



City of Wichita

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

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1. Consultation

1.A. Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

Consultation Process

Development Strategies (DS) coordinated with the City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department to create the list of agencies and providers to be consulted with. DS then contacted each organization to schedule a consultation either in-person on June 28th and 29th, 2022, at the City of Wichita Advanced Learning Library, or virtually utilizing Zoom. Most virtual consultations occurred between July 11th and August 27th, with one occurring earlier in June. Follow-up consultations occurred on November 21st, 2022, and March 2nd, 2023. Each consultation was held with only one organization, with between one and three staff members, and a total of 23 consultations were held. Details about the consultations, including organization name, type of services provided, staff members interviewed, activities carried out, feedback received, and qualifying populations served are included in the following table and subsequent narrative.

Additional feedback was received through a Provider Survey that was active from Aug 17th, 2022 to September 19th, 2022 which helps provide more detail about gaps and priorities. The results of the survey are summarized throughout this document and included as an attachment.

Provider Follow-Up Session: A group session was held on September 19, 2022, to report initial findings, key themes regarding needs and gaps that providers serving the qualifying populations identified, best practices, and early thoughts on how HOME-ARP funds could be used. Additional feedback was received during this session that helped refine the funding allocation and priorities reflected in this plan.

There was support for the proposed conceptual ideas. Providers shared that many homeless individuals/families trying to navigate services often get lost in the system. A centralized facility/navigation center would help mitigate some of that. The discussion highlighted gaps in the city's transportation service and how it impedes connecting individuals to services. The follow-up also highlighted the need to involve and engage those having lived experience as part of the consultation and allocation plan process. Providers were interested in understanding location options for the proposed facility. Downtown vs. outside downtown area. Providers wanted to understand the operating costs for such a facility, to ascertain its capacity and feasibility. Providers were also interested in understanding their roles and responsibilities moving forward.

HUD Facilitated Consultation since 2-3-2023

In addition to the consultations listed below, Housing & Community Services Department staff consulted with various US Department of Housing and Urban Development technical assistance providers & the Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity in working through the resubmission of the allocation plan. A summary of those consultations is found below:

- HOME-ARP Group Virtual Problem Solving Clinic on February 14, 2023
- HOME-ARP one-on-one Virtual Problem Solving Clinic on March 9, 2023- TA Provider Emily Fischbein.
- Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Consultation on March 16, 2023- Natasha Watson & Evelyn Nelson

1.B. List of organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
United Methodist Open Door	Homeless Service Provider	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below for summary of feedback received.
Wichita Police Department Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)	Homeless Outreach Team	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
COMCARE of Sedgwick County	Local Mental Health Organization	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
The Salvation Army	Faith-Based Organization	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Substance Abuse Center of Kansas	Non-Profit Organization	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Miracles Inc.	Faith-Based Organization (Focus on substance abuse rehabilitation)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Wichita Children's Home	Non-Profit Organization (Focus on emergency, temporary, and residential care for homeless youth)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Wichita Family Crisis Center	Non-Profit Organization (Shelter and services for survivors of domestic violence in Sedgwick County)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Catholic Charities-Harbor House	Non-Profit Organization (Focus on homeless prevention and assistance for domestic violence survivors)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below

Catholic Charities-St. Anthony Family Shelter	Non-Profit Organization (Homeless shelter provider for families)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Center of Hope	Financial support and case management services	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
StepStone	Faith-Based Organization (Transitional housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
VA Medical Center	Primary Healthcare Services for Veterans	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
United Way of the Plains	Homelessness Diversion Programs for Central Kansas Region	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Union Rescue Mission	Faith-based, non-profit organization providing emergency shelter for men	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
HumanKind Ministries	Non-profit organization providing outreach, shelter, affordable housing and supportive services in Sedgwick County	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Mental Health Association	Non-profit organization providing mental & community health services and housing (includes senior housing units)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Breakthrough Club/Episcopal Social Services	Social Services organization providing	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below

	community mental health services		
USD 259 McKinney-Vento Liaison	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act program providing children in transition access to education	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Consumer Credit Counseling Services	Non-Profit community services organization providing financial stability resources to families in need	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Lange Group	Real Estate Developer	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Independent Living Resource Center	Organization serving those with disabilities	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
City of Wichita Housing and Community Services / Wichita Housing Authority	Housing and service provider; Public agency	Several in-person and virtual discussions	Client team for HOME-ARP project; see summary below
Kansas Legal Services	Service provider: legal, fair housing, civil rights, tenant-landlord relations, eviction, and other similar services	1:1 Interview	See consultation summary below

