
CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

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

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

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Honorable Mayor***



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Introduction

The City of Wheeling, West Virginia is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The City of Wheeling is the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) for the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium of West Virginia for the HOME Program. The Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium consists of the following local units of government: City of Wheeling, City of Weirton, Hancock County, Brooke County, Ohio County, and Marshall County.

Congress appropriated \$5 billion in funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. These funds are to be used to assist the homeless and those persons and families who are at risk of becoming homeless. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering this program and the City of Wheeling was allocated \$1,105,104 in HOME-ARP funds.

The City of Wheeling, Economic & Community Development Department is the lead entity and the administrator for the HOME-ARP funds.

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

The City of Wheeling is a member of the Northern Panhandle CoC. Per HUD's definition:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The Northern Panhandle CoC covers Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel Counties. The region is the northernmost in the State of West Virginia, bordered by the Ohio River to the west and north and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the east. Most of the five-county area is rural. The Northern Panhandle CoC cooperatively worked together with the City of Wheeling in identifying the needs and gaps in the system to end homelessness in the City of Wheeling and the CoC's regional area of operation.

HOME-ARP Eligible Projects/Activities:

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

1. Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing

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

2. Tenant Based Rental Assistance

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

3. Supportive Services

- Providing supportive services to members of the Qualifying Populations under three (3) categories:
 - McKinney-Vento Supportive Services
 - Homelessness Prevention Services
 - Housing Counseling Services

4. Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

- Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of non-congregate shelter units to service individuals and families who are part of the Qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations:

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

1. Homeless

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - i. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
 - ii. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
 - iii. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- i. The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - ii. No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - iii. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - i. Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
 - ii. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - iii. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
 - iv. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment

2. At Risk of Homelessness

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

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

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

- Those who are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance or need additional assistance or services to avoid a return to homelessness
- Populations at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

- Households whose income is <30% AMI and are experiencing severe cost burden
- Households whose income is <50% AMI and meet one of the criteria for being At Risk of Homelessness

In compliance with the HUD regulations, the City of Wheeling has prepared a Substantial Amendment to its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan in order to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

A “draft” of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was placed on public display at the City’s Economic and Community Development (ECD) Department, City-County Building, Room 305, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003; The Ohio County Public Library, 52 Sixteenth Street, Wheeling, WV 26003; and on the City of Wheeling’s website www.wheelingwv.gov. The display period started on Thursday, March 2, 2023 through Thursday, March 16, 2023 for a 15-day display period. A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 to present the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and solicit resident comments. Upon completion of the 15-day comment period, the City of Wheeling submitted the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Pittsburgh Field Office on or before Friday, March 31, 2023.

Consultation

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

During the consultation process, the City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle Home Consortium aimed to meet with many stakeholders, agencies/organizations, and housing providers that are part of the following categories:

- (A) The CoC serving the City and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium geographic area;
- (B) homeless service providers;
- (C) domestic violence service providers;
- (D) veterans' groups;
- (E) public housing agencies (PHAs);
- (F) public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations;
- (G) public or private organizations that address fair housing, and civil rights; and
- (H) public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities.

The City of Wheeling's HOME-ARP Consultation Milestones are the following:

HOME-ARP Consultation Milestones	
Consultation	December 2022 through March 2023
Newspaper Notice	March 01, 2023
On Display	March 02, 2023
Public Hearing	March 14, 2023 at 12 p.m.
Off Display	March 16, 2023
Wheeling City Council Approval	March 21, 2023

The City of Wheeling held virtual group meetings, conducted one-on-one interviews, sent out surveys, and emailed questions to agencies/organizations between December 2022 and February 28, 2023.

The City ran a newspaper notice in *The Intelligencer* on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. In the notice it states that the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display for fifteen (15) days on the City's website (www.wheelingwv.gov), at the City's Economic and Community Development (ECD) Department, City-County Building, Room 305, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, and at the Ohio County Public Library, 52 Sixteenth Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

The Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at noon to discuss the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and solicit resident comments on the Plan.

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

List the organizations consulted:

The following tables identify which of the following categories each agency/organization consulted falls under, with some agencies/organizations falling in more than one category.

- (A) CoC member serving the City and Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium geographic area;
- (B) homeless service providers;
- (C) domestic violence service providers;
- (D) veterans' groups;
- (E) public housing agencies (PHAs);
- (F) public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations;
- (G) public or private organizations that address fair housing, and civil rights; and
- (H) public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities.

The following tables also identify which Qualifying Population each agency/organization consulted serves. The following are the Qualifying Populations:

- **QP1** - Homeless
- **QP2** - At Risk of Homelessness
- **QP3** - Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- **QP4** - Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the criteria

The following table summarizes input gained through one-on-one interviews.

City of Wheeling – Economic & Community Development Department			
Agency/Organization Category	(A) (G)	Qualifying Population(s) Served	Government agency that does not provide direct services to QPs
Method of Consultation	Virtual Meetings		
Feedback	The City of Wheeling was responsible for gathering a list of contacts, was involved in all meetings, and participated in asking questions and communicating with local stakeholders.		
City of Wheeling – Homeless Liaison – LIFE HUB Executive Director			
Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (F) (G) (H)	Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP4
Method of Consultation	Virtual Meeting (30 JAN 2023)		
Feedback	<p>The following needs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of low- or no-barrier emergency shelter• Lack of daytime homeless drop in centers• Respite housing for patients being discharged from medical care• Transitional housing with wrap-around services and intensive life skills counseling/training• Waiting list for mental health and addiction services is long• Uncoordinated duplication of services• Not enough awareness of the types and sources of services provided within the social service network• Lack of transportation to access employment, services, and healthcare• Too much of the assistance being volunteered/provided to the homeless who do not want to be housed is enabling continued homelessness		

Wheeling Housing Authority						
Agency/Organization Category	(A) (E) (F)	Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1	QP2	QP3	QP4
Method of Consultation	Virtual Meeting (24 JAN 2023)					
Feedback	The following needs were identified:					
	• Lack of transitional housing					
	• Transitional housing needs to be supported with wrap-around, long-term, intensive comprehensive case management services and these services need to continue into permanent housing					
	• Lack of a low- and/or no-barrier emergency shelter					
	• Poor housing stock with many residential buildings condemned – lack of decent and safe housing opportunities that are truly affordable to low-income households					
	• Assistance needed for landlords renting to low-income tenants to help fix properties to meet HQS standards					
	• Most calls from households experiencing homeless are more often related to domestic violence or emergency situations					
	• Lack of trained service providers across the social service network to provide intensive services and case management					
	• The closure of the Ohio Valley Medical Center placed a significant burden on the social service network					
	• Need more wrap-around services for the elderly and young adults aging out of foster care					
• Financial management and life skills counseling and education needed for low-income households and young adults aging out of foster care						
Weirton Housing Authority						
Agency/Organization Category	(E) (F)	Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1	QP2	QP3	QP4
Method of Consultation	Virtual Meeting (26 JAN 2023)					

Feedback	The following needs were identified:					
	• Lack of emergency shelters in Hancock and Brooke Counties					
	• Staffing issues with finding and retaining skilled social workers and case managers within the social service system					
	• Assistance and services for mental and behavioral health that will retain people in their housing					
	• Transitional and permanent supportive housing with wrap-around case management services					
	• Lack of quality housing for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program					
	• Assistance needed for landlords renting to low-income tenants to help fix properties to meet HQS standards					
	• Need for new permanent housing affordable to low-income renters					
	• Lack of transportation for low-income to access employment, services, and healthcare					
	• Rising fair market rate rents and the Section 8 Program’s ability to keep pace					
• Financial management and life skills counseling and education needed for low-income households to become more stable						
Moundsville Housing Authority						
Agency/Organization Category	(E) (F)	Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1	QP2	QP3	QP4
Method of Consultation	Virtual Meeting (01 FEB 2023)					
Feedback	The following needs were identified:					
	• Lack of an emergency shelter in Moundsville area					
	• Lack of services available in Moundsville for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless					
	• Lack of decent and safe housing affordable to low-income households across the board is needed, but especially for larger households (4+ bedroom units)					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency and transitional housing for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence• Transitional housing for households experiencing evictions• Lack of transportation to access employment, services, and healthcare			
Benwood-McMechen Housing Authority				
Agency/Organization Category	(E) (F)	Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1	QP2 QP3 QP4
Method of Consultation	Virtual Meeting (24 JAN 2023)			
Feedback	<p>The following needs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of transitional housing with intensive wrap-around case management services• Staffing shortages and turnover in the social service system• Case management and supportive services for households, particularly those with children• Need social service assessment type intervention, particularly for elderly living alone• Lack of transportation to access employment, services, and healthcare• Financial management and life skills counseling and education needed for low-income households, particularly young adults aging out of foster care			
Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless				
Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (H)	Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1	QP2 QP4
Method of Consultation	Virtual Meeting (09 FEB 2023)			
Feedback	<p>The following needs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitional housing, particularly for households with children• Underutilization of the existing emergency shelters• Drug tests, background tests, etc. in some of the emergency shelters dissuades persons experiencing homelessness from seeking services			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory restrictions on case manager funding results in very high caseloads • Need more services for first-time homeless – large proportion of people experiencing homelessness during the pandemic were homeless for the first time • Homeless prevention services that meet higher demand • “Couch surfers” are a population where the current demand is hidden • More diverse array of treatment and services for mental health and substance abuse • The lack of housing planning for individuals discharged from hospitals or incarceration is a significant contributing factor to the unhoused population • At-risk of homelessness should be the highest priority for aid and assistance
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The following table summarizes input gained through group virtual meetings.

Virtual Group Meeting No. 1 – 25 JAN 2023			
Participant	Ohio County Health Department – Project Hope	Agency/Organization Category	(B) (F) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1
Participant	Ohio County Family Resource Network	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Participant	Brooke-Hancock Family Resource Network	Agency/Organization Category	(F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Feedback	<p>The following needs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of transitional housing throughout the Northern Panhandle • Transitional housing needs to be supported with intensive case management and wrap-around services to include counseling, education, and training in the areas of financial planning and management, life skills, household planning and management, health care planning and management, and employment 		

- Lack of respite housing for those in need of acute and post-acute medical care who are experiencing homelessness, unstably housed, or too ill or frail to live in a shelter or their own homes but are not sick enough to be in a hospital
- Local hospitals and corrections facilities are discharging or releasing without a housing plan in place, which is contributing to the size and extent of the homeless population
- Low- to no-barrier emergency shelter
- Lack of safe and decent housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income populations
- Lack of sufficient emergency and transitional housing available to those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, particularly outside of Wheeling and Ohio County (Hancock, Brooke, and Marshall Counties)
- Housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income populations that are served by public transit / transportation to access employment, services, and healthcare
- Housing, assistance, and intensive case management services for those with mental and behavioral health disabilities
- Housing, assistance, and intensive case management services for young adults aging out of foster care
- Additional workforce training
- More public housing or subsidized housing for households with children, particularly larger families
- More emergency shelter space for families with children
- More case management that is not centered in Family Resource Networks that are overloaded and unaware of services available to individuals without children experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless
- Lack of public and private transportation for low- and extremely low-income populations to access employment, services, and healthcare
- Lack of coordination of information concerning what services are available and what agencies are delivering different services for those experiencing homelessness, those at risk of homelessness, and those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking
- Lack of affordable childcare

Virtual Group Meeting No. 2 – 26 JAN 2023			
Participant	YWCA	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (C) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4
Participant	Helping Heroes	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (D) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP4
Participant	WVDHHR – Bureau for Family Assistance	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Participant	Ohio County Family Support Center	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Participant	ReEntry Alliance	Agency/Organization Category	(F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP4
Participant	Brooke-Hancock Family Resource Network	Agency/Organization Category	(F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Feedback	<p>The following needs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no shelters in Hancock and Brooke County and there are no transportation options to access shelters in Steubenville, OH and Wheeling, WV • There is a lack of supervised housing mental and/or behavior disability populations • Re-entry and transitional housing are needed for those discharged from medical care and released from incarceration – local hospitals and corrections facilities are discharging/releasing without housing plans in place • Lack of low- and no-barrier shelter space • Lack of transitional housing for households with children • Lack of housing units for larger families (4+ children) • There is no 24-hour shelter or drop-in centers for homeless populations 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a lack of shelter space for homeless with healthcare needs• There is a lack of shelter for elderly populations• Lack of ADA accessible housing that is affordable to low- and extremely low-income populations• Extremely difficult to place registered sex offenders• There is a lack of quality housing that passes HUD’s Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and is affordable to low- and extremely low-income populations• There is an insufficient number of landlords willing to accept Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers• Obtaining identification (IDs) is difficult – the nearest DMV to Wheeling is in Moundsville• Getting IDs reinstated is a challenge due to past fines• Lack of funding for getting children IDs.• Severe lack of mental health and addiction services – circular issue – don’t have the resources and services available to keep people healthy• Lack of cooperation between agencies• Bias is a problem – lack of education across all sectors (providers, law enforcement, emergency responders, etc.)• The 2019 closure of the Ohio Valley Medical Center (OVMC) was a huge loss for acute health services• Drug overdoses rose 40% during COVID in the Wheeling area• Lack of access to and management assistance of prescriptions• Lack of transportation to access employment, services, and healthcare		
Virtual Group Meeting No. 3 – 27 JAN 2023			
Participant	United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley – 2-1-2	Agency/Organization Category	(A)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4
Participant	Jobs and Hope WV (Hancock, Brooke, and Ohio Counties)	Agency/Organization Category	(F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4

Participant	CHANGE, Inc.	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (C) (F) (G) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP3 QP4
Participant	Housing of the Carpenter	Agency/Organization Category	(F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP 4
Participant	Catholic Charities West Virginia	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (F) (G) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP4
Feedback	<p>The following needs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of shelters north of Wheeling and lack of transportation to access shelters in Steubenville, OH and Wheeling, WV • Lack of shelter space for families • Lack of safe and decent housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income populations • Lack of landlords willing to participate in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program • Lack of transitional housing opportunities to serve after shelter stays and before permanent housing is obtained • Lack of housing opportunities for and landlords willing to work with people with criminal backgrounds • Veterans are choosing to stay homeless because they do not want to go to Wheeling, WV or Steubenville, OH for shelter space • Lack of resources available to fund housing rehabilitation • Lack of landlords willing to fix their dwelling units resulting in poor quality housing and higher utility bills • New constructed “affordable” housing is not affordable to lowest income households • Households are trapped in substandard housing because they cannot afford anything else • Lack of transitional housing for incarceration re-entry and for victims of domestic violence • Lack of wrap-around case management to support transition between shelter and permanent housing • No enough resources for services needed by mental illness populations to stabilize their lives • Lack of life skills education 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not enough targeted populations are willing to participate in life skills education...generational perspective...this is how I was raised and my parents made it work• Caseload for case management is too high...need more social workers...very hard to find qualified and more experienced social workers...everyone is short-staffed...grant funding is limited to hire additional social worker and case management staff• A lot of Seniors calling for assistance but want to stay in their own homes• Need less band-aid assistance and more comprehensive, long-term, wrap-around services• Lack of affordable childcare...long waiting lists		
Virtual Group Meeting No. 4 – 28 JAN 2023			
Participant	Wheeling Health Right	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (D) (F) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP4
Participant	Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (F) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 Q3 QP4
Feedback	<p>The following needs were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of decent housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income populations• Households are being displaced by out-of-state natural resource extraction workers• Landlords are unwilling to maintain dwelling units and are raising rents• More mental health and drug abuse services are needed• Lack of communication and collaboration among the social services providers• Lack of transportation to access employment, services, and healthcare• Lack of sufficient re-entry housing and services• Lack of hospice services		

The following table summarizes input gained through agency survey responses.

