds will be used to install a splash pad, fencing, and benches.

<u>Neighborhood Facilities – Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury</u> (1037 East Main Street): \$55,000 - Funds will be used to resurface and pave the parking lot, curbing and stairs.

<u>Neighborhood Facilities – Waterbury YMCA</u> (136 West Main Street): \$250,000 - Funds will be used to upgrade and renovate the facility's large pool.

#### **CDBG Contingency Provision Language:**

In the event of an increase in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program will receive additional funds up to the 15% public service cap; administration will receive additional funds up to the 20% cap; and the remaining increase will be allocated to the library park project.

In the event of a decrease in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program will be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 15% public service cap; administration will be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 20% cap; and the library park project will be reduced by the remaining amount.

#### **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - \$190,972**

<u>Administration</u> (235 Grand Street): \$14,322 - Allocation of 7.5% of ESG funds for program administration.

<u>Safe Haven</u> (29 Central Ave.): \$20,756 – Funds shelter operations for victims of domestic violence.

<u>Salvation Army</u> (74 Central Ave.): \$49,236 - \$10,000 to fund shelter operations; \$28,586 to fund salaries and direct financial assistance related to homelessness prevention services; and \$10,650 to fund salaries and direct financial assistance related to rapid re-housing services.

<u>St. Vincent DePaul</u> (114 Benedict St.): \$106,658 - \$83,827 to fund shelter operations; \$22,831 for direct financial assistance related to rapid re-housing services.

#### **ESG Contingency Provision Language:**

In the event of an increase in funding, ESG administration will increase to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining increase will divide proportionately amongst the projects.

In the event of a decrease in funding, ESG administration will decrease to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining decrease would divide proportionately amongst the projects.

#### HOME Program - 896,277

HOME Funds will benefit low and moderate households, targeted as determined by the City. HOME allocations include the following:

Administration: \$89,627 (10%) - funds will be used for administration.

CHDO Set-aside: \$134,442 (15%) - funds will be used for CHDO housing development.

<u>Housing Related Activities</u>: \$672,208 - funds will be used for housing activities. An estimated \$2,500 in program income, if realized, will be put back into the program.

#### **HOME** Contingency Provision Language:

In the event of an increase in HOME funding, administration will increase to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside will increase to the 15% requirement; and the remaining increase will be allocated to housing related activities.

In the event of a decrease in HOME funding, administration will increase to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside will decrease to the 15% requirement; and the remaining decrease will be taken from housing related activities.

#### Summary of Final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan identifies three priority needs for qualifying populations: the provision of funds for supportive services provided by homeless and domestic service providers; the provision of funds for non-profit operating expenses; and the provision of funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. The chart below provides the funding allocations that support these priority needs:

**Supportive Services: (\$1,500,000)** - funds for supportive services provided by homeless and domestic service providers.

**Development of Affordable Rental Housing: (\$1,098,724) -** funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

Non-Profit Operating: (\$162,420) - funds for non-profit operating expenses.

<u>Administration and Planning</u>: (\$487,260) – funds for administration and planning of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The City of Waterbury <u>does not</u> intend to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or subpopulations for any funded eligible activity or project. The City of Waterbury <u>does not</u> intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds. The City of Waterbury <u>does not</u> plan to administer any eligible HOME-ARP activities directly.

#### BOARD OF ALDERMEN MONDAY – FEBRUARY 13, 2023 <u>REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM</u> ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR - CITY HALL 235 GRAND STREET - WATERBURY, CT 06702

The meeting will be broadcasted live on the City of Waterbury's Government Access Channel (Comcast Channel 96; Frontier Channel 6096) and the City of Waterbury's YouTube Channel (https://youtu.be/WvgV3YAx3N4)

## **AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

ROLL CALL

**OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED PRESENTATION/s** 

PUBLIC SPEAKING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Monday, January 23, 2023 – Public Hearing/Regular Meeting

**MAYOR'S REPORT** 

#### **RECESS INTO COMMITTEES**

#### ALL COMMITTEE ITEMS ARE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 1. TARA SHAW Chief Labor Negotiator Office of the Corporation Counsel
- 2. ROB LANGENAUER Superintendent Bureau of Water
- 3. THOMAS HYDE Interim Director – WDC

MICHAEL LEBLANC Director of Finance

- **RE:** Approval request of the 2022 2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Local 2090 (WMAA – City Managers) and the City of Waterbury.
- **RE:** Requesting approval of a Contract between the City of Waterbury and M.A. Selmon Company, Inc. in the amount of <u>\$82,647.00</u> for the Flexim Flowmeters & Equipment Phase II Project.
- **RE:** Approval request of the Professional Services Agreement for Renewable Energy Consultant between the City of Waterbury and CSW, LLC.

