

# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template

## Guidance

- To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:
  - Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;
  - Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
  - Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.
- To submit: a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as an attachment next to the “HOME-ARP allocation plan” option on either the AD-26 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan).
- PJs must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on either the AD-26 or AD-25 screen, as applicable:
  - Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
  - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
  - Anti-Lobbying;
  - Authority of Jurisdiction;
  - Section 3; and,
  - HOME-ARP specific certification.

**Participating Jurisdiction:** City of Whittier

**Date:** 4/4/2023

## Consultation

Before developing its plan, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans’ groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), 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, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

### *Summarize the consultation process:*

Pursuant to HUD regulations, Whittier consulted with its Continuum of Care (“CoC”) – the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (“LAHSA”) - and other organizations before developing its plan. The City of Whittier is part of the countywide Los Angeles Continuum of Care (“LACoC”), coordinated by LAHSA, a joint powers authority. LAHSA partners with cities to provide homeless services throughout the county. Whittier participates in the biennial homeless count and periodically reviews

the continuum of care homeless system to reduce homelessness within the City. Additionally, as a member of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the City participates in a sub-regional effort to “advance individuals from homelessness to a stabilized and productive life.” Whittier works closely with local service providers, such as the Whittier Area First Day Coalition, the Salvation Army, the Women’s and Children’s Crisis Shelter, Whole Child and St. Matthias Church (who provides meals and housing referrals to homeless persons) to provide access to housing and support services for the immediate-area homeless. Other organizations consulted included the Veterans Resource Center, located at the Whittier Central Library which provides veterans with a variety of services, from medical to housing referral services. The Bridge of Faith non-profit was also consulted, which provides housing and other assistance to young women. Also, the Housing Rights Center – a civil rights and fair housing rights nonprofit organization that has been providing services to Whittier was contacted. HRC has not had major fair housing issues in Whittier in almost 20 years. Some housing rights issues also affect civil rights – and HRC has not seen any systemic violations of Whittier residents civil rights. Also, while developing the HOME-ARP amendment, City of Whittier staff, who address civil rights also are not aware of any civil rights violations. And, if any occur-Whittier has in place the resources to address civil rights issues. Finally, Whittier utilizes its CDBG and HOME resources to help improve veterans and their families' primary residences by providing housing rehabilitation assistance.