Agency Survey Responses Summary			
Respondent	Catholic Charities of West Virginia	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (F) (G) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP4
Respondent	CHANGE, Inc.	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (C) (F) (G) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP3 QP4
Respondent	Helping Heroes	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (D) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP4
Respondent	Northern Panhandle Parents as Teachers	Agency/Organization Category	(F) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP3 QP4
Respondent	Ohio County Family Resource Network	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Respondent	Ohio County Family Support Center	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Respondent	WV 211 United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley	Agency/Organization Category	(A)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4
Respondent	The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (F) (H)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 Q3 QP4
Respondent	West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Family Assistance	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP2 QP4
Respondent	YWCA Wheeling – Domestic Violence, Recovery, Human Trafficking and Homeless	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (C) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4

Respondent	YWCA Wheeling	Agency/Organization Category	(A) (B) (C) (F)
		Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 QP2 QP3 QP4
Unmet Housing and Service Needs:			
Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding for deposits and first month’s rent• Low-barrier shelter and housing options• Finding stable and affordable housing• No homeless shelter in Hancock and Brooke Counties...must travel to Wheeling or out of state• All shelters in Wheeling are overnight only• Larger apartments for women with three or more children• Not enough beds in Wheeling that are easily accessible for shelter• Helping Heroes is working to provide 27/7 emergency shelter for veterans at new location currently under renovation• Limited time frame for assistance...most shelters offer a 30-day stay...Public Housing and Section 8 Voucher waitlists are much longer than 30 days• Women and children are at the highest risk of not being able to obtain shelter year round• Coordinated case management and community-wide approach to solving cases on an individual basis• We have plenty of band-aid solutions but active participation of providers across the spectrum of services to use coordinated entry (HMIS) and case management with open communication is sub-par• Inadequate mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services• Lack of public transit and transportation• Affordable rents to get established in housing• Livable wage• Severe mental health assistance for adults and children• Getting released from an institution without medication• Respite care• Childcare (high cost, not enough availability, non-traditional hours)• Assistance with basic household needs when housing is obtained		

Households who are At Risk of Homelessness:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing housing costs in both rental and owner markets • Low-income families • Finding stable and affordable housing • Assistance is unavailable for Veterans who own their home, but are at risk of foreclosure...prevention funds are only available to Veterans renting • Lack of resources to teach financial literacy for long-term success in and outside of shelters • Feelings of hopelessness leading to lack of motivation • Lack of knowledge of tenants' rights and dealing with "slumlords" • Lack of transportation to get to employment/childcare to maintain housing • Loss of car/transportation Childcare • Mental health and addiction services • Rental and utility assistance without barriers such as proof of eviction or shut-off notice (this would help prevent them from getting buried under back rent and giant utility bills) • Assistance with applying for Section 8 Housing Voucher and placed in income-based housing • Connection to legal counsel on tenant rights • Seniors • Those with pets • Assistance with basic household needs when housing is obtained
Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People released from incarceration • Families evicted for one reason or another • People struggling with addiction and mental health...dual addiction counseling or assistance...rehabilitation options • Family members/caregivers of Veterans • Elderly • Lack of available high-rise age-restricted housing in Wheeling • Those experiencing unexpected health issues • Those in between jobs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those awaiting disability • Fear of retaliation and lack of legal support when pursuing housing issue solutions • Rental and utility assistance, back rent assistance, deposit assistance, and related assistance without barriers such as proof of eviction or shut-off notice (this would help prevent them from getting buried under back rent and giant utility bills) • Assistance with applying for Section 8 Housing Voucher and placed in income-based housing • Connection to legal counsel on tenant rights • Vermon and bug infestations
Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health support • Families with children • Seniors/Elderly • Women • Persons experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV), domestic violence victims, human trafficking victims • Runaway homeless youth • Members of the LGBTQ community • Single parents • People suffering with mental illness and severe mental illness • Chronic homeless • Uneducated or undereducated • Finding permanent and stable employment • Finding stable and affordable housing • There is a lack of housing for Veterans whose physical or mental health makes employment and independent living difficult or impossible • Persons experiencing substance use disorder (SUD) • Rental and utility assistance without barriers such as proof of eviction or shut-off notice (this would help prevent them from getting buried under back rent and giant utility bills) • Assistance with applying for Section 8 Housing Voucher and placed in income-based housing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to legal counsel on tenant rights • Single individuals on disability • People living in substandard housing that landlords are not maintaining, charging high security deposits and not returning, and charging high rents
Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income population • Families • Elderly • Finding stable and affordable housing • Assistance is unavailable for Veterans who own their home, but are at risk of foreclosure • Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program participants • Persons with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, and mental disorders • Assistance with applying for Section 8 Housing Voucher and placed in income-based housing • Connection to legal counsel on tenant rights • Seniors who are unable to repair homes • Lack of enforcement of minimum property maintenance standards that allows landlords to rent substandard housing
Any other Populations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People suffering with undiagnosed mental health issues and low/no education • People with substance abuse disorder • Families with only one income • Unexpected major lifestyle changes
Do you know of any gaps in the current shelter system?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-barrier shelter • Re-entry • Lack of wrap-around services • Severely mental ill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter for families • Persons with HIV • Space for unsheltered individuals who have mental health conditions that are not severe enough to warrant a mental hygiene hold or involuntary commitment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women and children have no shelter options in Wheeling unless fleeing a domestic violence situation • No shelter in Hancock or Brooke Counties • Current shelters are difficult to access...individuals are required to pass drug tests, have photo IDs, etc. • The hours of current shelters leave gaps in coverage, especially important in cold winter months or during the heat of summer, and no place to be during the day...lack of 24-hour shelters • Shelter employees with a lack of trauma informed care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space for non-Veteran families to be placed together • More space for women • Lack of placement for those with a pet • Addict to or using alcohol and/or drugs • Pedophiles
Are there gaps in current housing inventory?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitlists are long and background checks coupled with the inability to produce first month's rent and deposit • Re-entry housing • Shortage of available units that are affordable to low and extremely low-income populations • Nonexistent shelters and transitional housing in Hancock and Brooke Counties • It is difficult to locate housing for Veterans with disabilities or criminal histories such as sex offenders • Housing for those addicted to drugs • Housing for those with severe mental illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger apartments for women with three or more children • Lack of landlords willing to participate in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program • Lack of housing that meets HUD's Housing Quality Standards (HQS) • Affordable housing along public transit routes • Placement for women not in a domestic violence situation • Local housing market does not appear to have recovered from inflated rents resulting from out-of-state extractive industry workers
Are there gaps in current service delivery system?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping clients find housing that meets HUD's Housing Quality Standards (HQS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated services and case management for unsheltered individuals who have mental health conditions that are not severe enough to warrant a mental hygiene hold or involuntary commitment

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CoC's traditionally excessively strict interpretation of what it means to be homeless and extremely narrow hours for coordinated entry as well as an overly cumbersome coordinated entry process are barriers which cause many seeking assistance to fall through the cracks and fail to receive services and assistance • Need for more financial literacy for persons prone to homelessness • Need more referrals to and more mental health services for both adults and children • Need more referrals to primary care physicians • Need for more meaningful collaboration and communication across the social service sector, which is hindered by high caseloads, some providers only working with certain providers and not on a broader range of agencies, and the disconnect between providers who want to end homelessness and those who do not have that as a top priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of transportation to shelters and services • Childcare • Times when assistance for housing and transportation is available • Homeless persons who did not originate in the Northern Panhandle • Kindness
What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of affordable housing • Inability to pay rent in a timely manner, rent has significantly increased over the years • Loss of employment or benefits • Illness • Poor money management and lack of life skills • Unsafe living conditions • Substance use and abuse • Spouse dying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single parenthood • Having a child or children with special healthcare needs • Intimate partner violence (IPV) • Low educational attainment • Lack of childcare • Lack of transportation • Lack of access to mental health and addiction services • Eviction

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased costs of food, rent, healthcare, etc. • Criminal history • Mental illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of job stability • No funds to repair home • Unexpected expenses for those living paycheck-to-paycheck
Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and any which may contribute to the risk of homelessness?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older homes that contribute to health issues • Unsafe or unlivable conditions • Housing without proper isolation from the elements (outdoor weather) or lacking utilities, heating, etc. • Limited funding for back rents • High fair market housing rates • Overcrowded housing • HUD's Housing Quality Standards (HQS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to and from work • Limited jobs in the downtown (Wheeling) area where most high rises are located • Rising late fee costs from landlords • Couch surfing • Engaging/interacting with multiple partners • Grooming for and human trafficking
Identify priority needs for Qualifying Populations.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Rental assistance • Enforcement of minimum property maintenance standards • Identification for people (birth certificate, photo identification, Social Security Card, etc.) • Need more resources to assist and serve homeless population in Hancock and Brooke County • Veterans who served our country should always be prioritized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare • Transportation • Medical care • Home repairs • Access to housing assistance for those temporarily staying with a friend

What is the level of priority for each of the Qualifying Populations?				
	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless				Mental health
At Risk of Homelessness				Employability
Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking				
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above, but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness B. Those at risk of greatest risk of housing instability				Recovery, re-entry
Other Comments/Suggestions:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any initiative that will likely increase the amount of homeless in Wheeling by drawing in unsheltered people from other areas, should consider that all programs providing assistance will also be impacted and financial support should be provided. Further, any programs that are to be funded should not be a duplication of existing services. If expansion of existing services is needed, funding should be directed to those programs so that they may expand. 				

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

There were many different reoccurring needs mentioned by stakeholder agencies during the consultation process, including:

- The lack decent and safe housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income populations - low quality housing stock.
- The lack of comprehensive, coordinated, wrap-around supportive services from the emergency shelter space through and including the permanent supportive housing space.
- Lack of low-barrier shelter space throughout the Northern Panhandle.
- Lack of shelters in Hancock, Brooke, and Marshall Counties.
- Lack of 24-hour shelters and/or drop-in or day centers.
- Lack of transitional housing.
- Lack of transportation.
- Lack of re-entry housing and related services.
- Lack of respite housing and related services.
- Lack of housing for those with mental and severe mental disabilities and housing for those with substance use disorder (SUD).
- Lack of housing for the elderly, for the disabled, and for households with three (3) or more children.
- Lack of affordable housing near public transportation.
- Lack of life and personal financial management skills, no or low education attainment.

The City of Wheeling attempted on several occasions to engage the following agencies that did not respond: Faith in Action Wheeling, Family Services of Upper Ohio Valley, Helinski Shelter, House of Hagar, Information Helpline, Legal Aid of West Virginia, Marshall County Family Resource Network, Marshall County Schools, Mother Jones Center for Resilient Community, Northern Regional Jail, Northwood Homeless Shelter, Ohio County Health Department, Ohio County Schools, Ohio Valley Pride, Public Defender's Office – Peer Recovery, Salvation Army Weirton, Salvation Army Wheeling, Samaritan House, Seeing Hands Association, Street Moms, Tuel Center and Transitional Living Services, Unity Center, Wheeling Habitat for Humanity, Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling Veterans Center, Youth Services System, and Wheeling NAACP.

Public Participation

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice*** March 1, 2023
- ***Public comment period*** start date - March 2, 2023 – end date - March 16, 2023
- ***Date(s) of public hearing***.....March 14, 2023 at noon

Describe the public participation process:

The City of Wheeling held one (1) public hearing for consultation with City residents, non-profit agencies and/or organizations, public housing authority, housing providers, Continuum of Care members, etc. on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. During the public hearing, the City staff and the City consultants discussed the process followed in the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This included the interviews and virtual meetings, and remarks made.

The public hearing notice for the City of Wheeling HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was published in the *Intelligencer* on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

The fifteen (15) day public comment period on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was from Thursday, March 2, 2023 through Thursday, March 16, 2023. The City of Wheeling placed the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the City’s website (www.wheelingwv.gov), at the City’s Economic and Community Development (ECD) Department, City-County Building, Room 305, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, and at the Ohio County Public Library, 52 Sixteenth Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

The public was able to provide additional comments, via email to mthompson@wheelingwv.gov or via phone at (304) 234-3698. Written comments were addressed to the City of Wheeling’s Office of Economic & Community Development, attention Ms. Melissa Thompson, Community Development Specialist, 1500 Chapline Street, Room 305, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

To broaden public participation, the City of Wheeling sent out email blasts to all agencies, organizations, and individuals on its list of non-profit agencies, housing providers, advocates, and interested parties, that the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display and date, time, and place of the public hearing. This list consists of over 100 email addresses of names and organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list so they can be notified of future emails on funding options, proposed plans, and public hearings.

In addition, the City posted the Public Hearing Notice on the City's website.

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

Comments provided during the Tuesday, March 14, 2023 public hearing included:

- There is a need for a low-barrier congregate shelter in the Wheeling area. Existing emergency shelter beds include requirements for entry and specific criteria that cannot always be met for entry.
- Request to increase the amount of funding for Supportive Services.
- There is a need for a home repair program that includes training people how to do their own repairs to prevent them from becoming homeless.
- The building trades should be better emphasized in the community to contribute to employment that would help prevent homelessness.
- Helping Heroes transitional housing is full and the next nearest transitional housing for veterans is near Pittsburgh, PA. Transitional housing works.

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

All comments received by the City of Wheeling were accepted.

HOME-ARP funding for the purchase and/or development of shelter space is restricted to a non-congregate arrangement providing private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families and not requiring occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. Additionally, the restricted use period as a non-congregate shelter (NCS) is 15 years for new construction and 10 years for rehabilitation and acquisition only.

The need for low-barrier congregate shelter space in the Wheeling area has been highlighted in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The level of funding for Supportive Services was increased from \$55,000 to \$110,510.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	29	9	38	38	6								
Transitional Housing	9	3	22	22	5								
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0	18	18	0								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Sheltered Homeless						2	101	7	14				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	9	0	3				
Current Gap										0	0	72	72

Suggested Data Sources: 1. 2022 Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

	Non-Homeless		
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	13,435		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	4,085		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	6,595		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,545	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,850	
Current Gaps			7,395

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

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 122 homeless individuals identified in the Northern Panhandle CoC. Of those people experiencing homelessness, 110 (90.2%) were white, 8 (6.6%) were Black or African American, and the remaining 3.3% identified as having multiple races. Additionally, 69 (56.6%) were male, 50 (41.0%) were female, and 3 (2.5%) identified as transgender or gender non-conforming.

Among the population of those experiencing homelessness, 28 individuals (23.0%) were identified as severely mentally ill and 24 individuals (19.7%) were identified as having chronic substance abuse issues.