- SARAH R. GEARY 4. Manager of Budget Development & Oversight
- **RE:** Requesting approval of a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the City's Capital Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.
- SARAH R. GEARY 5. Manager of Budget Development & Oversight
- RE: Approval request of a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$430,000.00 from the City's Capital Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.

RE: Approval request of an American Rescue Plan Act

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Budget Transfer in the amount of \$245,000.00

from the City's Capital Improvement Fund for the

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.

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Budget Transfer in the amount of \$500,000.00

from the City's Capital Improvement Fund for the

Act Budget Transfer in the amount of \$500,000.00

from the City's Capital Improvement Fund for the

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- SARAH R. GEARY **RE:** Requesting approval of an American Rescue Plan 6. Manager of Budget Development & Act Budget Transfer in the amount of Oversight \$1,990,443.00 from the Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.
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- 10. SARAH R. GEARY Manager of Budget Development & Oversight
- RE: Submission of the City of Waterbury Financial Status Report for December 2022.
- **RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE**
- 11. ADAM S. RINKO Executive Officer Waterbury Fire Department
- **RE:** Authorization request to enter in a contract with Trinity Health of New England - St. Mary's Hospital for Firefighter respiratory protection medical evaluations.

#### 12. CHRISTOPHER BANDECCHI

Grants Director Office of Community Development **RE:** Requesting approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Waterbury Community Services Investment Program (WCSIP) Allocations/Awards to the following Organizations:

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury; Rivera Memorial Foundation, Inc.; Waterbury YMCA; Zion Baptist Church; Manufacturing Alliance Service Group; Family & Children's Aid ; Girls Inc. of Western CT; Goodwill Lodge #1325; Grace Congregate Housing Corporation; St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Greater Waterbury; WOW NRZ; Grace Baptist Church; Albanian American Muslim Community; BAGS Foundation CT; Porters House, Inc.; St Margaret/Willow Plaza NRZ; Children's Community School; Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.; CT Counseling Centers, Inc.; Community Partners in Action; Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury, Inc.; Waterbury OIC, Inc.; The UnGroup Society, Inc.; Center for Human Development; Madre Latina Organization, Inc.; Malta House of Care -Waterbury; New Opportunities, Inc.; United Way of Greater Waterbury; Mattatuck Historical Society; Brass City Harvest; Hoops4Life, Inc.; Catholic Charities, Inc.; Mt. Olive Senior Citizens Center, Inc.; Children in Placement; City Youth Theater; Jack Paul Noujaim Community Foundation; and Urban Fresh Gardens, Inc.

- 13. CHRISTOPHER BANDECCHI Grants Director Office of Community Development
- 14. MIGUEL PABON Director of Pupil Services Waterbury Public Schools
- 15. MIGUEL PABON Director of Pupil Services Waterbury Public Schools
- 16. CARRIE A. SWAIN Clerk Waterbury Board of Education
- 17. CARRIE A. SWAIN Clerk Waterbury Board of Education

- **RE:** Approval request for the City's HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan
- RE: Requesting approval of the Agreement between the City of Waterbury and Ben Bronz Academy (Subject to the BOE approval at their February 2, 2023 Special Meeting.)
- RE: Requesting approval of the Agreement between the City of Waterbury and Yale University/Cedarhurst School. (Subject to the BOE approval at their February 2, 2023 Special Meeting.)
- **RE:** Requesting review and approval of the Construction Contract with J.A. Rosa Construction, LLC., in the not to exceed amount of **\$2,435,667.00**, for Elevator Additions at Washington and Bunker Hill Schools. (Subject to the BOE approval at their Special Meeting of February 2, 2023.)
- RE: Requesting review and approval of Amendment Two (2) to the Construction Contract with M.J. Daly, LLC for Chiller Replacement at Maloney Magnet School. (Subject to the BOE approval at their Special Meeting of February 2, 2023.)