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

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Agency/Org Consulted	Qualifying Populations (QPs) Served	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation / Dates Feedback Received	Feedback
1. LAHSA	1. QP Homeless, 2. QP At Risk of Homelessness, and 4. Other Populations	Continuum of Care, Services-Homeless, Planning Organization	Email to C. Yee on 4-18-22 and 4-21-22, Email to Clementina Verjan on 5-2-22, Phone calls on 4-11-22 and 4-14-22 to C. Yee and C. Verjan	LAHSA provided the following input: Homeless count in Feb 2022 was 127, down from 230 in 2020, a decrease of more than 50%.
2. Housing Authority County of Los Angeles	2. QP At Risk of Homelessness	PHA, Regional Organization	Email and follow up phone call to Michele Truelove on 4-25-22, 4-28-22, 5-3-22	Provided input regarding current rental assistance certificate/voucher program participants and households on housing assistance waitlist. 433 Whittier residents are on the housing voucher waiting list.
3. Women's and Children's Crisis Center	3. QP Domestic Violence	Services Housing	Emails, Phone Calls, Site Visit with Elizabeth Contreras Martinez, Dolores Salomone and David Aguirre on 4-25-22 and 5-3-22	Provide 28 beds for mothers and children (and also fathers with children now). Always have a waiting list, and also have 3 permanent housing units
4. Salvation Army	1. QP Homeless	Services - Homeless	Emails, Phone Calls and Site Visit to Nely Gomez, Christina Cuevas and LaSonya Brown on 4-25-22, 4-26-22, 2-6-23.	Provided input regarding housing and service needs of the local homeless population and operation figures of their homeless navigation center in Whittier. Provide 139 beds for homeless, is at 90% capacity, and emergency shelter nearby provides 116 beds.
5. Habitat for Humanity	2. QP At Risk of Homelessness	Services - Housing	Phone Call to Iliana Gonzalez on 5-3-22	Habitat does not work with homeless. Primarily assist low income homeowners who are in need of housing repairs. Repairing home might prevent them from having to move out of uninhabitable unit.
6. Cold Weather Shelter	1. QP Homeless	Services - Housing	Emails, Phone Calls, Site Visit with Dottie Anderson on 4-26-22, 4-28-22, 5-5-22.	Provided 45 shelter beds (prior to COVID). When pandemic is over they will provide these beds during cold weather again. Provides meals, mail service and referral to other shelter services to homeless persons.
7. Whittier First Day Coalition	1. QP Homeless, 2. QP At Risk of Homelessness, and 4. Other Populations	Services - Homeless	Emails Phone Calls to Chloe Guzman, Irene and Liz on 4-25-22, 4-28-22, 4-30-22, 5-2-22.	They provide 45 beds for homeless in Whittier, plus 3 permanent supportive housing units. Usually have 5-10 men on waiting list. Have capacity for a few more women with children.
8. Whole Child	1. QP Homeless	Services - Mental Health, Homeless	Emails, Phone Calls, and Site Visit with Laura Garza on 4-25-22 and 5-3-22.	At Whittier facility only provide mental health services currently - they refer homeless families to their housing facilities in Downey.
9. SASSFA	3. QP At Risk of Homelessness	Services - Elderly	Phone Calls to Kirk Kain on 4-26-22.	Provide services for seniors and frail elderly - to prevent premature institutionalization - allow seniors to stay in their own homes.
10. Southern CA Rehabilitation Services (SCRS)	3. QP At Risk of Homelessness	Services-persons with disabilities	Emails and Phone Calls to Ana Ramirez on 4-25-22, 5-2-22	Provided input regarding housing and service needs of persons with disabilities. By making the physical and structural accommodations / improvements to homes - many individuals with disabilities have been able to stay in their homes-rather than be institutionalized and/ or be homeless
11. Bridge of Faith	1. QP Homeless, 2. QP At Risk of Homelessness, 3. Domestic Violence and 4. Other Populations	Services - Housing - Young women (who outgrew foster care)	Emails and calls - Carol Reza - on 4-26-22, 5-5-22 (no answer) on 1-7-23 - she provided input	Help provide housing, clothing, mentorship, taking to medical/dental visits - have no age limit or time limit - primarily for girls. Females with sons, may stay.
12. Veterans Resource Center	1. QP Other Populations	Services - Veterans	Meeting, on-site with Ken Gonzalez and Rachel Fiore - on 1-31-23	Provide a variety of services for veterans, including referrals for medical help, and housing. They refer homeless veterans to Whittier's First Day shelter. Other services they provide veterans include education, benefits, job search and contact with other service organizations.
13. Housing Rights Center (HRC)	1. QP Homeless, 2. QP At Risk of Homelessness, 3. Domestic Violence and 4. Other Populations	Fair Housing and Civil Rights	Phone calls with K. Kaplan - on Sept-22	Provide fair housing rights / civil rights services to Whittier residents - for approximately the past 20 years.

## Public Participation

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

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

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

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

- ***Public comment period:*** start date - 2/10/2023 end date - 2/28/2023
- ***Public hearing:*** 2/28/2023

Whittier provided residents with more than a 15 calendar day period to provide input on the Substantial Amendment. The notice was published in the Whittier Daily News and the City’s website (see Attachment 1). The notice highlighted the public hearing’s date and time required by HUD for public review and comment period. The notice also summarized the sources of funds to complete planned project. Also, the Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan was available to the public at City Hall and was posted on the City’s website.

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

Public participation was encouraged, not just from publishing in newspaper, but also publicized on City’s website and social media accounts

A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

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

There were no comments or recommendations received during the public participation process. There were no comments during the publicized February 10, 2023 to February 28, 2023 public comment period, nor at the public hearing on February 28, 2023 at Whittier City Hall.

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

N/A - There were no comments and/or recommendations during the public participation process.

## **Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis**

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.

### 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	45	#	45	#	#								
Transitional Housing	167	#	139	#	#								
Permanent Supportive Housing	#	6		6	#								
Other Permanent Housing						#	#	#	#				
Sheltered Homeless						#	47	#	#				
Unsheltered Homeless						#	127	#	#				
<b>Current Gap</b>										12	#	12	#

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

### OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	11,910		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	2,560		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	2,430		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		1,785	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		875	
<b>Current Gaps</b>			2,330

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

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


Qualifying Population # 1 - Homeless: According to LAHSA - Whittier's CoC - who was contacted during the preparation of this Substantial Amendment report, the Point in Time (PIT) count of Whittier's homeless population during 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2022 were 185, 286, 230 and 127, respectively. During 2021, due to the COVID pandemic, the scheduled homeless point-in-time ("PIT") count was not completed. LAHSA scheduled the PIT work for January 24, 25, and 26, 2023 in Los Angeles County. Results of this latest count not available during completion of this amendment.