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

Consultation Summaries

Each organization consulted by Development Strategies was given an overview of HOME-ARP, including the amount of funding the City of Wichita is eligible for, the possible uses of the grant, and the qualifying populations. The consultations were used to identify priorities and needs. The summaries below reflect the key takeaways from the conversations that took place between Development Strategies and representatives from the organizations.

United Methodist Open Door

United Methodist Open Door provides five community programs in Wichita/Sedgwick County. It provides homeless day shelter service along with food distribution, and free clothing for infants, children, and adults. The organization serves all four QP's.

Development Strategies consulted with Deann Smith, the Executive Director of United Methodist Open Door on Friday, July 15th via zoom video call.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for **more case managers** within the organization to provide initial assessment and support, as well as long-term and regular check-ins. Limited access to supportive services via case management was noted as a hindrance in being able to refer more people to housing vouchers.
- There is a need for **expanded mental health services and substance use disorder treatment**, including detox centers.
- Other gaps discussed include a **lack of safe facilities for single women** and lack of funds to provide **assistance related to paying utilities or back rent**.
- The **lack of quality affordable housing units** was also discussed, highlighting the poor condition of the current affordable rental stock in the city.

Wichita Police Department Homeless Outreach Team

The Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.) of the Wichita Police Department works in partnership with homeless service providers and businesses to refer homeless people to their resources or programs. The H.O.T. team is responsible for responding to all 911 calls regarding homeless individuals or calls for service. H.O.T. focuses on trying to keep homeless out of jail if possible and divert them to services or shelters. They primarily serve QP I (those who are homeless).

Development Strategies consulted with Officer Nate Schwiethale, one of the four officers within the H.O.T., on Friday, July 15th 2022 via Zoom video call. The consultation highlighted that majority of the homeless population served by the H.O.T. team suffers from mental health/substance abuse issues which often results in difficulty when trying to place them in shelters due to the entry criteria in place for many of the existing shelters.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for more programs to address **mental health and substance use disorder**, (currently such programs in the city have a 3 to 6 month waiting list).
- Other gaps discussed include a **lack of safe facilities for single women** and lack of funds to provide **assistance related to paying utilities or back rent**.
- The **lack of quality affordable housing units** was also discussed, leading to limited options for households when rapid rehousing funds run out.
- A **key gap related to services is the lack of up-front coordination among providers** to efficiently connect individuals with the best options. The current system is fragmented and services are located in different areas of the city, which is also a challenge because of **limited transportation options**.
- The rapid rehousing program was discussed as working well but being heavily dependent on the availability of funds.

COMCARE of Sedgwick County

COMCARE is the lead mental health agency for Sedgwick County. It is the largest of the 27 Community Mental Health Centers in the State of Kansas and provides a wide array of mental health and substance abuse services to residents of Sedgwick County. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies consulted with Jaimie Williams, the Housing Specialist Manager at COMCARE, on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 and Lisa Tipton, the Assistant Director for Clinical and Rehab Services on August 5th, 2022 via Zoom video call.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for **more case managers**, as most case managers within the organization currently have more than 30 cases and there are several open positions.
- Other gaps discussed include a **lack of safe facilities for single women** and lack of funds to provide **assistance related to paying utilities or back rent**.
- Need for **more affordable housing units** was also discussed.
- The consultation also highlighted their concern related to the **unwillingness of landlords to make accommodations for those who are disabled**.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a faith-based organization that provides homeless services. They have a total of three locations in the City of Wichita—providing a 28-bed congregate facility for single and family households. The congregate facility is designed to serve for a maximum of 30 days but is often used for up to 45 days due to the lack of permanent housing units to transition to. They fund ten apartments in the community under the Housing First model. In addition to housing, they also offer food and rent assistance, bus passes for employed individuals, identification services, funding for child-care services, and funding for school tuition. The organization primarily serves QP I.