As identified through Allocation Plan development consultation, there is a need for low-barrier congregate shelter space in the Wheeling area and in the rural areas of the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium and a need for day shelter space in the Wheeling area.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

24 CFR 91.5 defines At Risk of Homelessness as an individual or family that has an annual income below 30% of the HUD area median family income, does not have sufficient resources

or support networks and meets one of several other conditions. According to the most recently available CHAS data, 7,195 households (or 13.8% of the total population) live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income and of those 7,195 households, 4,625 have one or more housing problems, which includes either incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, or have a cost burden greater than 30%.

There is a total of 739 households currently on the public housing waiting lists across the four (4) housing authorities operating in the Northern Panhandle (Wheeling HA - 475, Weirton HA - 15, Moundsville HA - 51, and Benwood-McMechen HA - 198). All four (4) Authorities' public housing waiting lists are open.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers offered through the Wheeling Housing Authority and the Weirton Housing Authority currently have waiting lists of 445 and 30 respectively. Both waiting lists are open.

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) administered the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program (MRAP) from April 2021 through September 30, 2022. Statewide, nearly 50,000 applications were submitted across the State and \$168 million was spent on rent, utilities, and internet to provide housing stability. Within the four (4) counties of the Northern Panhandle, 4,176 MRAP applications were submitted and 2,564 applications were approved. The following is a breakdown by Northern Panhandle county.

MRAP Statistics for the Northern Panhandle:

- **Hancock County**
 - 814 applications received
 - 475 approved
 - 339 incomplete, withdrawn, or rejected
- **Brooke County**
 - 410 applications received
 - 202 approved
 - 208 incomplete, withdrawn, or rejected
- **Ohio County**
 - 2,183 applications received
 - 1,432 approved
 - 751 incomplete, withdrawn, or rejected
- **Marshall County**
 - 769 applications received
 - 455 approved

- 314 incomplete, withdrawn, or rejected

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

During the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 17 homeless individuals who were identified as victims of domestic violence in the Northern Panhandle CoC. Additionally, according to 2022 data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), 26 people of the 104 assisted in rapid-rehousing reported domestic violence at entry and one (1) person reporting as fleeing.

YWCA (Wheeling) serves women and children primarily, but also men, who have been victimized in domestic violence or human trafficking in Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, and Brooke Counties, but also the State of West Virginia for human trafficking. Among several of its programs, the YWCA (Wheeling) administers a Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) and a Survivors of Trafficking Empowerment Program (STEP). According to an interview with YWCA (Wheeling) staff, the following data represents the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022:

- 1,107 individuals were served
 - 4,950 shelter nights
 - 4,994 transitional nights
 - 5 families were housed in hotels, more than ever in the past because the shelter was full at times and women were sleeping on couches
- There were 39 victims of human trafficking served for 2,388 nights
- 970 individuals received non-residential services
- 135 crisis/hotline calls were received

According to an interview with CHANGE, Inc. staff, which operates the Lighthouse (Weirton), the following data represents the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022:

- 43 individuals were served for 1,434 nights and zero (0) unmet requests for shelter
- 195 individuals received non-residential services
- 406 crisis/hotline calls were received

According to the Wheeling Police Department's Domestic Violence analysis from 01 OCT 2021 to 03 OCT 2022:

- There were 615 total Domestic Violence calls for service
- 181 (29%) of those calls for service rose to the level of a criminal case

- 103 (57%) of those criminal cases resulted in arrests
- The busiest day of the week for Domestic Violence calls for services were Fridays, and the busiest peak times of day for calls were between 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

The 2021 Federal Human Trafficking Report for the State of West Virginia identified seven (7) sex trafficking cases and zero (0) forced labor cases within the Mountain State, three (3) of which were in the northern portion of the state that includes the Northern Panhandle. All victims were female and a 100% conviction rate was achieved.

Supportive housing and service needs for this population include 24-hour crisis/hotline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, case management, trauma recovery counseling, legal and employment advocacy, support and therapeutic groups, addiction services for co-occurring addiction, identification assistance, life skills training (financial management, parenting, cooking, employment, etc.) supervised visitation and exchange, batterer's intervention, and teen dating violence advocacy.

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

Those with disabilities are at greatest risk of housing instability. According to the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data from 2021, there were 21,100 residents (17.0% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population) of the Northern Panhandle counties of Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, and Marshall. This shows that a significant portion of the Northern Panhandle's population is at a high risk of housing instability.

Among others that are at greatest risk of housing instability, those who are at or below 30% of the HUD Area Median Income who are burdened by their monthly housing costs are at a higher risk of becoming homeless. According to the most recent CHAS data, 7,195 (13.8%) of the households in the four (4) counties composing the Northern Panhandle have incomes at or below 30% of the HUD AMI. Additionally, 9,279 (17.8%) households in the Northern Panhandle have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income.

For persons and households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, there were 104 assisted households in rapid re-housing, and 68 households in homeless prevention services according to the Housing Management Inventory System (HMIS).

A large number of households in the region have also received payments for rental assistance. According to an interview with YWCA staff, 130 households received rent assistance through the YWCA out of the 358 households who contacted the YWCA requesting assistance.

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In the most recent data available for 2022, there were 739 households on the public housing waiting lists and 475 households on the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers waiting lists for the four (4) public housing authorities operating within the Northern Panhandle.

The Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium also has a significant population of ALICE families. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. This represents families who are employed and earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but cannot otherwise keep up with the basic costs of living. According to the most recent ALICE Report data from 2019, between 26% and 29% of households in the counties that make up the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium have incomes that fall below the ALICE threshold of not being able to afford basic housing necessities but are above the Federal Poverty Level.

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

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle have a variety of resources to assist households experiencing homelessness and at-risk of becoming homeless through Federal, State, and local programs. These programs range from emergency shelters for households experiencing homelessness, through the development of affordable rental housing for extremely low-income and low-income households. Below is a summary of the resources available through the Cities of Wheeling and Weirton:

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

The cities of Wheeling and Weirton are a federal entitlement grantee. In FY 2022 the City of Wheeling received \$1,153,109 and the City of Weirton received \$405,433 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These funds are used for public service activities, housing activities, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and economic development activities. Funding is provided to agencies for services to the homeless and those who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Wheeling will receive \$1,140,498 and the City of Weirton will receive \$387,475 in CDBG funds.

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

The City of Wheeling is the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) for the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium of West Virginia under the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program and received \$346,427 in FY 2022 HOME funds. Non-CHDO set aside funds are used to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance for income eligible households in purchasing their homes. CHDO set aside funds are used for the acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing for income eligible households. These funds support the preservation and development of affordable housing to the very low-income to combat those households who are at risk of becoming homeless.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Wheeling will receive \$385,214 in HOME funds.

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

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

	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Total Year Round Beds	Seasonal	Overflow/ Vouchers	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
								Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing:	12	38	60	5	103	40	14	N/A	11	19
Emergency Shelter	9	29	38	5	72	40	14	N/A	6	5
Transitional Housing	3	9	22	0	31	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	14
Permanent Housing:	3	6	36	0	42	N/A	N/A	16	5	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0	18	0	18	N/A	N/A	16	0	0
Rapid Re-Housing	3	6	18	0	24	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	0
Grand Total:	15	44	96	5	145	40	14	16	16	19

The Northern Panhandle CoC has a total 103 emergency, safe haven, and transitional housing beds and 42 permanent housing beds. Of those number of units, the CoC has 11 beds for veterans and 19 beds for youth under emergency, safe haven, and transitional housing. The CoC has 5 permanent housing beds for veterans, 16 beds for chronic homeless, and zero (0) beds for youth.

Based off the 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), there are 72 year-round emergency shelter beds; 231 year-round transitional housing beds; 18 year-round permanent housing beds; and, 24 year-round rapid re-housing beds. These resources and supportive services are as follows:

- **Emergency Shelter:**

- **CHANGE, Inc.** – Lighthouse Domestic Violence9 beds
- **Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless** – NPC/ESG/Transitional.....13 beds
- **Helping Heroes of Moundsville** – NPC/ESG.....6 beds
- **Northwood Health Systems** – 16th Street Facility11 beds
- **Wheeling Salvation Army**12 beds
- **Youth Services System, Inc.** – Winter Freeze Shelter.....50 beds
NOTE: Life Hub currently operating the Winter Freeze Shelter
- **Youth Services System, Inc.** – NPC/BCP Emergency Shelter5 beds
- **YWCA** – Homeless Program3 beds
- **YWCA FVPP** – Madden House17 beds

- **Transitional Housing:**
 - **Helping Heroes of Moundsville** – Transitional Housing5 beds
 - **Youth Services System, Inc.** – NPC/RHY/Transitional Housing.....14 beds
 - **YWCA** – FVPP Transitional Housing.....12 beds
- **Permanent Supportive Housing:**
 - **Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless** – Residential Housing18 beds
- **Rapid Re-Housing:**
 - **Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless** – ESG/RRH/CV19 beds
 - **Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless** – SSVF/RRH.....2 beds
 - **Helping Heroes of Moundsville** – HH/SSVF/RRH.....3 beds

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 112 households experiencing homelessness, 103 households were sheltered, and 9 households were unsheltered. The unmet housing need for this qualified population is to increase the number of shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units. Based on consultations with homeless providers, the greatest need is a place for persons who are staying in shelters to move on to permanent housing, thereby moving to overcome the “bottleneck” in the shelter to permanent housing order. Therefore, agencies have identified the need for the development of more permanent supportive housing units to reduce the “bottleneck” and open beds in the emergency shelter space. Agencies also noted there is a lack of emergency shelter space outside of the Wheeling in the rural areas of the Northern Panhandle.

The supportive services that are needed include the following: case management, transportation, counseling services, credit repair, life skills and personal financial management training, educational services, childcare, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, legal services, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, mediation, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance costs. Based on consultation with community stakeholders, comprehensive wrap-around supportive services are crucial to successfully housing this unsheltered qualifying population.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The primary unmet housing needs of those at risk of becoming homeless is the lack of affordable housing units across the Northern Panhandle, particularly in the urban centers of

Wheeling and Weirton. At risk of homelessness refers to that qualifying population who live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income and have one or more housing problems. This qualifying population needs short- and long-term rental and utility assistance, along with affordable permanent housing options. Developing affordable permanent supportive housing units will advance housing stability by keeping households that are cost burdened from becoming homeless.

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

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

According to the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 17 homeless individuals who were identified as victims of domestic violence. Additionally, according to 2022 data from the HMIS, there were 104 households assisted in rapid-rehousing, of which 26 reported domestic violence at entry and one (1) reporting fleeing.

According to an interview with the YWCA (Wheeling) staff, five (5) families were housed in hotels in 2022, which is more than ever in the past because their shelter was full, and women were sleeping on couches within the facility. Shelter space is limited at times and there are limited safe and affordable housing options to assist moving toward self-sufficiency. The unmet housing need for this qualified population is to increase the number of domestic violence shelter beds and of permanent supportive housing units.

There is also a need for more case management and support services to assist in overcoming barriers to securing and/or maintaining employment; high food costs; access to transportation and/or childcare to maintain employment; and readily available services to address mental health issues.

There is also a need for more case management, access to transportation, counseling services, credit repair, life skills and personal financial management training, educational services, childcare, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches, legal services, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, mediation, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special

populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to ensuring housing stability within this qualifying population.

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

The unmet housing and service needs for other populations at greatest risk of housing instability is the delivery of accessible and comprehensive wrap-around supportive services. These individuals may have a substance abuse, mental health issues, and/or physical disabilities. To prevent housing instability within this population, long-term permanent housing assistance with case management and wrap-around support services are critical. Populations within this qualifying category identified during the consultation process as having unmet housing and service needs include physically disabled, developmentally challenged, and young adults aging out of foster care. Long-term permanent housing and accessible dwelling units were identified as the unmet housing need.

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

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

The limited supply of decent and safe housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income households across the four-county region is the largest gap in the system. This gap is much larger than the available resources that the City and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium have, but the City and the HOME Consortium will use the HOME-ARP funds to leverage additional funds for developing as many affordable housing options as possible.

Additionally, there is a lack of low-barrier shelter space across the Northern Panhandle and a lack of emergency shelter space in Hancock, Brooke, and Marshall Counties.

According to the 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT), the CoC has 11 unsheltered homeless persons and 111 sheltered homeless. With the emergency shelter beds near capacity, this leaves 11 homeless persons living on the streets and waiting to access shelter beds.

To assist in meeting the need to provide permanent housing, CoC member agencies work with the four (4) Public Housing Authorities operating in the Northern Panhandle for housing assistance through either public housing units or through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. There was a total of 1,078 public housing units and a waiting list of 739 persons in 2022 within the Northern Panhandle. Two (2) of these four (4) Public Housing Authorities administer a total of 873 Vouchers in 2022, with a total waiting list of 475 persons. Both waiting lists are open.

The Wheeling Housing Authority will consider project-based voucher proposals to help build the supply of more affordable units in the City.

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

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium are not providing additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in the City’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

During the HOME-ARP consultation, the following top priority needs for the qualifying populations were mentioned:

- Need for more decent and safe housing options that are affordable to low- and extremely low-income households.
- Need for permanent supportive housing.
- Need for comprehensive, coordinated, wrap-around supportive services such as case management, counseling, life skills, childcare, transportation, legal services, and job training.
- Need for low-barrier shelter space and shelter space in Hancock, Brooke, and Marshall Counties.
- Need for rehabilitation of the existing affordable housing stock.
- Need for re-entry and transitional housing as a relief to the shelters.
- Need for housing for those with mental and severe mental disabilities and housing for those with substance use disorder (SUD).
- Need for accessible housing for the elderly and for the disabled.

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

To determine the level of need and gaps in Northern Panhandle's shelter inventory, housing inventory, and service delivery systems, the City of Wheeling relied upon stakeholder consultations, agency surveys, the 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT), 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), 2019 ALICE data (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed), 2022 Family Violence Prevention & Service Act (FVPSA) reporting, crime reporting data, and additional statistics shared by service providers. In addition, the City analyzed the 2017-2021 American Community Survey Data (ACS Data) and the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS).

HOME-ARP Activities

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

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium propose to solicit HOME-ARP applications from non-profit and for-profit agencies, private developers and/or social service providers to undertake eligible HOME-ARP projects/activities. The City will release a Notice of the Funding Available under the HOME-ARP Program in the *Intelligencer/Wheeling News-Register* and the *Weirton Daily Times* post the notice on the City's website [www.wheelingwv.gov]. The City's Economic & Community Development Department (ECDD) staff will send out an email to organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or are known to serve qualifying populations within the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium area. This will notify agencies, organizations, and interested parties of the availability of the HOME-ARP funds.

Potential applicants will be directed to the City's website to access HOME-ARP Program Guidelines, the Funding Application, the Application Review Process, and instructions on how to complete the application. Applicants will also be directed to the City of Wheeling's ECDD staff for related HOME-ARP technical assistance.

The City will review the HOME-ARP Applications and rank them based on how funding request applications address the needs identified in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Application review will consider how the proposed projects/activities will develop and preserve the affordable housing stock in the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium area. In addition, the City will review how proposed projects/activities will incorporate comprehensive wrap-around supportive services to advance housing stability. The City will evaluate if the funding request applications leverage HOME-ARP funds with other private and public funding sources.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Wheeling's Economic & Community Development Department will manage the HOME-ARP program's administration, monitoring, and planning components. The projects/activities will be carried out by subrecipients awarded HOME-ARP funds.