On November 2019, the City of Whittier contracted with City Net, a non-profit with expertise on homeless issues, to conduct an in-depth survey of Whittier's homeless population. City Net counted 231 unsheltered homeless persons. Almost double the homeless persons were males (65.9%), compared to females (33.5%). Race/ethnicity of homeless persons were 52.7% Hispanic persons, 31.6% White, 7.6% American Indian, 3.5% Black or African American, 3.5% multi-racial, and 0.6% Asian. The majority of homeless were over 50 years of age (50.6%). Just over half of the homeless, 54% reported a permanent disability or health condition, with 37% stating they have a mental health concern. And 32% of the homeless surveyed reported having a substance abuse problem. There were 108 persons considered chronically homeless (being homeless for over a year, with a permanent disability, substance abuse or mental health concerns). There were 51% homeless persons not receiving any income. And, 98% of surveyed individuals reported that they primarily sleep in Whittier, with 55% reporting that their last permanent address was in Whittier. There was one respondent with a child – accompanied their parent at a shelter.

The 230 homeless persons counted in 2020 during the PIT count by LAHSA included 183 unsheltered persons and 47 in emergency shelters. Out of the 183 unsheltered persons, the majority (103) were

counted on the streets. There were 34 unsheltered persons living in recreational vehicles/campers, and 16 living in makeshift shelters such as vans (12) , cars (9) and tents (7).

**Qualifying Population # 2 - At Risk of Homelessness:** To account for persons that are at-risk of becoming homeless, the most recent (2014-2018) Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (“CHAS”) data was analyzed. This data contains three particular characteristics of households that meet the definition of “at risk of being homeless” found in 24 CFR Part 91.5. First, the CHAS data breaks down occupied housing units by HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI), including 30% and below of HAMFI. Next, the CHAS data provides information on occupied housing units with households that are severely cost burdened: that is, they are spending more than 50% of their income on housing related expenses. For renters, that includes rent and utilities. For homeowners, it includes the mortgage payment, utilities, association fees, insurance, and real estate taxes. And, finally, the CHAS data contains information on housing units – in which there reside more than 1.5 persons per room, which is considered severely overcrowded.

The CHAS data shows that of the 11,910 renter households in the City of Whittier, 2,560 or 21.5% are occupied by households earning 30% or less of the HAMFI. Further, of these households, 86.7% (2,220) have one or more housing problems, defined as housing units that: 1) lack complete kitchen facilities; 2) lack complete plumbing facilities; 3) are overcrowded; 4) are cost burdened. A household is said to have a housing a housing problem if they have any one or more of these four problems. The CHAS data shows that of the 2,560 households earning less than 30% HAMFI, and 1,785 households, or 70%, of these households being severely cost burdened. These households spend more than 50% of their income on housing related expenses, leaving the remaining 50% or less of their income available for other daily necessities such as food, gas child and healthcare.

In addition, data from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), showing the regional housing needs assessment allocation figures were reviewed, and shown in the table below. The SCAG data shows that Whittier needs over 1,000 units for the very low (0-50% of AMI) income category over the 2021-2029 period.

### **Regional Housing Needs Assessment 2021-2029**

<b>Income Category</b>	<b>Housing Units</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Very Low (0-50 percent of AMI)	1,025	30%
Low (51-80 percent of AMI)	537	16%
Moderate (81-120 percent of AMI)	556	16%
Above Moderate (>121 percent of AMI)	1,321	38%
<b>Total Units Needed</b>	<b>3,439</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Southern California Association of Governments, 2021

AMI = Area Median Income

Note: Pursuant to AB 2634, local jurisdictions are also required to project the housing



Need of extremely low-income household (0-30% AMI). In estimating the number of extremely low-income households, a jurisdiction can use 50% of the very low-income allocation or apportion the very low-income figure based on Census data. Therefore, the City's very low-income RHNA of 1,025 units can be split into 512 extremely low-income and 513 very low-income units.