- 18. CARRIE A. SWAIN Clerk Waterbury Board of Education
- RE: Requesting review and approval of an Agreement with Southern CT State University, through June 30, 2024 and at no cost, for Type "A" Tuition and Fee Waiver for qualified high school students to take college level SCSU courses. (Subject to the BOE approval at their Special Meeting of February 2, 2023.)
- 19. CARRIE A. SWAIN Clerk Waterbury Board of Education
- RE: Requesting review and approval of an Agreement with Southern CT State University, through June 30, 2024 and at no cost, for Type "C" Tuition and Fee Waiver for qualified high school students to take college level SCSU courses. (Subject to the BOE approval at their Special Meeting of February 2, 2023.)
- 20. CARRIE A. SWAIN Clerk Waterbury Board of Education
- 21. CARRIE A. SWAIN Clerk Waterbury Board of Education
- RE: Requesting review and approval of Amendment Three (3) to the Contract with Environmental Systems Corp. (ESC) for School Security Video Surveillance and Access Control System Expansions and Upgrades. (Subject to the BOE approval at their Special Meeting of February 2, 2023.)
- **RE:** Requesting review and approval of the Contract with Saracco Mechanical Services, Inc., in the not to exceed amount of <u>\$1,067,270.00</u>, for Boiler System Replacement at International School. (Subject to the BOE approval at their Special Meeting of February 2, 2023.)

#### STANDING COMMITTEE

FRANK A. CARUSO, JR., CCMC Revenue Collection Manager RE: Request for refunds for Tax Overpayments in the amount of \$8,496.18.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. PAUL PERNEREWSKI, JR. President Board of Aldermen
- RE: Overview of Water & Sewer Agreements with other municipalities. (Received on 03/23/2020 - referred to Committee of the Whole)

#### ADJOURNMENT

MJD:fn Agenda - 02.13.23



## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THE CITY OF WATERBURY

CONNECTICUT

DATE: February 2, 2023

TO: Board of Aldermen, City of Waterbury

- FROM: Christopher D. Bandecchi Community Development Grants Director City of Waterbury
- SUBJECT: Approval of HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan

At your meeting on February 13, 2023, please approve the City's HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan ("the Plan"). Once approved, the Plan will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a substantial amendment (third) to the City's CD YR 47 (2021-2022) Annual Action Plan. The Plan details the eligible HOME-ARP activities that the City will carry out with its HOME-ARP allocation of \$3,248,404. Funding is to be used to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

Development of the Plan was carried out in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021("the Act"), 24 CFR 91, and Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program.* Accordingly, the City, through its Office of Community Development and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), engaged in consultation, solicitation of public input, and encouraged participation in the development of the Plan. The aforementioned activities will primarily benefit the following qualifying populations (QPs):

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria

The City was notified by HUD of its HOME-ARP allocation on September 21, 2021; and, On December 13, 2021, the Board of Aldermen approved the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement between the City and HUD in the amount of \$3,248,404. That approval authorized Mayor

Neil M. O'Leary to submit the Agreement and execute any and all related documents, and allowed the City to utilize up to five percent of the grant award for administrative and planning costs. Once the City approves and submits its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the remaining award will be made available to the City. HOME-ARP funding is available to the City through September 30, 2030.

The City's HOME-ARP Plan was developed and prepared so as to comply with all of the HOME-ARP requirements of CPD-21-10. These include:

- Consultation with the required agencies and service providers;
- Public notification of the amount of the HOME-ARP allocation and the range of activities that the PJ may undertake; and a public comment period of at least 15 calendar days;
- At least one public hearing during development of the plan and prior to submission; and
- Development of a Plan that describes consultation, public participation, and includes the required elements described in CPD-21-10.

The Allocation Plan was made public, and a summary notice was published in the Republican American on March 26, 2022, which included the amount of the City's allocation as well as the allocations per planned activity. The City exceeded the notice requirements by holding a 30-day public comment period, consistent with its Citizen Participation Plan. Additionally, the City held two (2) public hearings, the first on February 15, 2022; and the second on April 13, 2022. Lastly, the developed plan describes consultation, public participation, and includes all of the other required elements described in CPD-21-10.