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

Not Applicable. The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium have not provided any HOME-ARP funds to subrecipient(s) or contractors prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

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

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 110,510.00	10%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00	0%	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00	0%	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 939,594.00	85%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 55,000.00	5%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation:	\$ 1,105,104.00		

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

The City of Wheeling developed the HOME-ARP Budget based on the identified needs from consultation with community stakeholders, agency surveys, the assessment of the data obtained from the 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT), 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), 2017-2021 American Community Survey Data (ACS), 2015-2019 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and other statistical data shared by consulting agencies.

The City will allocate 85% of its HOME-ARP allocation for the Development of Affordable Rental Housing, 10% for Supportive Services, and 5% for Administration and Planning.

The following is a breakdown of what each category covers:

- **Development of Affordable Rental Housing** - eligible costs include acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating cost assistance/reserves.
- **Supportive Services** - may include some of the following eligible services: case management, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training,

transportation, childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, credit repair, food, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, mediation, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, re-entry support and advocacy, and financial assistance.

- **The Administration and Planning** - set aside is to cover costs associated with the administration of the HOME-ARP Program by the City of Wheeling.

The lack of decent and safe housing stock throughout the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium area that is affordable to low- and very low-income households was overwhelmingly mentioned during stakeholder consultations. Additionally, the need for comprehensive wrap-around supportive services from the emergency shelter space through transitional housing and into permanent housing placement was identified as a critical component to housing stability.

The lack of affordable housing options is a critical component of housing instability and undermines the efficiency and effectiveness of the Housing First Model. Moving individuals and households from emergency shelter into housing is paramount to successfully safeguarding housing stability. Realizing housing stability hinges on comprehensive and coordinated wrap-around services to the household. The lack of affordable housing options constricts the overall system by backing up emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing. The production and preservation of affordable housing will reduce the number of persons or households and their amount of time spent in emergency shelters and transitional housing thereby opening shelter space to those currently unsheltered.

The City and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium are not allocating HOME-ARP funds to the Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Non-Profit Operating, or Non-Profit Capacity Building based on the analysis of the needs for the City and the HOME Consortium.

Although the lack of emergency shelter in Hancock, Brooke, and Marshall Counties was another frequently identified need, there does not appear to be sufficient resources to undertake the acquisition, development, and support of new non-congregate shelters.

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

The 2022 Point-In-Time Count reported 89 persons or 81 households in Emergency Shelters and 11 persons or 9 households as unsheltered. The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle housing markets are seeing housing options being reduced because of the increases in housing sales prices, increases in monthly rents, low vacancy rates, increases in utility costs, and inflation.

These trends are leading to the lack of affordable housing opportunities and the increase of households becoming cost overburden.

Based on the statistics and the consultation process, the predominant need identified is for the development and preservation of housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income households. Also emphasized in achieving housing stability is the need for comprehensive wrap-around services from the shelter space through and following permanent housing placement.

The consultation process yielded a high priority for low-barrier shelter space in the Wheeling area, but not necessarily in a non-congregate arrangement as required for HOME-ARP funding. To meet the low-barrier congregate shelter space need, Life Hub, which is a program of the Wheeling Housing Authority partnering with the City of Wheeling, is pursuing the acquisition, development, and operation of a spacious year-round congregate shelter for homeless adults and families and their pets. The program will provide comprehensive wrap-around supportive services. Life Hub estimates \$15 million is needed for property acquisition, design, and development of the desired low-barrier congregate shelter and approximately \$2.2 million needed annually for supportive services including mental, physical, and respite care programming.

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

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium estimates it will assist in the development of four (4) new affordable housing units using HOME-ARP funds. This number was developed based off an estimated cost of \$250,000 per unit, which would cover the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating cost assistance/reserves. Additional units can be developed if applicants area are able to leverage other funds with HOME-ARP funds. The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium in its application process will encourage applicants to leverage other funds as a part of their application.

In addition, the City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium is allocating funds to provide supportive services to these units through coordination of existing service providers. These new affordable and/or rehabilitated existing units will be available to all HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

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

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium are looking to leverage the HOME-ARP funds with other Federal, State, local, foundation, private, etc. funding sources. The goal is to use these other funding sources to develop at least four (4) affordable housing units. If other funds are not available, the City and HOME Consortium will look to just fund projects with HOME-ARP funds only.

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

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

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

Not Applicable.

Referral Methods

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

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium intends to use the Northern Panhandle CoC's (NPCoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES) for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. The CES covers the NPCoC's entire geographic area of operation (Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel Counties) with two (2) established points of entry. The Greater Wheeling Coalition to End Homelessness (GWCH) is the main access point for all five (5) subpopulations permitted by HUD, including Category 4 households fleeing domestic violence when safety is not threatened. YWCA of Wheeling serves as the access point for households fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

The accessibility of CES throughout the five-county region has been improved for persons who are unable to present in-person for assistance through the implementation of the LifeSize virtual conferencing center. LifeSize enables clients in the region's rural counties to virtually complete Centralized Intake and Assessment (CIA) using a private space in public, accessible locations, such as regional libraries or drop-in centers.

Coordinated Entry Point enables NPCoC providers and homeless assistance staff to make consistent decisions from available information, and to connect people in crisis efficiently and effectively to intervention that will rapidly end their homelessness. The CES approach also aligns with NPCoC goals to transform a crisis response system to improve outcomes for people experiencing a housing crisis.

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

All HOME-ARP qualifying populations are eligible for a project or activity and will be included in the Northern Panhandle CoC (NPCoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES) process.

All participating members will ensure fair and equal access to CES system programs and services for all clients, regardless of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, citizenship, familial status, household composition, disability, Veteran status, sexual orientation, or domestic violence status. To ensure fair access by individuals with disabilities, physical and communication accessibility barriers will be addressed

by appropriate accommodation within the CES system. The NPCoC CES Policy and Procedure Manual has established protocols for fair and equal access to member housing and services.

All participating members will ensure that individuals are placed, served, and accommodated in accordance with their gender identity. This includes programs that have shared sleeping and/or bathing facilities. Programs may not make housing assignments or reassignments based solely on the complaints of another person, when the sole complaint is a client's gender identity, gender expression, or non-conformance with gender stereotypes. If an individual's gender identity, gender expression, or household composition creates challenging dynamics among residents within a facility, the host program will make every effort to accommodate the individual or assist in locating alternative accommodation that is appropriate and responsive to the individual's needs. Programs will take reasonable nondiscriminatory steps to address privacy and safety concerns and must ensure that their policies do not isolate, or segregate individuals based on gender identity. Referrals should never be made solely based on the complaints of other clients/residents.

The NPCoC requires service providers to practice a person-centered model that incorporates participant choice and inclusion of all homes subpopulations present in the NPCoC's area of operation, including homeless veterans, youth, families with children, individual adults, seniors, victims of domestic and sexual violence, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, and Intersex (LGBTQI) individuals and families. All CoC members will ensure that all people have fair and equal access to the CES system process and all forms of assistance regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, familial status, religious preference, disability, type or amount of disability, gender identity, perceived gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation.

The NPCoC ensures that persons with disabilities have equal access to the CES system through compliance with the requirement of Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. NPCoC does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities based on disability in the services, programs or activities. The NPCoC's CES Policy and Procedure Manual requires all member service providers to have written non-discrimination policies in place. As the main CES access point, Greater Wheeling Coalition to End Homelessness (GWCH) ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities. GWCH has a wheelchair accessible ramp to its building. GWCH also employs case management staff who are proficient in foreign languages and can connect with sign language interpreters from a local university as needed.

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

The City of Wheeling, the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium, and the Northern Panhandle CoC (NPCoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES) method of prioritization by following the matching process and eventual referral linkage process which considers a set of prioritization criteria for each project type. The order of client priority on the prioritization list will not be based on disability type or diagnosis.

The NPCoC's CES utilizes a standardized assessment pre-screening process for all five (5) subpopulations permitted by HUD. Following initial pre-screening assessment, priority is based on the two (2) standardized assessments, the Self Sufficiency Assessment Matrix (SSAM) and the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (VI-SPDAT). The SSAM assessment criteria is used to determine each participant's level of barriers to housing and to objectively link households to the most appropriate housing solution available. The VI-SPDAT is administered to chronically homeless individuals and ensures their prioritization for placement into homeless programs based on level of acuity and need.

The NPCoC ensures persons most in need of assistance are prioritized for care during monthly Provider Committee meetings using established prioritization standards developed for the NPCoC. These standards consider assessment results, levels of acuity, length of time homeless, and special populations.

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

Not Applicable. The City and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium intends to only use the Coordinated Entry System (CE) Process for the HOME-ARP funded projects.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium are not intending to limit eligibility for HOME-ARP rental housing projects to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation. The need for affordable rental housing has been identified for all qualifying populations. The City will solicit proposals for rental housing projects for all qualifying populations. Evaluations of applications will be made, and selection will be based on the best proposal submitted.

The City and the HOME Consortium are not allocating HOME-ARP funds for the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters.

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

Not Applicable. The City and the HOME Consortium do not intend to implement a limitation on the HOME-ARP Program.

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

Not Applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The City of Wheeling and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium do not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds. Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

Appendix

Attached are the following items:

- SF 424 Form
- SF 424-B Form
- SF 424-D Form
- Certifications
- Resolution
- Citizen Participation Documentation
- Agency Surveys/Consultation



HUD SF 424 Form

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424			
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
		* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text" value="M-21-DP-54-0204"/>	
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Wheeling, West Virginia"/>			
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="55-6000271"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="NBU2LKK14BG5"/>	
d. Address:			
* Street1: <input type="text" value="1500 Chapline Street"/>			
Street2: <input type="text"/>			
* City: <input type="text" value="Wheeling"/>			
County/Parish: <input type="text" value="Ohio and Marshall Counties"/>			
* State: <input type="text" value="WV: West Virginia"/>			
Province: <input type="text"/>			
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>			
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="26003-3553"/>			
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Economic and Community Develop"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>		* First Name: <input type="text" value="Nancy"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>			
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Prager"/>			
Suffix: <input type="text"/>			
Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>			
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text" value="Economic and Community Development Department"/>			
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(304) 234-3701"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(304) 234-3899"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="nprager@wheelingwv.com"/>			

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

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

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

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

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

Not Applicable.

* Title:

Not Applicable.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable.

Title:

Not Applicable.

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

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

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,105,104.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,105,104.00"/>

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

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

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

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

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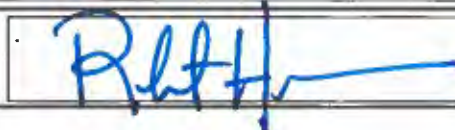
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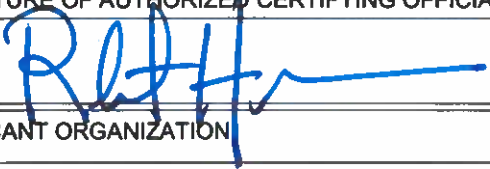
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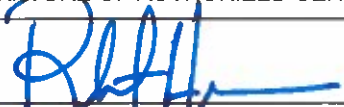
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Certifications

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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Signature of Authorized Official

03/22/2023

Date

City Manager

Title



Resolution



Glenn F. Elliott, Jr.
Mayor

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
FOR THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Wheeling in cooperation with the City of Weirton and the Counties of Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, and Marshall, WV have joined together to form the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium and the City of Wheeling was designated as the Representative Member to apply for funds as the Participating Jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering the HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium was allocated \$1,105,104 in HOME-ARP Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheeling prepared a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which has been included the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment containing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display from March 2, 2023 through March 16, 2023 and the City held a public hearing on March 14, 2023 concerning said amendment, and the comments of various agencies, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:

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

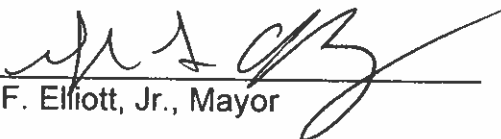
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ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH 2023 BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Glenn F. Elliott, Jr., Mayor of the City of Wheeling, West Virginia have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Wheeling to be affixed this 21st day of March 2023.



Glenn F. Elliott, Jr., Mayor



Citizen Participation Documentation

**CITY OF WHEELING, WV
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN
FOR THE HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM
FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**

This notice is hereby given by the City of Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia that it will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Noon**, prevailing time, in the Wheeling City Council Chambers located on the first floor of the City-County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV. The City-County Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons requiring assistance to participate at this public hearing due to hearing, speech, and/or vision impairments or limited English proficiency should contact Ms. Melissa Thompson, Community Development Specialist, Economic & Community Development Department by phone at (304) 234-3701 or by email to mthompson@wheelingwv.gov. For persons with hearing or speech impairments, please call 7-1-1 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

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City's Economic and Community
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of March 2023



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SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENT**

This notice is hereby given by the City of Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia that it will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Noon, prevailing time, in the Wheeling City Council Chambers located on the first floor of the City-County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV. The City-County Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons requiring assistance to participate at this public hearing due to hearing, speech and/or vision impairments or limited English proficiency should contact Ms. Melissa Thompson, Community Development Specialist, Economic & Community Development Department by phone at (304) 234-3701 or by email to mthompson@wheeling-wv.gov.

For persons with hearing or speech impairments, please call 7-1-1 for TTY-Based Telecommunications Relay Service.

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the City of Wheeling's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the HOME-American Rescue Plan funds. The City intends to submit its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in the amount of \$1,105,104 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before Friday, March 31, 2023. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the City of Wheeling to receive federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the process the City will use to allocate funds to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of becoming homeless, and other vulnerable populations, by providing affordable rental housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and/or non-congregate shelter for the purpose of reducing homelessness and increasing housing stability. In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, the City of Wheeling has placed its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on public display starting Thursday, March 2, 2023 and ending on Thursday, March 16, 2023, after which the Substantial Amendment will be presented to the Wheeling City Council for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The Draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan may be examined at the City's website.

www.wheelingwv.gov and at the following locations:

City's Economic and Community Development (ECD) Department
City-County Building,
Room 305
1500 Chapline Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

The Ohio County Public Library
52 Sixteenth Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Written comments must be received by Thursday, March 16, 2023 either by mail addressed to the attention of Ms. Melissa Thompson, Community Development Specialist, Economic & Community Development Department, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 or by email to mthompson@wheeling-wv.gov
Int. Mar 1, 2023



CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

PUBLIC HEARING

**Council Chambers, City-County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at noon**

Opening Remarks: Ms. Nancy Prager, Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Wheeling, opened the Public Hearing, and highlighted the following information that was shared with attendees by way of a handout. She spoke about the difference between congregate and non-congregate shelter, and clarified that only non-congregate shelter is allowed under HOME-ARP funding.

HOME-ARP

- Congress appropriated \$5 billion in funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.
- These funds are to be used to assist the homeless and those persons and families who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering this program and the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium was allocated \$1,105,104 in HOME-ARP funds.
- The Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium includes the City of Wheeling, City of Weirton, and Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, and Marshall Counties.
- The City of Wheeling, Economic & Community Development Department is the lead entity and the administrator for the HOME-ARP funds.
- There are four (4) “Qualifying Populations” HOME-ARP funds are required to assist:
 - Homeless
 - At Risk of Homelessness
 - Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
 - Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: (1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness; and, (2) Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

- Eligible HOME-ARP Activities include:
 - Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing
 - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 - Supportive Services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling
 - Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

NOTE: “Non-Congregate Shelter” (NCS) provides private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. The restricted use period as a non-congregate shelter 15 years for new construction and 10 years for rehabilitation and acquisition only.