Development Strategies met with Jami Scott, the Director of Social Services at Salvation Army on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for **more case managers**, with a focus on extensive training for case managers to equip them for their work with substance abuse, mental health and recovery.
- There is also a need to **educate and incentivize landlords to participate in Second Chance programs** and to enable them **build better relationships with the tenants**.
- Other gaps discussed include a **lack of funding for employment opportunities** for those who are willing to work.
- Need for **more safe and affordable housing units** was also discussed.

Substance Abuse Center for Kansas

The Substance Abuse Center for Kansas (SACK) is a non-profit organization specializing in the prevention, treatment, and case management of individuals affected by substance abuse. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Chad Harmon who is the Clinical Care Coordinator at SACK on Friday, August 12th, 2022 for a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for **more value-based long-term case management** to make sure that those being helped can find and remain in permanent housing, with a focus on minimizing people falling back into homelessness.
- Need for in-house **medical detox beds**, along with **addiction counselors** was also highlighted.
- There is also a need to **educate and incentivize landlords to participate in Second Chance programs** and to enable them **build better relationships with the tenants**.
- Other gaps discussed include, **a lack of safe shelters for single women**, and **lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent** for those moving into transitional housing.

Miracles Inc.

Miracles Inc. is a faith-based organization that provides permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals with chronic addiction. In addition to providing a diagnosis program for women and women with children, they also provide transitional housing for single homeless women. Their permanent supportive housing, Magnolia Place, provides housing for youths aging out of the foster care system (18 to 22 years of age). They have diagnosis programs, outpatient behavioral health, and an outpatient program for youth aged 14 to 23 (Steel Magnolias). The organization serves all four QP's.

Development Strategies met with Maggie Flanders on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for **more case managers** within the organization.
- The organization is unable to keep their facilities at full-occupancy and struggles with limited outreach capacity due to lack of staffing.
- A broader challenge of available funding and resources, such as vouchers, being underutilized due to a decreasing number of landlords accepting vouchers and willing to work with clientele.
- Other gaps discussed include, **a lack of quality affordable housing units**, a need for more substance abuse treatment options and detox beds, and a critical need for low-barrier shelters and service options.

Wichita Children's Home

The Wichita Children's Home is a non-profit organization that offers emergency, temporary, and residential care for children in the City of Wichita. Their services include assessment and intervention support, temporary housing for children at risk of abuse, neglect or homelessness, and education, prevention and advocacy initiatives. The organization primarily serves QP I.

They operate an emergency shelter with 25 beds along with a drop-in center that serves youth (25 years and younger) and provides meals and shower facilities. Additionally, BRIDGES—their transitional program—provides safe and stable housing, counseling, education, life skills coaching, and vocational

preparation for 16- to 21-year-olds facing challenges such as aging out of foster care, pregnancy and homelessness.

Development Strategies met with Soutdaly Sysavath, the Director of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs at Wichita Children's Home on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- The discussion highlighted the **need for more case managers**—the organization suffered multiple staff lay-offs during COVID-19 and has been unable to return to previous capacity ever since.
- Need for mental health resources such as **short/long term therapy, detox beds, and medication management** was also discussed.
- While the availability of affordable housing units was not specified as a major challenge, the discussion did highlight the **unwillingness of landlords to accept housing vouchers**, leading to difficulty placing many youths in stable long-term housing.
- Another need is for the provider network to **become more focused on homelessness prevention rather than just reaction**.

Wichita Family Crisis Center

Wichita Family Crisis Center is a non-profit organization that supports survivors of domestic violence through shelter, education, and advocacy. They have an 8-bedroom facility and provide a 6-week shelter program for survivors. It is one of two violence shelters in the area and was serving 22 survivors at the time of this consultation. Their services include, legal court advocate, help with relocation to another state, help with job search and placement, and access to support groups. The organization primarily serves QP III.