**Qualifying Population Group No. 3 - Fleeing or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence:** During the past 10 years, the City of Whittier has seen a significant decline in the number of domestic violence-related calls. In 2011 there were a total of 807 domestic violence calls, while in 2020 (the latest year data is available) there were 79 total domestic violence calls. However, domestic violence calls had dropped to 46 in 2019 - but then went up to 79 in the following year. Most of the domestic violence calls in 2020 (71 of 79) involved a weapon. One of Whittier's shelters that can accommodate women and children – First Day - currently has space available for women with children – without having to wait for shelter.

#### **Qualifying Population No. 4 – Other Populations:**

There were 230 homeless persons counted in 2020 during the PIT count by LAHSA – which included 183 unsheltered persons and 47 in emergency shelters. All 47 persons were previously qualified as “homeless” as defined under 24 CFR Part 91.5 before entering into the temporary or emergency shelters. The fact that they reside in temporary or emergency shelter, undoubtedly makes them more vulnerable to entering homelessness again if services and/or housing assistance is terminated.

#### **At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability**

Persons with the greatest risk of housing instability are those that: 1) are earning 30% or below the HAMFI and are severely cost burdened (paying 50% or more on housing); or 2) are earning 50% or less of HAMFI and meet one of the following conditions:

1. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance.
2. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship.
3. Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance.
4. Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals.
5. Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.
6. Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correctional program or institution); or

7. Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.

In Whittier, according to the CHAS date, there were 2,665 households with both incomes of less than 30% of the HAMFI and severely cost burdened. Information on each of the conditions listed above for the second category of persons at greatest risk of instability is not readily available.

#### Veterans

According to the 2020 US Census, Whittier had a population of 2,735 veterans in the city, comprised of 2,640 males and 95 females. In Whittier, approximately 10% of the homeless population are veterans (23 persons). The number of veterans that are homeless make up less than 1% of Whittier's veteran population.

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

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

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human services, "...poverty, unemployment, and lack of affordable housing are commonly recognized causes of homelessness. These risk factors can be exacerbated by personal vulnerabilities such as mental and substance use disorders, trauma and violence, justice-system involvement, sudden serious illness, divorce, death of a partner, and disabilities." The City of Whittier is no exception to this finding and will continue to provide supportive services to move persons out of homelessness and housing instability.

As reported in the 2020 Point in Time Count, Whittier is the home of 183 persons experiencing homelessness without shelter, and 47 persons with shelter. Further, according to the 2014-2018 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy ("CHAS"), of the 11,910 renter households in Whittier, 48.1% (5,730) are paying the normal or expected 30% or below of their income on housing related expenses; however, that means that the remaining 51.9% of all renter households are experiencing some level of cost burden. The cost burdens are more serious for households with the lowest incomes (at or below 30% of Area Median Income), with 17.8% (2,125 households) cost burdened (paying more than 30% of Area Median Income), and another 15.0% (1,785 households) severely cost burdened (paying more than 50% of their income towards rent) making them more at risk of homelessness. These significant housing cost burdens affect thousands of Whittier residents, and it is important that Whittier continue developing new affordable housing for people with the lower incomes in the community.

According to the latest count of shelter beds in Whittier – there are 218 shelter beds within Whittier's city limits, with the latest homeless count being 230, which results in a low gap of 12

additionally needed shelter beds. Though, a shelter with 116 beds is located across the street from Whittier city limits and another cold weather shelter may reopen soon – after COVID pandemic is more under control. The low number of needed shelter beds is the result of the City of Whittier using its resources to fund a new 139-bed navigation center at a site managed by the Salvation Army. Approximately 27% of total shelter beds are in emergency homeless shelters.

Although the Navigation Center is providing much needed services, the Center is not staffed on weekends to provide supportive services to homeless persons that may need help. There is a need to provide services on weekends, since homelessness is an everyday issue – not just one for regular business hours during weekdays. Funding not being available is the reason why the Navigation Center cannot expand supportive services to weekends.

Emergency shelters are often used for short-term solutions to homelessness and are offered with a variety of services to assist needs and help develop a plan to get out of homelessness situation. However, emergency shelters are not the final solution for longer-term housing stability. The emergency shelters also do not exclusively serve Whittier residents; they are open and available to homeless persons regardless of residency.

Ultimately, there is a shortage of affordable and long-term housing options for those that are homeless or at risk of being homeless in Whittier. Despite the 45 emergency shelter beds, 167 transitional shelter beds and 6 permanent supporting housing units in Whittier, there remains a shortage of 12 shelter beds, and nearly 1,785 renter households earning below 30% HAMFI that are severely cost burdened making them at risk of homelessness.