- To receive HOME-ARP funds, the City of Wheeling is required to submit and Allocation Plan to the HUD no later than 31 MAR 2023, which is a Substantial Amendment to the City of Wheeling’s FY 2021 Annual Action Plan.

HOME-ARP MILESTONES

Consultation and Data Collection	DEC 2022 – MAR 2023
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Notice Published	WED, 01 MAR 2023
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan went on Public Display.....	THU, 02 MAR 2023
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Hearing.....	TUE, 14 MAR 2023 at noon
End of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Display.....	THU, 16 MAR 2023
City Council Adoption of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan	TUE, 21 MAR 2023
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan submitted to HUD Pittsburgh Office on or before.....	FRI, 31 MAR 2023

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

- The City of Wheeling held several virtual group meetings, conducted one-on-one interviews, sent out surveys, and emailed questions to stakeholders, agencies/organizations, and housing providers between December 2022 and February 28, 2023 that are a part of the following categories:
 - The CoC serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area,
 - homeless service providers,
 - domestic violence service providers,
 - veterans’ groups,
 - public housing agencies (PHAs), and
 - public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

- The City of Wheeling developed the HOME-ARP Budget based on the identified needs from consultation with community stakeholders, agencies/organizations, housing providers, agency surveys, the assessment of the data obtained from the Point-In-Time Count (PIT), Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), American Community Survey Data (ACS), HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and other statistical data shared by consulting agencies.
- The following table provides the proposed HOME-ARP funding allocations for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type.

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 55,000.00	5%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00	0%	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00	0%	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 939,594.00	85%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 110,510.00	10%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation:	\$ 1,105,104.00		

Public Comments: Ms. Prager opened the floor for public comments. The following three (3) individuals spoke for the record.

Mr. George Smoulder, Life Hub, and former director of the United Way, thanked the committee for their work and time in holding all of the consultation meetings. He understands that HOME-ARP funding may not be used for non-congregate shelter, but stated that he hopes that funding will become available for that through another source. He made the following comments:

1. He requested that the draft Allocation Plan show the need for low barrier shelter, as expressed in the consultation process. The Plan lists numbers of beds, but in order to occupy many of those beds there are specific requirements. Low barrier beds are needed.
2. He requested that an increase in funding be considered for supportive services within the Allocation Plan budget, and stated that \$55,000 is only enough for one case manager.
3. He stated the need for a home repair program that includes training people how to do their own repairs to prevent them from becoming homeless.
4. He stated that the building trades should be better emphasized in the community to contribute to employment that would prevent homelessness.

Ms. Joyce Wolen, Wheeling Housing Authority, echoed Mr. Smoulder's comments and requested to add to the Allocation Plan that there is a need for low barrier additional transitional housing also. Homeless cannot always meet the specific criteria that is necessary to get into the existing transitional housing facilities.

Mr. R.J. Konkoleski, Helping Heroes, echoed Ms. Wolen's thoughts on transitional housing. He stated that Helping Heroes has transitional housing for veterans only, which is a barrier. He added that Helping Heroes' transitional housing is full, and the next nearest transitional housing for veterans is near Pittsburgh. There were two facilities near Pittsburgh, but one has closed. He stated that transitional housing works.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment: With no one else wishing to speak, Ms. Prager closed the Public Hearing at 12:17 p.m. She stated that once the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan has been approved by City Council, that the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD for review and approval. Once HUD approves the Allocation Plan, the City will put out a request for proposals for entities wishing to use the HOME-ARP funds. Ms. Prager thanked all who attended the Public Hearing.



CITY OF WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA
FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment – HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
PUBLIC HEARING
Council Chambers, First Floor, City-County Building, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at noon

Name	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Lexie Bell	West Liberty Intern		
Melynda Sampson	United Way WV211	304 232-4625	msampson@unitedwaywv.org
George Smoulder	Life Hub	304-280-0008	george_smoulder@yahoo.com
R. J. Konkoludii	Helping Hands	304-232-0114	rj@helpinghandsinc.org
Loei Jones	YWCA	304 232-0511	Executive Director @ YWCA Wheeling, org
Julie Edsall	YSS	304-233-9627	Jeddy@ysswv.com
Joyce Wolen	Wheeling Housing	304-242-4447	joyce@wheelingwv-pha.org
Melissa S. Adams	City of Wheeling	304-851-2118	madams@wheelingwv.gov



Agency Surveys/Consultation

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

HOUSING AUTHORITY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Housing Authority: Wheeling Housing Authority

Address: PO Box 2089, Wheeling, WV 26003

Name: Joyce K. Wolen

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-242-4447

Email: joyce@wheelingwv-pha.org

PUBLIC HOUSING

- **How many public housing units does your Housing Authority currently have in its inventory?**
540
- **What is your Housing Authority's current Public Housing occupancy rate?**
96% average
- **How many households are currently on your Public Housing waiting list?**
475
- **Is your Public Housing waiting list open or closed?** ☒ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Public Housing waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
Click or tap here to enter text.
- **What is the average wait before being housed in Public Housing?**
5-6 months
- **Does your Housing Authority give Public Housing preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless** ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness** ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc.** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- **How many of your Public Housing units are available for family occupancy?**
21
- **How many evictions did your Public Housing Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
12

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

- **How many Housing Choice Vouchers does your Housing Authority administer?**
573
- **How many households are currently on your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list?**
445
- **Is your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list open or closed?** ☒ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
Click or tap here to enter text.
- **What is the average time it takes for a household to find housing after they receive a Voucher?**
2-3 months
- **How many Vouchers are returned because the household cannot find housing?**
None
- **Does your Housing Authority give Housing Choice Voucher preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- **How many evictions did your Housing Choice Voucher Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
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NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

HOUSING AUTHORITY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Housing Authority: Weirton Housing Authority

Address: 525 Cove Road Weirton WV 26062

Name: George B. Vargo

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-797-8530 Ext. 1

Email: gbvargo@yahoo.com

PUBLIC HOUSING

- **How many public housing units does your Housing Authority currently have in its inventory?**
111
- **What is your Housing Authority's current Public Housing occupancy rate?**
98
- **How many households are currently on your Public Housing waiting list?**
15
- **Is your Public Housing waiting list open or closed?** ☒ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Public Housing waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
Click or tap here to enter text.
- **What is the average wait before being housed in Public Housing?**
3-6 months
- **Does your Housing Authority give Public Housing preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless** ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness** ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc.** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- **How many of your Public Housing units are available for family occupancy?**
49
- **How many evictions did your Public Housing Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
2

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

- **How many Housing Choice Vouchers does your Housing Authority administer?**
300
- **How many households are currently on your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list?**
30
- **Is your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list open or closed?** ☒ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
Click or tap here to enter text.
- **What is the average time it takes for a household to find housing after they receive a Voucher?**
60 days
- **How many Vouchers are returned because the household cannot find housing?**
50 percent of vouchers given are returned
- **Does your Housing Authority give Housing Choice Voucher preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- **How many evictions did your Housing Choice Voucher Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
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NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

HOUSING AUTHORITY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Housing Authority: Moundsville Housing Authority

Address: 501 Tenth Street Moundsville, WV 26041

Name: Shannon Marshall

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-845-3141

Email: smarshall@moundsvillehousing.com

PUBLIC HOUSING

- **How many public housing units does your Housing Authority currently have in its inventory?**
248
- **What is your Housing Authority's current Public Housing occupancy rate?**
99%
- **How many households are currently on your Public Housing waiting list?**
51
- **Is your Public Housing waiting list open or closed?** ☒ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Public Housing waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
N/A
- **What is the average wait before being housed in Public Housing?**
Depends on the unit size and location needed/wanted.
- **Does your Housing Authority give Public Housing preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless** ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness** ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc.** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- **How many of your Public Housing units are available for family occupancy?**
Two vacant units as of 1/31/2023
- **How many evictions did your Public Housing Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
19 Lease Terminations

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

- **How many Housing Choice Vouchers does your Housing Authority administer?**
N/A
- **How many households are currently on your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list?**
N/A
- **Is your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list open or closed?** ☐ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
N/A
- **What is the average time it takes for a household to find housing after they receive a Voucher?**
N/A
- **How many Vouchers are returned because the household cannot find housing?**
N/A
- **Does your Housing Authority give Housing Choice Voucher preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless** ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness** ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc.** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- **How many evictions did your Housing Choice Voucher Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
N/A

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

HOUSING AUTHORITY NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Housing Authority: Benwood McMechen Housing Authority

Address: 2200 Marshall Street S, Benwood, WV 26031

Name: Erin Twigg Yoders

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-233-0830

Email: erin@benwood-mcmechenhousing.com

PUBLIC HOUSING

- **How many public housing units does your Housing Authority currently have in its inventory?**
179
- **What is your Housing Authority's current Public Housing occupancy rate?**
98%
- **How many households are currently on your Public Housing waiting list?**
198
- **Is your Public Housing waiting list open or closed?** ☒ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Public Housing waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
N/A
- **What is the average wait before being housed in Public Housing?**
This varies depending on units available.
- **Does your Housing Authority give Public Housing preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless** ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness** ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc.** ☒ Yes ☐ No
- **How many of your Public Housing units are available for family occupancy?**
We have 4 vacant units but all are pending being housed once renovations are complete.
- **How many evictions did your Public Housing Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
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SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

- **How many Housing Choice Vouchers does your Housing Authority administer?**
none
- **How many households are currently on your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list?**
n/a
- **Is your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list open or closed?** ☐ Open ☐ Closed
- **If your Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list is closed, how long has it been closed?**
n/a
- **What is the average time it takes for a household to find housing after they receive a Voucher?**
n/a
- **How many Vouchers are returned because the household cannot find housing?**
n/a
- **Does your Housing Authority give Housing Choice Voucher preference or prioritize individuals/families included in the following HOME-ARP qualifying populations?**
 - Homeless** ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - At Risk of Homelessness** ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, etc.** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- **How many evictions did your Housing Choice Voucher Program experience in Calendar Year 2022?**
n/a

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING HOME-ARP PROGRAM SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Catholic Charities West Virginia

Address: 125 18th Street

Contact Person: Jessica Klinger

Title: Northern Regional Director

Phone: 304-232-7157 ext. 4

Email: jklinger@ccwva.org

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

Brook, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel & Belmont Counties

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Homeless Outreach, case management, food/rent/utility assistance

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**
Funding for deposits & 1st months rent. Low barrier housing options.
- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**
Low income families
- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**
Folks released from incarceration, families evicted for one reason or another, folks struggling with addiction and mental health
- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**
Families with children, elderly, women, people suffering with mental health
- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**
Low income people/families, elderly
- **Any other Populations:**
People with suffering with undiagnosed mental health issues and low/no education

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

Women and children have no shelter options in Wheeling unless DV situation

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Waitlist are long and background checks coupled with the inability to produce 1st months rent and deposit

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Click or tap here to enter text.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Inability to pay rent in a timely manor, rent has significantly increased over the years

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

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

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

St. Vincent's parish, Salvation Army, YWCA

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

Transportation to and from work. Limited jobs in the downtown area where most high rises are located. Rising late fee costs from landlords. Limited funding for back rents.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Identification for people birth certificate, photo id and SS card.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Click or tap here to enter text.

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING HOME-ARP PROGRAM SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: CHANGE. INC. Marissa Collett & Brandi Radvansky

Address: 3158 West Street

Contact Person: Jim Boniey

Title: Director of Program Operations

Phone: 304-797-7733

Email: jimboniey@changeinc.org

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

Underserved populations including domestic violence victims, veterans, and hiv/aids clients.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Domestic Violence – 24/7 dv homeless shelter & outreach office both assist clients with supportive services and case management. Court accompaniment and advocacy.

Veterans/ HOPWA both departments goal is to keep cliental stably housed by providing rent and utilites. Supportive services and case management.

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Finding stable and affordable housing. No homeless shelter in immediate area without traveling to wheeling or out of state.

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

If the individual does not meet criteria for any of our existing programs. We have to refer out to other agencies. Finding stable and affordable housing

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

If the individual does not meet criteria for any of our existing programs. We have to refer out to other agencies.

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

Finding permanent and stable employment. Finding stable and affordable housing.

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

Finding stable and affordable housing.

- **Any other Populations:**

N/A

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

No shelter for homeless population in the northern panhandle including Hancock and Brooke counties.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Shortage of available units that are affordable. Non existant shelters and transitional houses in northern panhandle. Lack of landlords willing to take section 8 or housing that meet hud criteria.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Trying to find housing that meets hud requirements.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Loss of employment, illness, poor money management skills, unsafe living conditions.

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

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

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

Rental assistance, utility assistance, mortgage assistance, general housing stability.

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

Unsafe or unlivable conditions. Hud criteria. Fair market housing.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Need more assistance and services for homeless population in northern panhandle.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

N/A

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Helping Heroes

Address: 44 16th Street; Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: R.J. Konkoleski

Title: CEO

Phone: 304-232-0114

Email: rj@helpingheroesinc.org

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

Helping Heroes serves approximately 300 local Veterans and family members annually. We serve male and female Veterans as well as families. Our Veterans typically range in age from 21 to 80 years old. Many Veterans we serve are currently experiencing or recovering from drug and alcohol abuse and/or physical and mental health conditions.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) assists families transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing and prevents at-risk families from becoming homeless. Transitional Housing provides a safe, free place to live for Veterans who are not yet ready to be placed in permanent housing because complex barriers such as a criminal history, chronic unemployment, and mental health issues. The Emergency Shelter for Veterans is the first and only local shelter specifically dedicated to serving the “literally unsheltered” Veteran population, living on the streets, in camps, and under bridges. We also offer a monthly Veterans Food Pantry. In addition, a core component of our programs is helping Veteran families connect to the services and benefits they have earned through information and referral services.

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

All shelters in the city are overnight only. We are working to provide 24/7 emergency shelter for Veterans in our new location, currently under renovation.

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

Assistance is unavailable for Veterans who own their own home, but are at risk of foreclosure. Our VA programs target the literal homeless and prevention funds are only for those renting.

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

Family members/caregivers of Veterans.

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

There is a lack of housing for Veterans whose physical or mental health makes employment and independent living difficult or impossible.

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

Again, limited options if the Veteran owns their home.

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Current shelters are difficult to access. Individuals are required to pass drug tests, have photo IDs etc. The hours of current shelters leave gaps in coverage, especially important in cold winter months or during the heat of summer.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

It is difficult to locate housing for Veterans with disabilities or criminal histories such as sex offenders.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Yes, the CoC's traditionally excessively strict interpretation of what it means to be homeless and extremely narrow hours for coordinated entry as well as an overly cumbersome coordinated entry process are barriers which cause many seeking assistance to fall through the cracks and fail to receive services and assistance.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

The list is extensive. Some that immediately come to mind: substance use and abuse, loss of employment or benefits, spouse dying, increased costs of food, rent, healthcare, criminal history, mental illness, just to name a few.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

<p>Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:</p> <p>A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness</p> <p>B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Please identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

Congregate overnight shelter is available for those who meet entry qualifications. Our organization offers supportive services and transitional housing for Veterans.