Development Strategies met with Tracey Gay, the Director of Client Services at Wichita Family Crisis Center on Wednesday, July 21st for a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- Several barriers including **difficulty tracking vital records** (i.e., social security card, ID, and birth certificates) **and legal challenges**.
- The consultation also highlighted **a lack of safe housing options to transition survivors into**, often extending their 6-week stay in the shelter. Ms. Gay informed us that the center recently acquired a new building which will double their capacity, hopeful that it would mitigate some of the capacity challenges they are facing.
- **The need for more case managers** (specifically for the new facility) along with **more trauma-informed services** was underscored throughout the consultation.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is a faith-based organization that provides rapid rehousing services to families, domestic violence survivors, and veterans. Currently, they have a utility grant to support already housed individuals with one-month of services. Development Strategies met with Jenni Buckmaster (IT Program Director) and Diane Peltier (Director of Grants and Compliance) on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an

in-person consultation. The organization serves QP I, QP III, and QP IV. Following are overviews of the two facilities at Catholic Charities

Harbor House

Harbor House at the Catholic Charities is a domestic violence shelter that provides a variety of services to those who are trying to flee abusive relationships. Some of the services include case management, individualized safety planning, 24-hour hotline, counseling and support groups, and referrals to community services.

St. Anthony Family Shelter

St. Anthony Family Shelter is the only Wichita-area shelter designed specifically for families with minor children. Individuals and couples without children under the age of 18 are referred to other shelters in the area. They have 13 furnished resident units with a family room, bedrooms, and bathrooms that can house a total of 33 to 55 people. Some of the services include emergency shelter for families with minor children, health assessments and referrals for medical needs, attention to children's schooling, hot meals, and referrals for drug, alcohol, and mental health counseling.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A **lack of safe housing options to transition into**, often extending shelter stays by several weeks. The lack of housing units was attributed largely to the unwillingness of landlords to work with the housing voucher programs.
- **Increase in unemployment and rise in evictions** was also underscored in the discussion as post-COVID impacts to the homeless ecosystem.
- In addition to **the need for more case managers and staffing**, the discussion highlighted a **gap in providing more landlord incentives and engagement** to help with the utilization rate of the available housing vouchers.

Center for Hope

Center for Hope is a faith-based organization that provides financial and material assistance to help prevent homelessness in the City of Wichita and the surrounding counties. They have a total of three full-time employees and are completely funded by donations. Currently, they have a utility grant to support already housed individuals with one-month of services. The organization primarily serves QP II.

Development Strategies met with George Dinkel, the Executive Director at Center for Hope, on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- The **need for more case managers** (ideally 10 to 15 case managers) in order to assist with administering funds.
- In addition, there is a **need for more resources to assist with utility payments and arrears, as well as rent payments**.
- We also discussed **the lack of safe housing options**—attributed to the unwillingness of landlords to work with the housing voucher programs.
- In addition to the need for more case managers and staffing, the discussion highlighted a **need for more space to carry out some of the educational services and legal assistance**.

StepStone

StepStone responds to the needs of the survivors of domestic violence by providing supportive services and transitional housing. They also offer robust case management as an outreach service. Other wraparound services include credit counseling classes, financial literacy, etc. StepStone partners with Mennonite Housing for their transitional housing—a housing complex with 28 apartments. Their transitional housing is available to DV survivors for a period of 2 years, after which the survivors are able to graduate to a more permanent living arrangement. They primarily serve QP III.

Development Strategies met with Dung Kimble (Program Director), Kit Lambertz (Executive Director), and Tressa Lauderdale (Community Outreach Liaison) from StepStone on Monday, August 22nd, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- Many domestic violence survivors are unable to afford rent after rapid rehousing funds end and then face eviction, but may not qualify for housing vouchers. Thus, there is a **need for affordable housing options or additional rental support** for this population.
- There is a **need for emergency shelters for women and those fleeing domestic violence**. The success rate is higher when helping survivors who have had some break from the abusive situation, through an emergency shelter or living with a friend or family versus those who come directly from the abusive situation.
- There is a **need for trauma-informed services**, including formal education for other providers.
- There are **not enough quality and safe affordable housing units** in the community for clients to transition into once they graduate from StepStone.
- Generally, there is a **need for more case managers across the provider network**, as well as a need for funding to pay better salaries.