With regard to needed services, Whittier’s homeless census, completed by City Net in 2020 describes homeless persons as:

- 63% are chronically homeless,
- 52% with a permanent disability,
- 37% struggle with mental health concerns,
- 32% with substance abuse problems,
- 51% have no income,
- 50% are not receiving Cal Fresh,
- 16% do not have health insurance,

With a variety of issues afflicting and often contributing to homelessness, as seen above, services to support the homeless are crucial for longstanding success. Case management and other housing and shelter programs can help address the root causes of homelessness through a range of essential support services, including childcare, mental and substance abuse treatments, domestic violence advocacy, employment training, and other wrap around services. It should be stressed that many of the services needed by the homeless are already being provided in Whittier at the local shelters and service providers.

Referring to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services source, it is reported that “research suggests that intervention services to prevent homelessness is more cost effective than addressing issues after someone is already homeless. The longer a person is homeless, the harder and more expensive it becomes to re-house this person.” In that vein, services such as rapid re-housing, providing food support, childcare, benefits advocacy, Veteran’s services, rental and/or utility assistance, security deposit assistance, and trauma or domestic violence support systems, can be very beneficial to prevent homelessness in the first place.

***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:***

Whittier is a recipient of the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the Home Investment Partnership Act Program (HOME). Together, Whittier receives approximately \$1.0 million from these entitlement programs to address affordable housing and low- and moderate-income community development needs. In addition, the City received a special allocation of CDBG funds as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic of \$442,921 (Round 1), and another \$643,576 in Round 3 CDBG-CV funding. Whittier uses its federal funding in a variety of projects and programs to serve qualifying populations already, as summarized below.

For example, HOME funds are used to assist the housing rehabilitation needs of low- and moderate-income households, which would enable these households to continue to live in a safe home, rather than be forced to move out because of unsafe conditions.

Whittier’s CDBG program also funds support several supportive services for qualifying populations. Whittier funds various non-profits that provide shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units. For example, CDBG funds are used to fund First Day Coalition, which provides 45 shelter beds and 3 permanent supportive housing units.

In addition to CDBG and HOME funds, the City of Whittier uses a variety of other resources to assist qualifying populations.

**Whittier Navigation Center:** City of Whittier spent significant resources and took years planning / developing a 139-bed comprehensive service center. The Navigation Center opened in 2021 to serve Whittier residents experiencing homelessness. Wrap-around services are provided by the Salvation Army in a modern residential setting with the main goal to set residents on a path to self-sufficiency. The Salvation Army is well qualified to operate the Navigation Center. They are an experienced non-profit service provider with significant homeless services experience and have the necessary credentials and capacity to properly work with the Whittier area homeless. The Salvation Army conducts detailed client registration, intake, and referral to appropriate service agencies. Once registration is complete, the Navigation Center is responsible for client care and transportation needs. Unlike traditional homeless shelters that provide only meals and sleeping accommodations, Whittier’s Navigation Center provides case management services that include health and wellness resources,

employment assistance, substance abuse services, and counseling, with the goal of connecting clients to stable income and permanent housing.

Also, the City of Whittier is actively engaged in a range of coordinated efforts and active collaboration among community organizations, churches, service clubs, and concerned citizens dedicated to overcoming homelessness in the community.

A Whittier Consortium on Homelessness was established in 2015 to assist those who are currently without a place to call home and help the community further its collective outreach efforts.

The City of Whittier works with Whittier First Day to provide transitional bridge housing with on-site supportive services to 45 individuals in the City. Services include on-site meals, clothing, 12 step meetings, education, training, employment assistance, transportation, on-site health clinic, health screenings, mental health services, and case management.

The Whole Child, also located in Whittier, has provided children, adolescents, and families in the community with affordable, culturally-sensitive, and professional mental services for over 40 years. Services include: free parenting education in English and Spanish, child abuse prevention, anger management classes, substance abuse help, and counseling for teens.

In addition to the providers named, other important regional partners include PATH and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The City offers a complete list of homeless resources available at [www.cityofwhittier.org](http://www.cityofwhittier.org). Similarly, 2-1-1 is a comprehensive informational and referral system linking Los Angeles County residents to community health and human services and support. 2-1-1 connects hundreds of people every day to shelters, food, low-cost counseling, subsidized child care, employment services, and a range of services for individual and family self-sufficiency. The County also offers a Homeless Incentive Program encouraging landlords to rent their available units to Section 8 voucher holders experiencing homelessness, and operates LA-HOP.org, an outreach portal designed to allow residents to initiate an outreach referral and connect a person experiencing homelessness directly to local services.