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

Housing without proper isolation from the elements or lacking utilities, heating, etc.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Veterans who served our country should always be prioritized.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Northern Panhandle Parents as Teachers

Address: 1300 Potomac Ave. Weirton, WV 26062

Contact Person: Aryn Carr
Teacher

Title: Program Director-Parents as

Phone: 740-827-4069

Email: acarr@brookehancockfrn.org

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

We serve families with children prenatally through the age of kindergarten entry. We serve all kinds of families without discrimination or bias including those experiencing homelessness, in the foster system, experiencing IPV, and other family stressors.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

We provide in-home education to families to ensure that their children are progressing in development and get them connected to additional services when necessary. Additionally, we work with guardians to screen for depression, anxiety, IPV, and other health stressors that impact parenting and familial life. A huge part of our program is connection. We connect families to each other through group meetings and also to agencies beyond our own to build circles of support in the home.

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Limited time frame for assistance. Most shelters offer a 30 day stay. HUD waitlists and Section 8 are much longer than 30 days.

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

Lack of resources to teach financial literacy for long term success in and outside of shelters.

Feelings of hopelessness leading to lack of motivation

Stigma

Lack of knowledge of tenants rights and dealing with “slumlords”

Lack of transportation to get to employment/childcare to maintain housing

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

Vermox and bug infestations spreading into Section 8, duplex housing, etc.

Fear of retaliation and lack of legal support when pursuing housing issue solutions

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

Single parents

Persons experiencing SUD

Persons experiencing IPV

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

Section 8 tenants

Elderly

Persons with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, etc.

Persons with mental health disorders

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Shelter Employees having a lack of trauma informed care

Lack of wrap around services

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

N/A

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Need for more financial literacy for persons prone to homelessness

More referrals to mental health aid

More referrals to PCPs

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

SUD, IPV, Lack of Life Skills, Low Educational Attainment, Mental Health issues, single parenthood, having children with special healthcare needs, lack of support

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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

The Lighthouse-Weirton

Urban Mission-Steubenville

YWCA-Wheeling

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

Couch surfing

Overcrowded spaces-too many people living in one home

Engaging/Interacting with multiple partners

Grooming/ Human Trafficking

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Childcare

Transportation

Medical Needs

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING HOME-ARP PROGRAM SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Ohio County Family Resource Network, Inc.

Address: PO Box 6117 Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: Claudia Raymer

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-232-5600

Email: ohiocountyfrn@yahoo.com

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

We serve families in Ohio County WV. Target population is up to 200% of FPL.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Food Security
ReEntry
Emergency Assistance
Title X Family Planning Education
Child Abuse Prevention
Substance Abuse Prevention and Harm Reduction
Evidence-based parenting programs
After school tutoring
Health and Wellness Activities

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Coordinated case management and community wide approach to solving cases on an individual basis. We have plenty of band-aid solutions but active participation of providers across the spectrum of services to use coordinated entry (HMIS) and case management with open communication is sub-par. This is due to a variety of reasons, but is the largest barrier to addressing the homeless crisis in the Northern Panhandle. This along with inadequate mental health and SUD services and public transportation perpetuates the issue.

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

Child care, transportation, mental health and addiction services

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Shelter for families

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Affordable housing, especially on a bus route

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Please see above about meaningful collaboration and communication. It can be difficult for providers to make the time to participate with existing groups, as they are buried under their case loads. And some providers will work with two or three other organizations but not a broader range of agencies. Further, there is a disconnect between providers who want to end homelessness and those who do not have that as a top priority.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Lack of child care, lack of transportation, lack of access to mental health and addiction services, lack of affordable housing

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficult to house individuals such as those who are registered sex offenders and individuals with violent felonies or untreated mental illness
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Families
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

<p>Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:</p> <p>A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness</p> <p>B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Please identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

Please visit www.ocfrn.com to find the Ohio County Resource Guide

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Any initiative that will likely increase the amount of homeless in Wheeling by drawing in unsheltered people from other areas, should consider that all programs providing assistance will also be impacted and financial support should be provided. Further, any programs that are to be funded should not be a duplication of existing services. If expansion of existing services are needed, funding should be directed to those programs so that they may expand.

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING HOME-ARP PROGRAM SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: Ohio County Family Support Center

Address: 141 Key Ave. Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: Lisa Sasso

Title: Center Director

Phone: 304-905-0205

Email: lisa@ocfrn.com

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

Families in Ohio County with children 18 years old or younger.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Parenting classes, family events, afterschool programs, respite nights etc.

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

N/A

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

Rental and utilities assistance without barriers such as proof of eviction or shut-off notice (this would help prevent them from getting buried under back rent and giant utility bills), help applying for a housing voucher, help being placed in income based housing, connection to legal counsel on tenant rights

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

Rental and utilities assistance without barriers such as proof of eviction or shut-off notice (this would help prevent them from getting buried under back rent and giant utility bills), help applying for a housing voucher, help being placed in income based housing, connection to legal counsel on tenant rights

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

Rental and utilities assistance without barriers such as proof of eviction or shut-off notice (this would help prevent them from getting buried under back rent and giant utility bills), help applying for a housing voucher, help being placed in income based housing, connection to legal counsel on tenant rights

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

Help applying for a housing voucher or being placed in income based housing, connection to legal counsel on tenant rights

- **Any other Populations:**

N/A

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

Space for unsheltered individuals who have mental health conditions that are not severe enough to warrant a mental hygiene hold or involuntary commitment. Space for non-veteran families to be placed together. More space for single women.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

N/A

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Dedicated services and case management for unsheltered individuals who have mental health conditions that are not severe enough to warrant a mental hygiene hold or involuntary commitment.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Losing employment, eviction (caused by many factors), etc.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsheltered individuals who have mental health conditions that are not severe enough to warrant a mental hygiene hold or involuntary commitment
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single parents at risk of or with eviction notice
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<p>populations above but meet one of the following criteria:</p> <p>A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness</p> <p>B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability</p>				
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Please identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless, Helping Heroes, Youth Services System, Greater Wheeling Soup Kitchen, NAMI Greater Wheeling, Street MOMS, Project Hope, Salvation Army, City of Wheeling Homeless Liaison, YWCA Wheeling, Ohio County Family Resource Network

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

See above

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

See above

Other Comments/Suggestions:

N/A

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING HOME-ARP PROGRAM SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: WV 211 United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley

Address: 1307 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: Melynda Sampson

Title: Community Resource Specialist

Phone: 304-232-4625 ext. 4

Email: msampson@unitedwayuov.org

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

Anyone in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler Counties in need of social service referrals or information on where and how to receive assistance.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Information & Referral

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**
Transportation and affordable rent to get established in housing
- **Households who are at Risk of Homelessness:**
Seniors, those on Disability, those with pets
- **Other persons requiring services or housing assistance to Prevent Homelessness:**
Those in between jobs, awaiting disability, unexpected health issues
- **Persons who are at greatest risk of Housing Instability:**
Senior Citizens and single individuals on disability
- **Persons living in Unsuitable Housing Situations:**
Seniors who are unable to repair homes
- **Any other Populations:**
Persons with substance abuse disorder and families with only one income

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

Lack of placement for those with a pet

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Placement for women not in a DV situation

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Lack of transportation to shelters and services.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Lack of job stability, no funds to repair home, unexpected expenses for those living paycheck to paycheck

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

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

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

Emergency shelters (Salvation Armies), YWCA Family Violence Prevention, USDA home repair grant, LIMITED EFSP funds, Northwood Health Systems

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

Strict eligibility to receive service limits those able to get assistance, lack of openings in shelters, unexpected costs such as car/home repair, older homes that contribute to health issues,

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Home repairs, easier access to housing assistance for those temporarily staying with a friend

Other Comments/Suggestions:

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NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: The Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling, Inc

Address: PO Box 546, 1610 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: Becky Shilling-Rodocker

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-907-5194

Email: wheelingsoup@yahoo.com

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

The Soup Kitchen serves an extremely diverse and always changing population. We are told by WV Mountaineer Foods that we are the largest or one of the largest soup kitchens in West Virginia (depending on who you speak to). We provide over 170,000 meals consistently each year. We only closed for two weeks in October of 2021 for COVID, we were open all through COVID serving more people than ever due to everything else being closed including many restaurants.. We do not ask any personal information so we do not track demographics consistently. However, we do a needs assessment each year and find out who we are serving and what their needs and wishes are. About 75% of our population we serve come to the Soup Kitchen on a regular basis.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

First we are a typical Soup Kitchen. We serve anyone who is hungry breakfast and then our main meal is from 11:00-1:00. We have no qualifications to be able to obtain services for anything we provide, We also have a medical clinic on site that is staffed once a week by a PA, doctor or nurses. Medical services include vaccines for COVID, pneumonia and flu shots. We also can do wellness checks for blood pressure and diabetes and make referrals when needed. Our third program is for children and their families. It is called "Just For Kidz" and provides a homemade meal every Wednesday night for the families. It also hosts a huge picnic in one of our beautiful parks and it's an all day affair, breakfast, lunch, dinner, music, books t-shirts,, access to all activities at the park and family portraits. Just for Kidz provides over 227 children with 4-5 new outfits, new book bag and new supplies for Back to School and also a large holiday gift program,, giving each child a wonderful holiday to create wonderful memories. The Soup Kitchen is active with just about every other social service agency in Wheeling, we are part of the Food Security team and took the lead Oproviding Ohio Country with Blessing Boxes (4 of the 9) and food to stock the boxes. We also host the Re-entry program working with up to 30 other agencies to provide a better transition for those coming out of prison. We also provide some rental assistance as well as utility help in dire circumstances. We are mostly community funded and volunteer drive, We own the building we remodeled to house the soup kitchen and we keep it very clean with delicious meals being served each day (Monday through Saturday).

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

There are not enough beds in Wheeling that are easily accessible for shelter. Women and children are at the highest risk of not being able to obtain shelter year round.

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

There are many people in Wheeling struggling to hold on to the overpriced homes or apartments they currently reside in. Households at the most risk are diverse - men, women and families are all at risk of holding on not apartments they are paying outrageous amounts of money for literal dumps.

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

The elderly. Wheeling is a very geriatric community and there are very few apartments available right now in any of the high-rises. In a meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023 it will be presented to the re-entry assembly that there were currently no apartments left to rent in any of the Wheeling Housing high rises.

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

The men and women who suffer from homelessness, the working poor. There are outrageous deposits that are never returned, substandard living arrangements that break all the rules such as temperature control not available in each unit, no repainting when someone new moves in, slow maintenance, passing regular maintenance costs onto the person renting the apartment. Anyone living in this type of apartment is always at risk of losing housing.

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

The amount of Wheeling housing that is unsuitable, especially for the amount the people are expected to pay is unreasonable and quite frankly ignorant. It is private "slum lords" who have no consequences for providing very bad living quarters because it is not policed.

- **Any other Populations:**

Anyone in Wheeling that experiences a major lifestyle change is at risk of losing housing. I have spoken to people of all backgrounds experiencing homelessness or near homelessness. The stories are terrifying.

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

Times they are kicked out of shelter in the morning and times they are allowed to come in at night. They should just be a round the clock shelter and provide day shelters as that is more humane than sending people out in to the weather at 7:30 am with no where to go. Not having enough beds at times and I have to call Ohio and Pennsylvania to find a bed then secure transportation to those open shelters.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Yes, too many substandard living apartments. When fracking came to Wheeling thousands of our clients were displaced because a small decent apartment that was \$500 was suddenly able to be rented to a oil worker for \$1500-\$2000. Wheeling has never recovered from the first gas and oil

men coming here to work, many times they just pay the years worth of rent and come and go as the work is available.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

There are gaps in every delivery system in this community.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

I believe that some landlords rent to people who simply cannot afford to continue to pay the high rent costs. They will get help from community agencies to assist with deposits and first couple of months rent but then with little or no income they are back to being homeless. Landlords know that the agencies will help with rental assistance and guide their renters to the agencies, but at times that funding does dry up or the renters time getting help expires.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out of control and we need answers on how to serve this population.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A very serious concern in this community
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The local YWCA has a wonderful domestic violence program that houses many women and children. They also have a trafficking program, they truly attempt to provide help for all of the mentioned.
Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria: A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some people have never dreamed that they could be looking at homelessness and they do not know how to help themselves once the spiraling starts. We as a community must have agencies in place that can help those people before they are looking at absolute homelessness.

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

There are many resources in Wheeling for me to mention, I would be afraid I would forget someone. Of course he Catholic Charities, The Homeless Coalition, House of Carpenter, YWCA, FRN, The Soup Kitchen and our city Economic department.

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

High rent, substandard housing units, lack of enough open units, lack of truly affordable units, low employment opportunities, lacking adequate bus service, However, with all the above mentioned I feel the agencies do try to work together to help those who are facing homelessness.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Housing, rental assistance, supervision of current slumlords who do not offer HUD housing because of the guidelines.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Thank you - I believe your assistance will be very valuable for Wheeling.

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
Bureau for Family Assistance

Address: 69 16th Street Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: Mark Paree

Title: Community Service Manager

Phone: 304-232-4411 Ext. 31702

Email: Mark.B.Paree@wv.gov

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

Residents of West Virginia who qualify for the programs offered. Programs offered are based on various factors such as household size and the ages of those in the home, income, assets, or disability. Currently the Ohio County office has a caseload of over 8,000 cases.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-SNAP (Formerly Food Stamps)
Medicaid
Children's Health Insurance Program-CHIP
Long Term Care (Nursing or In-Home care)
Medicare Premium Assistance Program
WV Works
Low Income Energy Assistance Program-LIEAP
Low Income Household Water Assistance Program-LIHWAP
School Clothing Allowance
Burial Assistance
Emergency Assistance
<https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Services/familyassistance/Pages/default.aspx>

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Ohio County is very service rich with many agencies providing services. We do not offer homeless services. This would be better addressed by those that do.

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

This office offers the Emergency Assistance program. If someone is income eligible and they have received a court ordered eviction notice the DHHR can pay a one months amount of rent if the landlord agrees to cease the eviction. The same if a mortgage and the bank is foreclosing.

The landlord or bank will have to agree to the one months amount. If they do not, the DHHR can pay the first months rent and security deposit at a new residence (if that landlord agrees to accept from DHHR).

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

This would be better answered by an agency working directly with the homeless.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

This would be better answered by an agency working directly with the homeless.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

This would be better answered by an agency working directly with the homeless.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

This would be better answered by an agency working directly with the homeless. The same for the chart just below.

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations	High	Medium	Low	Any specific sub-population that needs more assistance?
Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
At Risk of Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

<p>Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:</p> <p>A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness</p> <p>B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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Please identify current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing.

There are a variety of services offered in Ohio Couty:

<https://ocfrn.com/resources%2Fvideo-library>

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

The DHHR serves low income individuals at risk of homelessness due to unpaid rent or mortgage. We do not work to seek housing for the homeless.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Click or tap here to enter text.