VA Medical Center

The VA Medical Center provides primary care and specialty health services to veterans. With the VA Supportive Housing program (HUD-VASH), they help Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by providing rental assistance paired with case management and supportive services for homeless Veterans. Currently, they have approximately 200 Housing Choice Vouchers. The organization primarily serves veterans in QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Cynthia Sawyer (Program Director) and Kenneth Barker (Executive Director) from the VA Medical Center on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- Finding quality housing stock in the city is a major barrier in being able to utilize the available HCVs. Most of the affordable housing stock does not pass the required quality inspections. Thus, there is a **need for affordable housing options or additional rental support** for this population.
- Additionally, landlords are unwilling to work with HCVs, creating further barriers to finding housing units for the veterans. **Provision of more education and incentives to encourage landlords to work with the providers** was discussed as a possible solution.
- Generally, there is a **need for more case managers across the provider network** and staffing dedicated to housing search.
- **Lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent.**

United Way of Plains

United Way of Plains is the Continuum of Care (CoC) collaborative applicant, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) lead, and Coordinated Entry (CE) lead. United Way of Plains operates 16 housing units, available to those in need for a period of three months. The organization serves all four QPs.

Development Strategies met with Matt Lowe, the Community Impact Manager at United Way of Plains on Tuesday, July 19th, 2022, for a virtual consultation via Zoom. Development Strategies also met with Cole Schieders, CoC Planning Manager on June 8, 2022.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- **A lack of safe housing options to transition into.** This lack of housing units was largely attributed to the unwillingness of landlords to work with the housing voucher programs.
- Due to the high case load they face, **the need for more case managers was underscored** throughout the discussion.
- Other gaps include **a lack of safe facilities for single women and survivors of domestic violence, and lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent.**
- The discussion also highlighted the fact that **most shelters are high-barrier, with multiple rules and regulations** which makes it **difficult for people to qualify for entry** and limits the resources available to help them.
- Need for a strong **homelessness diversion program** was also highlighted.

Union Rescue Mission

Union Rescue Mission is a faith-based, non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter for men in the area. This is the largest shelter for men in the State of Kansas with programs to assist with homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues. They operate approximately 224 beds, along with 79 emergency overnight guest beds, and 18 medical beds with a nurse on staff. The organization does not utilize any assistance from federal programs. The organization serves QP I.

Development Strategies met with Doug Nolte, the CEO of the Union Rescue Mission on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A need for facilities that provide **both physical and mental health services under the same roof.**
- **A lack of safe transitional housing units** in the community.
- Although the organization runs a bus for 44 people, **public transportation in the City of Wichita was described as a barrier for individuals** trying to access services around the city. Additionally, the **need for more case managers** was underscored throughout the discussion.

HumanKind Ministries

HumanKind Ministries is a non-profit organization that provides street outreach, shelter, affordable housing, supportive services, and basic needs to those experiencing homelessness or poverty in Sedgwick County. In addition to their three shelters (one year-round, and two emergency winter shelters), HumanKind operates 155 low-income, permanent supportive apartments, all located in

Midtown Wichita, Kansas. These apartments are a combination of intermediary housing complexes for those moving directly from homelessness and longer-term, affordable apartments that are designated for HUD-approved homeless persons. The organization serves all four QPs.