### Summary of Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan identifies three priority needs for qualifying populations: the provision of funds for supportive services provided by homeless and domestic service providers; the provision of funds for non-profit operating expenses; and the provision of funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. The chart below provides the funding allocations that support these priority needs:

<u>Supportive Services</u>: (\$1,500,000) - funds for supportive services provided by homeless and domestic service providers.

<u>Development of Affordable Rental Housing</u>: (\$1,098,724) - funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

Non-Profit Operating: (\$162,420) - funds for non-profit operating expenses.

<u>Administration and Planning</u>: (\$487,260) – funds for administration and planning of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



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## **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM**

- February 14, 2023 DATE:
- FROM: Board of Aldermen
- TO: Christopher D. Bandecchi, Grants Director Office of Community Development

## SUBJECT: HOME Investment Partnerships

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Monday, February 13, 2023, the Board voted unanimously to APPROVE the City's HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Dalton City Clerk

CC: Corporation Counsel

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# **APPENDIX D**





The Gity's Clitzen Advisory Committee (CAC) has developed a planning schedule of meetings and due dates in accordance with HUD guidance and the City's Clitzen Participation Plan. The schedule provides for a community survey, two public hearings, and several consultation nountabiles with agencies and organizations. All inputre teavies will be used to help identify the City's needs and develop 18 HOME. APP AD Develop and the common set of the common set of the common set of the common set of the common set. The common set of the

In an effort to maximize public participation, the City has created a community survey available to residents and organizations. Interested residents will have until Thursday, March 10, 2022, to complete and submit the survey. The survey can be accessed and completed online by using the link below. The City will also provide copies of the survey at designated locations in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

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Phone: (203) 597-3444 Fur, (203) 574-5804 Hows: Munday-Friday & 30nn: 430pm The City of Waterbury, CT has been informed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it will be receiving \$3,248,404 in HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding. The funding is authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("the Act"), which appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations.

In order to receive its HOME-ARP funding, the City is required to engage in consultation, solicit public input and encourage participation, and develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that meets the requirements of HUD, the Act, and other applicable regulatory requirements. Funding under the Act is limited to the following four activities:

- Affordable Rental Housing;
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance;
- Supportive Services; and
- Non-congregate Shelter.

Additionally, funding and activities must primarily benefit individuals and families who categorically fall within one of the following defined qualifying populations:

- Homeless;
- At-risk of homelessness;
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking;
- Other Populations where assistance would prevent the family's homelessness, or serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; and
- Veterans, and families including a veteran member(s), who meet one of the preceding criteria

In an effort to maximize public participation, the City has made this community survey available to residents to gain feedback from stakeholders and community members on how Waterbury should use its allocation of HOME-ARP funds. The Office of Community Development and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), which is responsible for funding decisions related to the City's Community Development Programs, will use the feedback to help determine plan allocations and to assist in the development of its overall plan. The survey will be available to residents and stakeholders beginning Friday, February 11, 2022. Interested residents and organizations will have until Thursday, March 10, 2022, to complete and submit the survey.

Completed hard copy surveys may be submitted to the Office of Community Development:

City of Waterbury Office of Community Development 235 Grand Street, Room C-29 Waterbury, CT 06702

To complete the survey online, please visit www.waterburyct.org/home-arp

#### DEFINITIONS

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

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

**QUALIFYING POPULATIONS:** For HOME-ARP funds, this means people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability, and veterans who meet the qualifying population criteria.

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

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

#### ABOUT YOU

The City's goal in carrying out this "community needs" survey is to collect input from residents, service providers, community based organizations, advocates, and others regarding the needs of those experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, and gaps within the current homeless prevention system. Input will be used to help create our strategy for the use of HOME-ARP funds.

What is your name? (Optional)\_\_\_\_\_

What is your address? (Optional)\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group/Organization/Agency\_\_\_\_\_\_(If applicable)

Please provide your email address to be placed on the City's citizen participation list in order to receive announcements and other information.