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: YWCA Wheeling/DV, Recovery, human trafficking and homeless

Address: 1100 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: Lori Jones

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-232-0511

Email: executivedirector@ywcawheeling.org

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

We serve women and children primarily but men who have also been victimized in DV, or human trafficking in Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Brooke Counties primarily but State of WV for recovery and Human Trafficking.

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

The YWCA Wheeling provides emergency safe shelter for women and children in locations in Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel Counties. The Family violence prevention program (FVPP) is a multi-faceted domestic violence program includes emergency shelter, 24-hour hotline, transitional housing, supervised visitation and exchange, legal and employment advocacy , support groups, batter's intervention, and teen dating violence advocacy.

Cultural Diversity and Community Outreach (CDCO)-Advocates for people who are facing discrimination and prejudice, conduct Cultural Awareness Workshops, provide culturally specific education, information and referrals, provide community outreach in the Ohio Valley, and administers the statewide MLK essay contest

Women Inspired in New Directions (WIND) A non-treatment recovery home that administers recovery integration services through the efforts of house technicians and a house supervisor that supply 24 hour support. Peer support, case management, therapeutic groups, peer support groups, and addiction services for co-occurring addiction and trauma for women in recovery seeking a "New Direction" for their lives that is addiction free.

Women's Residence/Emergency Homeless shelter provides beds with a referral. Women 18-70. Women's Boutique-economic empowerment (Y-Not Repeat Boutique) With a referral from a social service agency, a church, an employer, or school, any woman in need of clothing is provided with up to 7 outfits for work at no cost. The program also offers Dress for Success workshops. Boutique is open to public Monday-Friday.

Survivors of Trafficking Empowerment Program (STEP) includes emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal and employment advocacy , support groups, youth advocates, referrals for human trafficking survivors.

We also offer Project ID, support groups, Life Skills, Nurturing Parenting, Cooking classes, case management, and wrap around services.

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Large apartments for women with three or more children.

The waiting list is long for public housing sometimes even with preference points

Livable wage.

Low barrier shelters

Serve mental health assistance for adults and children.

What do you do when you can't receive inpatient or outpatient services

Getting released from an institution without medication

Getting released from an institution without identification and then the time lapse between ordering ID and getting.

Transportation to DMV, work, non-traditional hours

Child care (cost, not enough and non-traditional hours.

Respite care.

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

Anyone who lives paycheck to paycheck. Medical crisis, car emergency,

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

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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

75% of the population who lives paycheck to paycheck and has any type of life crisis.

Domestic violence victims, human trafficking victims, runaway homeless youth, members of the LGBTQ community, severely mentally ill, chronic homeless, uneducated or undereducated, people with addiction,.

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

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- **Any other Populations:**

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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

Pedophiles, addicted or using, HIV, re-entry, low barrier

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Larger apartments for women with 3 children and above

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Mental health services for children and adults and severely mental health, Childcare, transportation

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Click or tap here to enter text.

NORTHERN PANHANDLE HOME CONSORTIUM – CITY OF WHEELING

HOME-ARP PROGRAM

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER NEEDS SURVEY

Name of Agency/Provider/Advocate: YWCA Wheeling

Address: 1100 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Contact Person: Lori Jones

Title: Executive Director

Phone: 304-232-0511

Email: executivedirector@ywcawheeling.org

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

Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Brooke and Hancock Counties primary also across the State of WV. Women. Children and men slightly over 9,200 a year

Please describe the range of programs and services you provide.

Housing: homeless women, women in recovery, human trafficking and domestic violence victims, women's boutique, racial equity programming. We offer monitored visitation and exchange, support groups, batterers intervention classes for men and women, life skills, cooking classes, nurturing parenting, project ID. We have deposit funds for housing including HUD assisted, and utility assistance

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

- **Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons:**

Transportation, child care, mental health support (housing included) for the severely mentally ill. Healthcare, respite. Assistance with basic household needs when housing is obtained.

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

Transportation, child care, mental health support (housing included) for the severely mentally ill. Healthcare, respite. Assistance with basic household needs when housing is obtained

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

Mental Health, utility assistance, back rent, deposit funds, rehab options, dual addiction counseling or assistance.

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

Mental Health support

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

All of the above

- **Any other Populations:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Severely mentally ill, if your homelessness didn't originate in the panhandle, drug addicts, ID limited, if my homelessness is not between 2pm and 4pm.

Are there gaps in the current housing inventory?

Housing for drug addicts, severely mentally ill and re-entry housing.

Are there gaps in the current service delivery system?

Times in which I can receive assistance for housing, transportation, if my homelessness didn't originate in the panhandle, identification, oh and kindness.

What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?

Factors that contribute to homelessness: Employment, inability to pay rent, inability or unwillingness to meet housing expectations, partners, not sure this is the right question but this answers the question.

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

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

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

Too many to list here.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Please identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Other Comments/Suggestions:

Click or tap here to enter text.

**WHEELING HOUSING AUTHORITY
BENWOOD-MCMECHEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
WED, 01 FEB 2023 @ 1 p.m.**

Joyce Wolen, Executive Director Wheeling Housing Authority

Erin Twigg Yoders, Executive Director, Benwood-McMechen Housing Authority

Public Housing Authority Questions:

- Description of programs/services your agency provides?
 - WHEELING – low income housing tax credits...FSS coordinator....new FSS plan...programming suffered a little because of COVID...works with you in the Hildar?? Development...brings social services in...Ross Program – enrichment programming and clinics...coloring contests for youth...walking program with pedometers...works with resident retention...housing keeping assistance...advocacy to help navigate through hearings...not a lot of program on LTC properties...building programming back up (i.e., fairs, social gatherings, Christmas decorating, etc.) after COVID...active resident counsels...Public Housing Project ID...reentry alliance
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – do not have vouchers. Family self-sufficiency program...new person in charge...2 years in...regular job fairs...Marshall County FRN participation...connect to other agency services...case management for public housing authority tenants.
- What are the needs within the current shelter and housing inventory system?
 - WHEELING – “truly” affordable housing, transitional housing (bigger need), and wrap-around services.
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – occupancy isn’t that bad...4 units are available...good waiting list (open)...very small HA with much different scenario. Family resources needed...get on their feet but then lose resources (insurance)...rising cost of everything...elderly tend not reach out.
- What are the needs within the current support services system?
 - WHEELING – Need more people to provide services...all agencies are hurting...case management of “slammed” with issues...not enough trained service providers...long-term support is needed...agencies are equipped to do their job,

but they need more people trained willing to provide intensive services...low pay in social service providers...struggle to find people to work...social service and housing provider workers' pay expectations are not realistic...not enough police officers...not enough fire fighters...loss of OVMC...goes across all professions.

- BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – agree with Wheeling...families are at a distance and are not helping their family members in need...too much reliance in the system on emergency response services rather than long-term supportive service delivery...lack of people in supportive service...staff shortages and trickledown effect.
- What are the unmet housing and support service needs of the population listed below?
 - Sheltered and unsheltered homeless population?
 - WHEELING – homeless calls are more often domestic violence or emergency situations...low barrier...lack of available beds...safety centers...wrap around services needed.
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – not a lot of experience with homeless population.
 - Currently housed populations at risk of homelessness?
 - WHEELING – pretty much the same needs.
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – pretty much the same needs.
 - Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness?
 - WHEELING – wrap around services...elderly support...youth support...foster care (lack of people)
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – need for supportive services when children exit foster care.
 - Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations?
 - WHEELING – lack of life skills, how to pay the rent, how to clean your apartment, how to install shower curtain...supportive services for housing that is condemned

- BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – money management skills, cooking skills, make food go further rather than ordering out.
- What factors could attribute to households becoming homeless?
 - WHEELING – poor housing stock quality, condemned housing – where do they go...evictions...support needed for retention...some folks are not appropriate for community living (mental housing)...need a different type of housing for folks not appropriate for community living...resources needed to help people maintain their homes...resources needed to help people be successful residents in their homes...need a bridge between folks who don't want or don't recognize they need services to receive supportive services.
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – different age groups need different supportive service needs...everyone is short-staffed resulting in folks falling through the cracks...some folks are not fit to live on their own...need services to assess whether the individual have the life skills to be successful in living on their own...some folks don't like to interact with people, which limits even further...unwillingness to receive supportive services...need social service assessment type inspections and then connect people to services.
- Any barriers in the City's housing market using rental assistance?
 - WHEELING – “truly” affordable and transitional housing...barriers to get to transitional living. “Truly” affordable – not big business...should be public housing authorities providing affordable housing. Profit-driven housing development is not necessarily the sole solution to housing affordable to lowest income households.
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – rents are high, deposits are hard, food is expensive, lack of transportation to get to work. If I work, I will lose my benefits (make too much to keep benefits). Getting folks to prioritize between wants and needs.
- What percentage of your tenants are behind on their rent?
 - WHEELING – 10% – 12%
 - BENWOOD-MCMECHEN – 5%

WEIRTON HOUSING AUTHORITY – THU, 26 JAN 2023 @ 9 a.m.

George Vargo, Executive Director, Weirton Housing Authority

Public Housing Authority Questions:

- Description of programs/services your agency provides?
 - No longer offers a Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- What are the needs within the current shelter and housing inventory system?
 - People from Chester to Beech Bottom have to go to Wheeling to access shelters or go to Steubenville, OH for shelter and services
 - NPCoC didn't support a developing a shelter in Weirton
 - Don't see a severe homeless problem (i.e. streets, benches, tents) because they are going to other areas (Steubenville, OH, Wheeling, Washington, PA)
 - Lack of quality rental housing for Section 8 Vouchers – can't find housing...Weirton needs another housing complex (private)...lack of quality of housing...Woda development meeting some need...need more new affordable housing stock
 - Salvation Army used to offer shelter services
 - GWHC has helped in the past get people housed
- What are the needs within the current support services system?
 - Transportation to get to jobs, social services, and homeless housing/services in Steubenville, OH, Wheeling, and Washington, PA
 - Social workers, case management, supportive services, comprehensive wrap-around services
 - Wheeling is a hub for homeless housing and homeless services and does a great job
- What factors could attribute to households becoming homeless?
 - Rents are increasing rapidly

- Section 8 Fair Market rents are not keeping up with market rates...Section 8 assistance up to 110% of fair market rents isn't enough
- Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program (MRAP) was paying 6-months of rent, which ended a couple of months ago...landlords increased monthly rents...households going back to Section 8 Housing Choice Program.
- Lack of life skills
- Any barriers in the City's housing market using rental assistance?
 - Lack of quality rental housing
 - Need another Woda type development
 - Need rental rehab program
 - New housing units needed along Cove Road (between Salvation Army to Weir Avenue) and along Weir Avenue.
 - Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers is best program HUD offered...helps tenants and landlords
- What percentage of your tenants are behind on their rent?
 - Maybe around 10%
 - Evictions – not a problem...just a couple evictions over last couple of years in public housing...Section 8 Program has maybe a dozen evictions a year.
- Request the following items:
 - Any other statistic they have for just their area of operation or the Northern Panhandle – Not anything other than survey responses provided.
 - Any Plans they have for improving services, etc.
 - No

MOUNDSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY – WED, 01 FEB 2023 @ 1 p.m.

Shannon Marshall, Executive Director Moundsville Housing Authority

Public Housing Authority Questions:

- Description of programs/services your agency provides?
 - Public housing in general 248 units – income based
 - No longer offering Section 8 Vouchers...must go through Parkersburg Housing Authority
 - No FSS Program
 - No programming offered directly
 - Provide informational resources to other agency delivered social services
 - Sometime host agency information/educational sessions
 - Waiting list – property and sized based waiting lists...survey submitted may have double-counted waiting list.
 - Waiting list is open
 - Time period on waiting list depends on which type of unit the household is seeking...1 week to over a year.
 - Last year only 19 lease terminations (evictions)...hardly any were for non-payment of rent. Lower last year than previous year.
 - Highest demand units...one-bedroom units
 - No elderly dedicated housing...all properties are 18 years of age or older.
 - Preferences for veterans or unable to work or working at least part-time or displaced due to a natural disaster.
- What are the needs within the current shelter and housing inventory system?
 - No emergency shelter in Moundsville...no domestic violence shelter
 - A lot of people are looking for emergency housing

- What are the needs within the current support services system?
 - Very little social services offered in the Moundsville area.
- What factors could attribute to households becoming homeless?
 - Domestic violence..."need out of this situation"
 - Evictions from private housing
- Priority Needs of the following population listed below?
 - Sheltered and unsheltered homeless population? HIGH IN WHEELING AREA
 - Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness? HIGH PRIORITY
- Any barriers in the City's housing market using rental assistance?
 - High rents
 - Affordable housing for larger households sizes.
- What percentage of your tenants are behind on their rent?
 - Public Housing – not a problem.

Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium
HOME-ARP
One-on-One Meeting – MON, 30 JAN 2023 9:30 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Chris Fletcher, Urban Design Ventures
Mike Long, Urban Design Ventures
Melissa Adams, City of Wheeling Homeless Liaison
Melissa Thompson, City of Wheeling

- Main issue – lack of a low barrier shelter, that needs to be very well planned and run shelter.
- Started the “Life Hub” non-profit for a low barrier shelter for persons and pets.
- 14th year for a cold shelter that was run by YSS now being run by “Life Hub” with the assistance of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese. Available for 3 months...costs \$100k a month.
- Received approval from Wheeling City Council to look to purchase or build new 24 hour/365 days which will bring in existing cold shelter space.
- 30 calls by Wheeling PD a year for a cold shelter assistance...not one call yet this year
- Incorporated those were once homeless and working maintenance, janitorial services for Life Hub shelter
- Open 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. low-barrier emergency includes a 50-bed facility and allows pets...separated men and women...
- Wrap around services included, including mental health, addiction, ID, trauma services, etc.
- A lot of the agencies are not boots on the ground...more discussions around programs and funding.
- Transitional living needs to include receiving care, working on your trauma, developing and working toward goals, life skills counseling
- A lot of the residents in camps have aged out of the foster care system
- The discussion of homeless into Wheeling is not accurate (misnomer)
- 80% of camp residents identify as having been born in Wheeling area.
- Approximately 250 people living in tents...1,400 to 1,500 homeless population in Wheeling (includes couch surfers)
- Unmet housing needs:
 - Transitional housing with wrap-around services and life skills counseling/training (2 plus year period)
- Unmet service needs:
 - Waiting list for mental health and addiction services is long (6 months to 12 months).
 - Uncoordinated duplication of services
 - Not enough awareness of services available

- Lack of transportation to doctors' appointments and lack of case worker to travel with them to appointments, counselors, obtaining ID...a bus pass can be scary for some homeless...ambulances are being used as transportation to get to health care once their physical and/or mental conditions get to a severe point
- Wheeling hospital is releasing people without a housing planning, without clothing
- Agencies are overworked, understaffed, under trained/educator
- Lack of rehab and mental health housing with services
- Too many/much band aide enabling type assistance is being provided
- Existing service providers lack accountability.
- Unmet shelter needs:
 - No day-time low-barrier shelter
 - No respite/hospice beds services following hospital discharge
- Contributing to homelessness:
 - Mental health
 - Drug addiction
 - Not thinking through and then the end of the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program (MRAP)...2 years of fully paid rental assistance
 - Aging out of the foster care system
- Priority QPs:
 - Homeless - high
 - At Risk of Homeless - highest
 - Domestic Violence - high
 - Other Populations - medium
- Life Hub Model:
 - Low-barrier and high-barrier are being provided along with proactive services YWCA, Helping Heroes,

Tina Morris – suggested contact.

Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium
HOME-ARP
One-on-One Meeting – WED, 9 FEB 2023 11:00 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Walt Haglund, Urban Design Ventures
Mike Long, Urban Design Ventures
Melissa Thompson, City of Wheeling
Nancy Prager, City of Wheeling
Lisa Badia, Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
Jordan Harris, Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless
Lisa Werner, Home Consortium

Lisa Badia - Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless

- Serves 5 counties - Ohio, Marshall, Brooke, Hancock, and Wetzel
- 35 years, provides shelters, transitional, permanent housing
- Tried converting transitional shelter into emergency shelter but couldn't get ESG funding
- Uses coordinated entry
- Provides supportive services for veterans and families
- Caseloads are very high
 - 40-50 cases per manager when the normal benchmark is 10

Jordan Harris - Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless

- Operates employment center/program
 - Served 38 people last year
 - Exceeded targets - both people and outcomes
- Peer recovery services
- Funded thorough Behavioral Health Services
- Funding their clients - hired a person who went through their program

What are the unmet needs within the current shelter and housing inventory system?

Lisa

- 3 shelters are underutilized
 - Salvation Army - reallocated some beds
 - YWCA - requires drug test
 - Northwood requires background check
- Drug tests and background checks can dissuade people from seeking resources

- Wants more transitional housing for families

What are the unmet needs within the current support services system?

- Caseloads are too high for case managers
 - Severely limited in staff funding due to regulations
- More services for 1st-time homeless - large proportion of the people experiencing homelessness during Covid were homeless for the first time
- Employment program is currently working well
- Homelessness prevention services are in high demand
- Couch surfers are a population where the current demand is hidden
- Mental health/substance abuse - people are seeking out a more diverse array of treatments/services than before
- Discharge planning for hospital/jail is a major issue driving the unhoused population

At-Risk of Homelessness are the highest priority for aid.

Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium
HOME-ARP
Virtual Group Meeting No. 1 – WED, 25 JAN 2023 2 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Chris Fletcher, Urban Design Ventures

Mike Long, Urban Design Ventures

Nancy Prager, Director, Community and Economic Development, City of Wheeling

Melissa Thompson, Community Development Specialist, City of Wheeling

Melissa Adams, Homeless Liaison, City of Wheeling

Maryanne Capp, Project Hope (volunteer) operating through the Ohio County Health Department

Claudia Raymer, Ohio County Family Resource Network

Cherie Buzzard, Brooke-Hancock Family Resource Network

Maryann Capp, Project Hope

- Maryanne – volunteers with Project Hope delivers health care.
- Would like to expand Project Hope to include respite beds, to be a part of the Hub.
- Project Hope – service people with a mobile unit to deliver healthcare
- go to where homeless are (shelters, tents, on the street)

Claudia Raymer, Ohio County Family Resource Network

- food security programs
- operates in Ohio & Marshall Counties
- Provides transportation, child welfare services, Title 10 Family Planning, STI and pregnancy prevention.

Cherie Buzzard, Brooke-Hancock Family Resource Network

- Northern Panhandle
- CASA advocate
- primarily serve Marshall County.

What are the unmet service needs?

Maryanne

- Those they serve have no or very low income
- mental health issues that prevent work
- Some people who have aged out of foster care
- alcohol/drug addiction
- Used to be average age of 45 but is now in the 20s-30s
- need addiction programming

- lack of life skills and workforce skills

Claudia

- direct service and case management to make a plan for loss/lack of income...
- case management that is not centered in a family resource center
 1. They are overloaded to understand all resources/services that are available to serve their clients...
- Labelle Green (WODA) evictions (20 in last week) because MRAP ended NOV/DEC 2022.

Cherie

- many people do not know what resources are available
- deals a lot with CPS workers who do not know what resources/services are available
- need to broadcast information
- transportation is huge problem in Marshall County – one cab and no buses.

What are the unmet housing needs?

Maryanne

- need low barrier housing needed, people can't pass background checks
- no transitional housing for homeless who are day 5 from hospital (respite beds needed)
- Causing homelessness
 1. Alcohol/drug addiction, (2)
 2. mental health,
 3. lack of transportation to maintain a job,
 4. lack of child care (wait list backlog for infants/young children)
 5. transient residents don't have families to seek assistance from.
- Affordable housing is in very poor condition, not a lot of affordable housing in Marshall County, high rent rates,
- locations of existing affordable housing developments are not on public transportation routes lack of transportation to access health care.
- Domestic Violence – see trafficking, abuse, abuse at the campsites,
- no transitional housing for homeless who are day 5 from hospital (respite beds needed)

Claudia

- Need more public housing or subsidized housing available for families/children
- need more shelter space for families
- transitional housing options are available for some populations (women, young adults)

Cherie

- don't see a lot of domestic violence but knows it is occurring.

- Homeless – high priority – shelter/respice/transitional housing – robust comprehensive wrap-around services – cooperation and collaboration – using the existing research
- At Risk Homelessness – high priority – transportation, childcare, subsidized childcare
- Domestic Violence – medium priority
- Other populations – medium priority

Overall

More and better services is going to attract more homeless into the local system, and decision-makers need to understand additional resources will be needed serve an increased homeless population.

Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium
HOME-ARP
Virtual Group Meeting No. 2 – THU, 26 JAN 2023 11 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Lori Jones, YWCA

R.J. Konkoleski, Helping Heroes

Janna Gordon, Brooke-Hancock Family Resource Network

Aryn Carr, Brooke-Hancock Family Resource Network

Mark Paree, WVDHHR Bureau for Family Assistance (Hancock, Brooke, Ohio)

Lisa Sasso, Ohio County Family Support Center

Susan Hagan, ReEntry Alliance

Melissa Adams, City of Wheeling Homeless Liaison

- Lori Jones YWCA – primarily house women and children after stress
- Mark Paree – food stamps, SNAP, medicaid evaluations, school clothing assistance voucher, energy assistance, eviction assistance by one month of assistance...all income based.
- R.J. – veteran housing, 5 transitional housing units, supportive services for veterans, 35-40 clients, will have an emergency shelter soon (used to have one) in new buildings, prevention services
- Lisa – work with family substance abuse prevention, abuse prevention, after school programs, parenting classes, transportation, etc.
- Susan – food security, Region 10 transportation, ReEntry Alliance assist folks coming out of jail, hospital
- Janna Exec Dir – resource network hub to bring agencies together to connect people to services, 2 family support centers (Wellsburg, Weirton, Chester sites), baby pantries, playgroups, substance use prevention (vaping, underage drinking), in home visitation program, court assistance, child abuse and neglect prevention.
- Unmet Housing Needs
 - Need mental health housing with supervision
 - No shelters in Brooke and Hancock – transportation issues – use Steubenville and Wheeling shelter services (CHANGE domestic violence shelter)

- Re-entry housing needed – not supposed to release from jail and hospital without a housing plan, but this happens regularly – huge problem
- Veterans – no 24-hour shelter (for all populations) is available, particularly elderly, lack of shelter space for health needs, lack of ADA housing that is affordable, difficult to place sex offenders
- Ohio County – over 8,000 medicaid clients...younger population couch surfing
- Affordable housing stock unmet needs – lack of housing that passes HUD guidelines (quality affordable housing), lead-based paint, getting landlords to work with folks with accepting Vouchers and/or renters with past difficulties – need education.
- Recent large-scale evictions – end of MRAP rental assistance. WODA and another development.
- Transitional housing for mental health and re-entry
- Need units needed for families/households with children (transitional)
- Families with 4 children or more...not enough larger apartments...supply doesn't meet demand
- There is no low-barrier shelter...needs to be done right with supervision, case management, wrap-around services.
- Unmet service delivery system needs
 - Ability to pay for damage to units and getting households back to unit...lack of funds
 - Transportation – affordable housing are not located along existing bus lines, locations of where jobs are. Some areas are not served by public transportation or taxi, UBER, LYFT, etc...homeless are being transported from out of the area to Wheeling...lack of funds to transport families "home."
 - Closest DMV is in Moundsville for IDs
 - Obtaining IDs is difficult.
 - Getting IDs reinstated is a challenge due to past fines, etc.
 - Childcare – lack of affordable reputable childcare (especially in Brooke and Hancock Counties)...childcare is expensive...need more trained providers, especially in-home providers...centers are expensive...training is WEDs from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., which is problematic
 - No funding for children identification

- Severe lack of mental health and addiction services – circular issue – don't have the services to keep people healthy...exacerbated.
- Lack of cooperation between agencies...lack of education of needs and solutions in law enforcement
- Bias is a problem...education is needed.
- OVMC closure was a huge loss for acute health services.
- Drug overdoses rose 40% during COVID in Wheeling area.
- Mental hygiene, drug addiction bias education in first responders is needed
- Access to and management assistance for prescriptions
- Challenges when low-barrier and high-barrier populations mix
- Lack of mental service
- Priorities
 - lack mental health and addiction services at capacities needed...no intake addiction services (60-90 days) (higher priority)
 - Childcare (higher priority)
 - Transportation – massive barrier (higher priority)
 - 24-hour shelter
 - Housing and services for families with children
 - Need better landlords...need quality affordable transitional and permanent housing
 - Housing stock for families/households with children
 - Rental assistance with wrap-around life skills development
- South of Wheeling and North of Wheeling, service trickle off/out
- Need to get organizations to work together better...get organized better.

Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium
HOME-ARP
Virtual Group Meeting No. 3 – FRI, 27 JAN 2023 9 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Melynda Sampson, 2-1-1 Community Resource Specialist, United Way
Caitlin Rodoker, Wheeling Soup Kitchen
Kelly Coffin, Transition Agent (Hancock, Brooke, Ohio Counties), Jobs and Hope WV
Jim Boniey, CHANGE, Inc.
Brandi Radvansky, SSVF Program Manager, CHANGE, Inc.
Jessica Klinger, Catholic Charities Center
Michelle Lucarelli, The House of the Carpenter

- Michelle – thrift store, free clothing, some free food, food pantry...furniture assistance for those housed
- Kelly – substance use, coming out of jail, reentry, self-sufficiency education, work mostly with at risk.
- Brandi – veterans program, HOPWA program, work with at-risk, assist with rents, mortgages, utilities...help find affordable housing
- Jessica – Neighborhood Center, homeless day center, utility assistance, food assistance, at-risk services, sees barrier of lack of deposit and first month rent
- Melynda – sees barrier of lack of deposit and first month rent, homeless are having difficulties finding housing assistance for “couch surfing”, take calls for any social service need
- Caitlin – Food assistance, blessing boxes, food boxes, try to help with rent and utility assistance...“couch surfing”
- CHANGE – domestic violence shelter, rent and utility assistance, “couch surfing”
- Lack of shelters in Weirton and Upper Northern Panhandle – have to direct them to go to Steubenville, OH or Wheeling...lack of transportation
- Lack of landlords willing to use Section 8 Vouchers
- Lack of transitional housing to move out of shelter
- Lack of affordable housing

- Jim – lack of affordable housing is a big issue
- Kelly – housing people with criminal backgrounds is extremely difficult...lack of transportation to Steubenville or Wheeling
- Difficult to find landlords willing to work with criminal backgrounds.
- Unmet housing needs:
 - lack of affordable housing, lack of shelters in northern section of the Northern Panhandle, lack of transitional housing, veterans are choosing to stay homeless because they can't get to or don't want to get to Wheeling or Steubenville.
 - Limited CHDO funds...limited certified CHDOs...housing is purchased quickly and turned into rental...some landlords with many units who don't accept Section 8 Vouchers
 - Limited resources available to fund rehabilitation.
 - Landlords unwilling to fix their units, resulting in poor quality housing and higher utility bills
 - Newly constructed "affordable" housing is not affordable to lowest income households.
 - Households are trapped in substandard housing because they can't afford anything else
 - Lack of enough of transitional housing for incarceration reentry and domestic violence
- Unmet service needs
 - Lack of wrap-around case management to support transition
 - Not enough resources for services to help folks with mental illness to stabilize their lives
 - Life skills education needed...
 - A lot of agencies in Wheeling area...caseload management is too high for case management...need more people...very hard to find qualified and more experienced social workers...everyone is short staffed.
 - Grant funding is limited to hire extra staff
 - Not enough of the targeted populations are willing to participate in life skills education...might be a generational perspective...this is how I was raised and my parents made it work
 - A lot of Seniors calling for assistance but want to stay in their own homes

- Need less band-aid assistance and more comprehensive, long-term, wrap-around services
- Unmet shelter needs
 - Need more shelters for families/households with children...very hard to find family emergency shelter
 - Have shelters for domestic violence, for men, but not much or at all for families
 - Lack of affordable childcare...waiting lists
 - Can't move on/up to better paying positions because income rises, and qualifying services may be lost.
- Contributing to homelessness
 - Lack of income
 - Income going to other things...food and medications...and not to rent
 - Extremely high rents...help is received for a couple of months.
 - Individual's background problems
 - Transportation – car breaks down, not on a bus line, can't get to work
 - Lack of wrap-around service to help maintain their housing...mental health
- Priority QPs
 - Homeless - high
 - At Risk of Homeless - high
 - Domestic Violence - medium
 - Other Populations - medium

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Virtual Group Meeting No. 4 – TUES, 31 JAN 2023 10 a.m.

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Mike Long, Urban Design Ventures

Nancy Prager, Director, Community and Economic Development, City of Wheeling

Melissa Thompson, Community Development Specialist, City of Wheeling

Kathie Brown, Executive Director, Wheeling Health Right

Anne Ricci, Program Director, Wheeling Health Right

Becky Rodocker, Executive Director, Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling

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- Soup kitchen served 174,000 meals in 2022
- main programs:
 - Main feeding program
 - Just for Kids – education/nutrition program
 - Health Right-run clinic every other Wednesday
 - Referral

Kathie Brown, Wheeling Health Right

- Health clinic and resources helping uninsured and underinsured
- Medication for seniors
- Serves many WV counties – especially Marshall county
- Dental clinic – provided \$1.9 million in dental care
- Pharmacy – food program
- Healthcare for homeless – currently working on a mobile unit
- Most people served are At Risk of Homelessness

What are the needs within the current shelter and housing inventory system?

Becky

- People in region are displaced by fracking/natural gas which has increased prices as more people come to the state
- Slumlords raising rents
 - Units so bad that residents can't even control the heating in their own unit
- Most people Becky works with at the soup kitchen will not go to a shelter
- Need for more affordable housing

What are the unmet service needs?

Kathie

- Mental health services needed
- Drug abuse services
- Communication issues
 - Tons of homeless services in the area but they don't communicate
- Transportation

Becky

- Re-entry services are especially needed
- Hospice services

Anne

- Roadblock after roadblock for patients
- Re-entry services are needed – Health Right serves tons of ex-cons

What are the unmet housing and service needs for those at risk of homelessness?

Kathie

- Affordable housing
- Due to insurance issues, people are working as many as 4 jobs
- Moving frequently
- Affordable housing and supportive services are the highest priority for those at risk of homelessness

Becky

- Recommends staying away from doubling up on services
- Landlords pushing people into MRAP knowing that they can't afford the rent otherwise