For the upcoming fiscal year - Whittier will use the following funding sources to assist qualifying populations.

- City's General Fund: The City's General Fund is an important source to assist the qualifying populations. Each year, approximately \$175,000 from Whittier's General Funds are allocated to non profit organizations to fund public services.
- Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund: \$250,000 from this fund was used to fund the Women's and Children's Crisis Center (28 shelter beds, plus 3 supportive housing units), The Whole Child (children's mental health issues), Whittier First Day (shelter beds) and the Salvation Army Navigation Center. Whittier allocated significant

resources to fund the development of the Navigation Center, which provides 139 shelter beds.

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

As presented earlier in this Plan, the number of individuals and families that meet the criteria of a qualifying population under the HOME-ARP guidance exceeds the number of units to house them. Whittier has 230 homeless individuals when last counted in 2020, 183 of which are unsheltered and 47 that are sheltered. Currently, the City of Whittier has 218 shelter beds, which results in a gap of 12 shelter beds.

Moreover, the thousands of renter households that are both living in poverty and are severely cost burdened or severely overcrowded are indications of the serious deficit of homes affordable and available to all of the qualified populations, including victims of domestic violence and veterans. This housing shortage in Whittier demonstrated by the CHAS and RHNA data, shows the need for additional housing.

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

Housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness are those that (1) are occupied by persons earning 30% or below the HAMFI and are severely cost burdened (paying more than 50% or more on housing); or (2) persons that are earning 50% or less of HAMFI and are severely overcrowded (living with 1.5 or more persons per room). Households meeting these definitions tend to live in housing with deferred maintenance and are in need of rehabilitation.

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

Qualifying Population No. 1: Homeless: Analysis of Point in Time Count, CHAS data, American Community Survey Data and consultation with various agencies and services providers – conducted as part of this Plan – reveal the need for more supportive services for Whittier’s homeless population. Because the need to assist the homeless is an everyday issue. On weekends, there are no supportive services provided by the Navigation Center, which is the primary shelter in Whittier for the homeless. Having supportive services offered each day would greatly fill in the gap in providing services to the homeless qualifying population group.

Qualifying Population No. 2: At-Risk of Homelessness: The data also shows that there is a need for more affordable housing in Whittier. The high rapidly escalating housing costs, combined with the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and economic displacement has put some Whittier residents at risk of being homeless.

Qualifying Population No. 3: Domestic Violence: Whittier has one shelter – First Day – that has space to accommodate additional women and children, without having to wait for shelter.

Qualifying Population No. 4: Other Populations: Whittier has 47 persons in emergency shelters that may go back to living in the streets, if they are not provided sufficient supportive services. Also, there are a significant number of households - 2,665 households - that have great risk of housing instability. These 2,665 households earn 30% or below the area median income and are severely cost burdened (pay more than 50%) for housing.

Per the latest data – Whittier has 23 veterans that are homeless. To address veterans’ issues, the City of Whittier has a resource center for veterans located in the recently remodeled library near City Hall. While the homeless veteran figure is significant, it represents less than 1% of Whittier’s total veteran population.

In summary, it is difficult for members of the homeless and at-risk of homeless qualifying population group to receive supportive services and/or find affordable housing of any kind in Whittier. Personal needs and challenges become exponentially worse if persons are in poverty, or worse, homeless. Providing supportive services would help persons in the immediate time frame, while providing additional housing later on would be of great benefit.

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

Whittier analyzed several data sources to determine the needs and gaps in the City’s shelter and housing inventory and in the service delivery systems. First the City extracted Whittier-specific data, and other related data. The PIT provided valuable data on the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless, families and individual homeless persons, and transitional aged youth, senior, and veteran homeless persons. Further, data on the number of homeless fleeing domestic violence in Whittier was provided.

Next, the City accessed data from the Comprehensive Housing Affordability (“CHAS”). CHAS data is provided annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and includes custom tabulations of American Community Survey (“ACS”) data from the U. S. Census. The data demonstrates the extent of housing problems and needs, particularly for low-income households. CHAS data was used by Whittier to determine housing tenure by various income levels, the number of households experiencing cost burden and/or overcrowded conditions, race and ethnicity statistics of extremely low-income households, and other data needed to characterize households at risk of homelessness.