Please indicate which of the following best describes you: (You may choose more than one option)

🗌 Resident

- 🗌 Business Owner
- Landlord
- □ Developer

□ Veterans Group

□ Homelessness or Domestic Violence Service Provider

□ Organization that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities

□ Public Housing Agency

□ Other Public Agency (Local or State)

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- □ Other Community Group or Organization
- □ Other:\_\_\_\_\_

Housing/Service Needs and Priorities

Please share your thoughts below to help identify the biggest priorities and gaps in Waterbury's housing and services landscape. This will help inform the process by which HOME-ARP funds are allocated to address those needs and priorities.

Please rank the order in which these activities are most needed to address

homelessness and housing insecurity. 1 = highest need and 4 = lowest need \*

\*NCS Units are emergency shelter provided in individual rooms rather than a traditional homeless shelter. Examples of supportive services include homeless prevention, child care, job training, case management, housing counseling

	(1) High Priority	(2) Medium- High Priority	(3) Medium- Low Priority	(4) Low Priority
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	0	0	0	0
Rental Assistance	0	0	0	0
Supportive Services*	0	0	0	0
Acquisition/Development of Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) Units*	0	0	0	0

Please explain your prioritization in the question above.

Please provide any additional activity that you feel is needed to address homelessness and housing insecurity that is not listed above.

For development of affordable housing, what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

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New construction of rental units	0	0	0	0
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Please list any other use for development or preservation of affordable rental housing funding which will create or preserve affordable housing units.

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For rental assistance, what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

For supportive services, what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

For non-congregate shelter (i.e., individual rooms rather than traditional homeless shelter), what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

What unmet needs among people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity or those fleeing domestic violence do you see? (Choose up to three.) \*

П	Lack of housing affordable to people earning 30% or less of Area Median Income

Lack of housing affordable to people earning 50% or less of Area Median income

Г	Lack of non-congregate shelter space

Inadequate services for persons with mental illness

Inadequate services for persons with substance abuse issues

Inadequate services for victims of domestic violence or fleeing domestic violence

Inadequate services or housing for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

Other:	
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Please rank the following needs in the City of Waterbury from highest priority to lowest priority. 1 = highest need and 4 = lowest need \*

	(1) High Priority	(2) Medium-High Priority	(3) Medium-Low Priority	(4) Low Priority
Supportive Services	0	0	0	0
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	0	0	0	0
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	0	0	0	0
Development of affordable Rental Housing (Including Rehab and Construction)	0	0	0	0

What unmet needs among persons with disabilities do you see?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please indicate which of the following best describes you:

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Please rank the order in which these activities are most needed to address homelessness and







Please rank the following needs in the City of Waterbury from highest priority to lowest priority. 1 =

# **APPENDIX E**



## **Christopher Bandecchi**

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments:	Kabel, Alanna C <alanna.c.kabel@hud.gov> Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:13 PM Christopher Bandecchi Tiadora Josef; Michael LeBlanc; Tina Lubus; Piacentini, Suzanne; Narcisse, Sharon M; Gee, Shanoah N; CPD_GeneralCorr-HAT FY21 HOME ARP Grant Agreement Transmittal Letter and Grant Agreement Waterbury HOME ARP Grant Agreement Transmittal Letter.pdf; Waterbury HOME ARP Grant Agreement.pdf</alanna.c.kabel@hud.gov>
Importance:	High
Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:	Follow up Flagged

Dear Chris,

Attached please find a letter from me to you transmitting Waterbury's FY21 HOME ARP grant agreement and instructions. Please return the executed grant agreement to <u>CPD\_GeneralCorr-HAT@hud.gov</u> with copies to CPD Representative Sharon Narcisse at <u>sharon.m.narcisse@hud.gov</u> and me.

**Reminder:** HUD's Office of Affordable Housing Programs (OAHP) is hosting a 4-part webinar series to review Notice CPD-21-10. The Notice establishes requirements for the use of ARP funds to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. <u>Register today</u>!