Development Strategies met with Latasha St. Arnault, President/CEO, Roxanne Moren, Director of Special Projects, and Bill Slater, Director of Finance and IT, on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- **Low-barrier accessible shelter beds** are the biggest need.
- **Insufficient safe affordable housing units and difficulty for low-barrier entry for the homeless** in the community.
- In addition to the **need for more case managers, employee retention** was also discussed as a challenge.
- Other needs include **intensive mental health services, more supportive services for shelters, and better transportation service in the city.**

Mental Health Association

Mental Health Association (MHA) is a non-profit organization that provides a full range of mental and community health services to south central Kansas. They have two long-term group homes, apartments for independent living, and senior housing with a total of 72 housing units for elderly population (above 62 years of age). Additionally, they provide wrap-around services like job training, and addiction treatment that commercial therapy offices often cannot. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Seth Nesmith (Senior Director of Residential Services) and Megan Bruce (Executive Director) from MHA on Friday, August 12th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

They shared that the majority of the population they serve is older, struggling with complex mental health issues.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A need for **more low-income housing, especially for women.**
- The need for **stronger case management and wrap-around services** was underscored throughout the discussion.

The conversation also highlighted the **need for more transitional housing units and a lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community.** This was attributed to the unwillingness of landlords to work with housing vouchers.

Breakthrough Club/ Episcopal Social Services

Breakthrough, formerly Episcopal Social Services, is a broad-based social services organization. They operate a community mental health program designed to provide support, therapy, and medication. They help people move out of poverty by providing various wraparound services, including case management, peer support, help in finding employment opportunities, assistance in finding housing options, and serving meals daily for those in need. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Andy Houlberg, the CEO of Breakthrough, and Alleshia Benward, Director of Turning Point Program on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- They shared that the organization is running at-capacity right now, **not having enough space to accommodate everyone who needs help.**
- The conversation also highlighted the **lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community**, especially in areas away from downtown. This was attributed to landlords who are raising rents to market rates, hence making the units unaffordable for most who are in need.
- Other challenges include **a need for more case managers** to help provide long-term support, and **a need for shelters to house single women in need.**

USD 259 McKinney Vento Liaison

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires that all schools provide students in transition with immediate access to an education, even if the child lacks school records, a birth certificate, medical/immunizations documents, or proof of residency. The USD 259 McKinney Vento Liaison ensures that all homeless children and youth receive an opportunity to enroll and attend all public schools in the district. They served 1,445 students between 2019 and 2020, and 1,550 students between 2020 and 2021. Currently, they are serving 984 students (as of November 21, 2022). They primarily serve youth in QPs I and II, as well as QP III.

Development Strategies met with Jonni Tennant, the Family Support Worker at the McKinney Vento Program for Wichita Public Schools on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom. Development Strategies met with Cynthia Martinez, the McKinney-Vento Liaison (director of the program), on November 21, 2022 via a phone call.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- They shared that many families approaching them for assistance **do not meet HUD's definition of homelessness** (they are staying with family or friends and are not considered homeless). Hence, they do not qualify for a lot of services (like Rapid Rehousing, etc.) which hinders their progress to transition from limbo to stability. **Thus, referring families to housing options was shared as a major challenge.**
- There are not enough (if any) **shelter beds or housing for unsupervised youth, those fleeing domestic violence, or larger families.** There are few safe places for these groups to go.
- The conversation also highlighted **the lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community.**
- The **need for expediting the whole process to get people into stable housing conditions.**
- The need for **long-term support and services for vulnerable renters.** A lot of individuals or households fall back into homelessness or insecurity because those supports are not in place.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services

Consumer Credit Counseling Services is a nonprofit community service organization that provides resources to families to help them regain financial stability as well as learn new tools to become more financially successful. The organization serves the entire State of Kansas and provides credit counseling to those who are near/at risk of being homeless, or primarily QP II.

Development Strategies met with Raven Dickenson, the President & CEO of Consumer Credit Counseling Services on Wednesday, July 13th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There are **not enough financial resources** to support the amount of **financial services** that are needed to properly serve the at-risk population.
- **More funding is needed to help households with economic hardships** that increased during the COVID-19 pandemic due to job loss and illness.
- There is **significant need for more affordable housing units**. Rents increased substantially the past two years, among the cost of most goods, creating more strain on households.