And, Whittier retrieved data from the City’s 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), Southern California Association of Governments, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, current housing available in Whittier, other Whittier housing data, and current service programs offered with federal and City of Whittier funding.

Finally, the City consulted with various stakeholders including the Los Angeles County CoC- (Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (“LAHA”)), the Los Angeles County Housing Development Authority, Women’s and Children’s Crisis Shelter, the Cold Weather Shelter,

Whittier First Day, the Salvation Army, SASSFA, Inc., St. Mathias Church, the Whole Child, the Southern California Resource Services of Independent Living, Habitat for Humanity, Bridge of Faith and the Veterans Resource Center to find out their pressing housing related needs. The most pressing need is for providing supportive services on weekends at the Navigation Center (which currently does not have sufficient funding to provide supportive services on weekends and increasing the affordable housing stock. In addition, providing supportive services, may help homeless and those at risk of homelessness by freeing them from physical and mental hardships and placing them on a path of new opportunity and increased confidence and self-reliance.

## **HOME-ARP Activities**

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

The City of Whittier will administer all HOME-ARP eligible activities directly. Whittier plans on using its HOME-ARP allocation to fund weekend supportive services at the Whittier Navigation Center, operated by the Salvation Army, a non-profit that has many years of service to Whittier residents. Although funding would be programmed for the Navigation Center, it would not actually be available for distribution to the Navigation Center until such a time as the City Council approves a separate funding agreement with The Salvation Army – based on weekend supportive service staff-related intake costs. City staff would review the reasonableness of The Salvation Army’s weekend supportive service costs by reviewing comparable costs of other service providers’ costs to provide supportive services on weekends.

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

NOT APPLICABLE

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. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

#### Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 1,075,522		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ #		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 189,798	15 %	15%
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 1,265,320</b>		

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

Not applicable

#### *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 City's main homeless service center – the 139-bed Navigation Center – opened recently in late 2021, which provides comprehensive services to Whittier residents experiencing homelessness. The Salvation Army offers clients with case management services that include health and wellness resources, employment assistance, substance abuse services and counseling, with the goal of connecting homeless to stable income and permanent housing. However, the services offered at the Navigation Center are only during the week. There is a current gap in providing supportive services on weekends.

#### 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:*

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

#### 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:***

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.

Whittier plans on using the HOME-ARP funds primarily to address the homeless qualifying population segment by providing supportive services at the City's Navigation Center during weekends. Currently, there is no funding available to provide weekend intake services. Although the proposed weekend supportive services are primarily to assist homeless persons, staff proposed for weekend work will be trained to refer other qualifying populations to applicable local service providers. For example if a family is on the verge of being evicted, or a person is a victim of domestic violence, or if a person is receiving temporary housing assistance and about to lose it, the support staff at the Navigation Center on the weekends would be trained to refer these persons to other service providers.

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

Currently the City of Whittier has over 100 homeless persons, based on the latest point in time count. Being able to provide the homeless population group in the City with additional services on the weekend would greatly help address their unmet housing needs.

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

Although the preference for supportive services are primarily directed at Qualifying Population No. 1 Homeless – the needs of other qualifying populations will also be addressed, as follows: Qualifying Population No. 2: At Risk of Homelessness: If a person has a need to get information on other housing alternatives, given the escalating costs of housing, staff at the Navigation Center on weekends will be provided with information on the latest resources available in Whittier - that they can forward to persons of this qualifying group that request assistance. Qualifying Population No. 3: Domestic Violence: Weekend staff at the Navigation Center will provide this qualifying group with referral information to the City's domestic violence shelter-First Day, which has space, and also the Womens and Childrens Crisis Shelter which is in the City of Whittier to specifically address the issue of domestic violence. (This shelter also helps men that are victims of domestic violence now.) In addition, other resources from other nearby cities will also be kept updated on site, in order to provide it to persons needed help from domestic violence situations.

Qualifying Population No. 4: Other Populations: If persons from this qualifying population group, such as those in emergency shelters that are in danger of going back to the streets need help and go to the Navigation Center, staff at the Center will provide them with information and other resources that may be helpful in allowing them to stay in their shelter, find an alternative

shelter, or assisted them with permanent housing recommendations, if available, in order to prevent them from going back to being homeless. Veterans that are homeless will get supportive services help at the Navigation Center, if grant funds are provided under this HOME-ARP grant.