Please contact Sharon if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alanna Kabel

Alanna Cavanagh Kabel Community Planning & Development Director U.S. Department of HUD Hartford Field Office 20 Church Street 10<sup>th</sup> floor Hartford, CT 06103 860-240-9770 (office) 202-768-2826 (iPhone) alanna.c.kabel@hud.gov www.hud.gov



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#### U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Hartford Field Office Office of Community Planning & Development 20 Church Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3220

#### September 21, 2021

Mr. Christopher Bandecchi Community Development Grants Director City of Waterbury Waterbury, CT 06702

Dear Mr. Bandecchi:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homeless and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations in Fiscal Year 2021. On September 13, 2021, the Department published a notice, titled: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program* (the Notice), which you are encouraged to review to assist in developing your program. Enclosed is the Grant Agreement for the HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program:

In accordance with the Notice, and the HOME ARP Grant Agreement, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), as of the Federal Award Date, may use up to five percent of its total award for administrative and planning costs. Once your HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is approved by HUD, the remaining award will be made available.

#### HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) <u>\$3,248,404</u>

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Transmittal of this Grant Agreement does not constitute approval of the activities described in your HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. You are reminded that you, as the PJ, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. An executed Grant Agreement is a legally binding agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Waterbury.

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To establish a Line of Credit for the HOME-ARP award, it will be necessary for your agency to sign, execute and return one (1) copy of the Grant Agreement. If there is a need to add or remove individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), please submit an IDIS Online Access Request Form (HUD 27055). Also, please ensure the IDIS Online Access Request Form is notarized and returned to this office with your Grant Agreement. Additionally, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account where these funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by your financial institution and returned to this office with a copy of a voided check.

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended until HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds (RROF) must be accompanied by an environmental certification, and until the RROF is approved and notification is received, no HUD funds should be committed. If the project or activity is exempt per 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances), no RROF is required.

Please execute two (2) copies of the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement with electronic signatures. In response to COVID-19, HUD authorizes you to electronically execute the grant agreement with your electronic signature. Return one (1) of the agreements to this office to the attention of CPD General Correspondence Mailbox, at <u>CPD\_GeneralCorr-HAT@hud.gov</u> with copies to CPD Representative Sharon Narcisse and me. Maintain a copy of the agreement with your original signature on site in your program files.

HUD congratulates the City of Waterbury on its award, and we look forward to assisting you in accomplishing your programs goals. If you have any questions or need further information of assistance, please contact CPD Representative Sharon Narcisse at <u>sharon.m.narcisse@hud.gov</u> or me.

Sincerely,

## Alanna Cavanagh Kabel.

Alanna Cavanagh Kabel Director, Office of Community Planning & Development

#### Enclosures

- cc: Mayor Neil O'Leary
- Michael LeBlanc, Director of Finance



## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 2021

**FROM:** Board of Aldermen

**TO:** Christopher D. Bandecchi, Grants Director Community Development

## SUBJECT: HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan

At a remote regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Monday, December 13, 2021, the Board voted by unanimous consent calendar vote to <u>APPROVE</u> of the HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) in the amount of <u>\$3,248,404.00</u> and authorization for Mayor Neil M. O'Leary to submit Agreement and execute any and all related documents.

ATTEST: Michael J. Dalton

City Clerk

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## **Christopher Bandecchi**

To:	CPD_GeneralCorr-HAT@hud.gov
Cc:	Narcisse, Sharon M; Kabel, Alanna C
Subject:	FY21 HOME ARP Grant Agreement - City of Waterbury, Connecticut
Attachments:	Waterbury HOME ARP Grant Agreement 12-14-21.pdf

Attention CPD General Correspondence Mailbox:

Attached, please find the City of Waterbury's executed FY21 HOME ARP Grant Agreement.

The City of Waterbury thanks HUD for this award, and we look forward to establishing and carrying out our program goals.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,

### **Christopher D. Bandecchi** Community Development Grants Director Office of Community Development

City of Waterbury

235 Grand Street Room C-29 Waterbury, CT 06702 cbandecchi@waterburyct.org T: 203.346.3810 x7288 | F: 203.574.2006





#### **HOME ARP Grant Agreement**

Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act

Assistance Listings #14.239 – HOME Investment Part		Orant Number (Enderel Aurord	Identification Number (FAIN)		
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vvateroury 236 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702-0000		a Tax Identification Number 066001900	3b. Unique Entity Identifier (formerly DUNS) 877993022		
	4.	Appropriation Number 861/50205	5. Budget Period Start and End Date FY 2021 – 09/30/2030		
6. Previous Obligation (Enter "0" for initial FY allocation			\$0		
a. Formula Funds		\$			
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7. Current Transaction (+ or -)			\$3,248,404.00		
a. Administrative and Planning Funds Available on F	Federal Award Date	\$162,420.20			
b. Balarice of Administrative and Planning Funds		\$324,840.40			
c. Balance of Formula Funds		\$2,761,143.40			
3. Revised Obligation			\$		
a. Formula Funds		\$			
. Special Conditions (check applicable box)		10 Federal Award [	Date (HUD Official's Signature Date)		
<ul> <li>Special Conditions (check applicable box)</li> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Attached</li> </ul>		09/20/2021			
1. Indirect Cost Rate*		12. Period of Perform	nance		
Administering Agency/Dept. Indirect Cost Rate	Direct Cost Ba	Date in Box #10	- 09/30/2030		
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%		subrecipients.			

The HOME-ARP Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Grantee is made pursuant to the authority of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) and Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2) (ARP). HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 92 (as may be amended from time to time), the CPD Notice entitled "Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program" (HOME-ARP Implementation Notice), the Grantee's HOME-ARP allocation plan (as of the date of HUD's approval), and this HOME-ARP Grant Agreement, form HUD-40093a, including any special conditions (in accordance with 2 CFR 200.208), constitute part of this Agreement. HUD's payment of funds under this Agreement is subject to the Grantee's compliance with HUD's electronic funds transfer and information reporting procedures issued pursuant to 24 CFR 92.502 and the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice. To the extent authorized by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 92, HUD may, by its execution of an amendment, deobligate funds previously awarded to the Grantee without the Grantee's execution of the amendment or other consent. The Grantee agrees that funds invested in HOME-ARP activities under the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice are repayable in accordance with the requirements of the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice. The Grantee agrees to assume all of the responsibility for environmental review, decision making, and actions, as specified and required in regulation at 24 CFR 92.352 and 24 CFR Part 58, as well as the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice.

The Grantee must comply with the applicable requirements at 2 CFR part 200, as amended, that are incorporated by the program regulations and the HOME-ARP Implementation Notice, as may be amended from time to time. Where any previous or future amendments to 2 CFR part 200 replace or renumber sections of part 200 that are cited specifically in the program regulations or HOME-ARP Implementation Notice, activities carried out under the grant after the effective date of the 2 CFR part 200 amendments will be governed by the 2 CFR part 200 requirements, as replaced or renumbered by the part 200 amendments.

The Grantee shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Universal Numbering System and System for Award Management (SAM) requirements in Appendix I to 2 CFR part 200, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) in Appendix A to 2 CFR part 170.

Funds remaining in the grantee's Treasury account after the end of the budget period will be cancelled and thereafter not available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose.

<ol> <li>For the U.S. Department of HUD (Name and Title of Authorized Official) Alanna Cavanagh Kabel, CPD Director</li> </ol>	14. Signature	15. Date 09/21/2021
16. For the Grantee (Name and Title of Authorized Official) Neil M. O'Leary, Mayor of the City of Waterbury	17. Signature All. Or	18. Date 12 /14/ 2021

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20. Funding Informatio	n: HOME ARP		
Source of Funds	Appropriation Code	PAS Code	<u>Amount</u>
2021	861/50205	HMX	\$3,248,404.00

form HUD-40093a

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Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

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* b. Employer/Taxpay	ver Identification Nur	mber (EIN/TIN):		* c. UEI: VF8HWQF5HSN3	
d. Address:					
* Street1: Street2: * City:	Street2:				
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Province:	Province:				
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES				
* Zip / Postal Code: 06702-0000					
e. Organizational Unit:					
		ıl	Division Name: Community Development Office		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:					
Prefix: Mr.		* First Nam	-	Michael	
Middle Name:					
* Last Name: LeBlanc					
Suffix:					
Title: Director of Finance					
	Organizational Affiliation:				
	City of Waterbury, Connecticut				
* Telephone Number: 203-574-6840 Fax Number: 203-753-6831					
*Email: mleblan	c@waterbryct.c	org			

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Other (specify):	
10. Name of Federal Agency:	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	
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14.239	
CFDA Title:	
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	
12. Funding Opportunity Number:	
Title:	
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13. Competition Identification Number:	
Title:	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):	
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Neil M. O'Leavy	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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