## **HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines**

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

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

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

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

**\* 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

**\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

**\* Other (Specify):**

**\* 3. Date Received:**

02/28/2021

**4. Applicant Identifier:**

M21-MP060557

**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:**

**5b. Federal Award Identifier:**

**State Use Only:**

**6. Date Received by State:**

**7. State Application Identifier:**

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**\* a. Legal Name:** CITY OF WHITTIER

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

95-600812

**\* c. UEI:**

P7W4FREETPHZ3

**d. Address:**

**\* Street1:** 13230 PENN STREET

**Street2:**

**\* City:** Whittier

**County/Parish:** LOS ANGELES

**\* State:** CA: California

**Province:**

**\* Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

**\* Zip / Postal Code:** 90602-0000

**e. Organizational Unit:**

**Department Name:**

**Division Name:**

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

**Prefix:** Mr.

**\* First Name:** BENJAMIN

**Middle Name:**

**\* Last Name:** PONGETTI

**Suffix:**

**Title:** DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Organizational Affiliation:**

**\* Telephone Number:** (562) 567-9320

**Fax Number:**

**\* Email:** bpongetti@cityofwhittier.org

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

NA

\* Title:

NA

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

NA

Title:

NA

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

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### \* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

HOME ARP funds will be utilized to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing supportive services to reduce homelessness

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**\* a. Applicant \* b. Program/Project 

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

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

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,265,320.00"/>
* 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="1,265,320.00"/>

**\* 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

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

☒ \*\* I AGREE

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

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:   
Middle Name:   
\* Last Name:   
Suffix:

\* Title: \* Telephone Number:  Fax Number: \* Email: \* Signature of Authorized Representative: \* Date Signed:

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Whittier	DATE SUBMITTED 3-9-23



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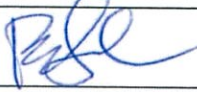
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15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
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## HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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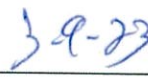


**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

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

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Signature of Authorized Official

  
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Date

CITY MANAGER  
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*Invoice Text:* CITY OF WHITTIER - PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO INTEGRATE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN The Whittier City Council will hold a public hearing to review the Substantial Amendment to the 2021/22 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Council Chamber at Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn St., Whittier, California. At that time and place any and all persons interested may appear and be heard thereon. 15 Day Public Comment Period As required by HUD, a minimum 15-day public comment period for the Substantial Amendment to the 2021-22 Action Plan will commence Friday, February 10, 2023, and will end Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Executive Order No. N-29-20 (COVID-19) states that a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment may not be made available. However, City Hall will be open to the public for public meetings and in-person comments. Listed below are the viewing and public comment options provided to the public. View live open session meetings remotely: · On Cable, Channel 3 · Online: <http://www.cityofwhittier.org/Streaming> Public Comment/Question options for Public Hearing Item: · Email: [ccd@cityofwhittier.org](mailto:ccd@cityofwhittier.org) · Please submit public comments at least one hour before the meeting begins. · In-Person Comments for Public Hearing in the City Hall Council Chamber As directed by HUD, the City will process a Substantial Amendment to integrate a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that budgets a

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I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of WHITTIER DAILY NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Whittier, by the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles County, State of California, on the date of October 10, 1960, Case Number 369393. The notice, of which the annexed is a true printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

**02/10/2023**

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Monrovia, California  
On this 10th day of February, 2023.

*Eva Almeida*

Signature

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As directed by HUD, the City will process a Substantial Amendment to integrate a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that budgets a special allocation of HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding provided to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing supportive services to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability in Whittier. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The City of Whittier is slated to receive \$1,265,320 in HOME-ARP funding and is proposing to utilize such funds on the following projects:

\$1,075,522 for supportive services for homeless and those at-risk of homelessness at the Navigation Center project located at 7926 Pickering Avenue, Whittier and other places in City.  
\$189,798 (15% of total) for HOME-ARP Planning and Administration

A draft copy of the FY 2021/22 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment inclusive of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review at the Community Development Department reception desk (2nd floor of City Hall). The documents will also be accessible via the City of Whittier's website, [www.cityofwhittier.org](http://www.cityofwhittier.org). Written comments can be addressed to: Ben Pongetti, Community Development Director, 13230 Penn St., Whittier, California, 90602. The City Council will consider all comments received during the 15-day public review period at the February 28, 2023 City Council public hearing.

**MEETING ASSISTANCE NOTICE**

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