LANGE Community Foundation

LANGE Community Foundation supports non-profit organizations with a focus on mental health, addiction, and homelessness. Currently, this group does not directly serve any of the QPs other than by supporting organizations doing the work. However, they recently announced that HealthCore Clinic will build a facility on its OneRise Health Campus, focused on behavioral health. The efforts will serve all QPs when completed.

Development Strategies met with Matt Tannehill, the Director of Strategic Initiatives, and Scott Ackerson, a consultant working on driving solutions for those experiencing homelessness, on Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is no **comprehensive and systemic approach to providing supportive services** for homeless and at-risk population in the area.
- There are **not enough mental health and substance abuse facilities and services**, and there are major gaps between emergency care and long-term support.
- There is a **shortage of affordable housing units**, particularly for larger households.

Independent Living Resource Center

Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) is a non-profit organization that provides services for people with all kinds of disabilities—physical, mental and developmental—and helps them live as independently as possible in the homes and communities of their choice. They primarily serve QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Cindy Unruh, the Executive Director, Harley Anderson, and Maria Santillan at ILRC on Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A **lack of accessible housing** (with ramps, elevators, wider doors, adequate fixtures like grab bars in the bathroom, etc.) **for people with disabilities.**
- The conversation also highlighted **the lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community**, mainly to the unwillingness of landlords to accept housing vouchers from populations with disabilities, or in some cases, people with prior felonies.
- **Costs associated with making a house accessible and** the need for additional repair and maintenance was discussed as another challenge that landlords in the community face.

Wichita Housing Authority

Wichita Housing Authority (WHA) is a division of the Housing and Community Services Department in the City of Wichita. WHA operates 226 elderly/disabled units that converted under RAD on 10/29/21 – 9 two bedroom and 217 one bedroom units. They operate public housing units as well—352 single family homes of which 16 are fully UFAS accessible. 35 two bedroom, 161 three bedroom, 95 four bedroom, 39 five bedroom, and 22 six bedroom. Nearly half of these units are currently unoccupied because WHA is working with HUD on the RAD conversion process.

WHA also operates the Housing Choice Voucher program with 3,360 total vouchers; 718 vouchers are currently issued, but households cannot find suitable housing (including 175 for people experiencing homelessness). There is currently a waitlist of 4,110 households. More than 54 percent of households on the waitlist are waiting for a studio or one-bedroom unit, 30 percent for a two-bedroom, 12 percent for a three-bedroom, and four percent for a larger unit. More than 27 percent of applicants report having a disability and 85 percent qualify as extremely low income (30 percent AMI or below). Approximately 46 percent of applicants are African American and another 46 percent are white. A total of nearly 13 percent indicate Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.

The Housing and Community Services also administers homeless prevention programs (utility and rent assistance) and rapid rehousing, which are operated by partner organizations. The department refers any discrimination complaints that fall under Fair Housing or Civil Rights to the HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

Development Strategies met with Sally Stang, Director, Logan Bradshaw, Assistant Director, Mark Stanberry, Community Investments Manager, and Shelly Haupt, Senior Housing Specialist, on several occasions between June and October, as they are the city team leading the HOPE-ARP process.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There are **not enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community**, mainly due to the unwillingness of landlords to accept housing vouchers from populations with disabilities, or in some cases, people with prior felonies.
- There is a need for **more housing navigators** to ensure long-term housing stability.
- There is a need for **more case managers** to keep people from falling back into homelessness.
- There is a need **for a more coordinated approach** to provide services.

The City of Wichita implemented its Non-Discrimination Ordinance on January 1, 2022, which includes provisions relating housing that align with provisions under the Fair Housing Act and Civil Rights Act. No complaints relating to housing and homelessness have been filed to date.

Kansas Legal Services

Kansas Legal Services is a statewide non-profit corporation that helps low-income Kansas meet their basic needs through the provision of legal and mediation services. The Wichita office, which serves Sedgwick and several surrounding counties, provides a broad range of services, including those landlord-tenant resolutions, eviction, mortgage foreclosure, and similar housing challenges. They address Fair Housing and Civil Rights issues when they are presented. They serve all QPs, although clients typically fall into QPs II and IV.

Development Strategies met with Steve Minson, attorney (handles housing-related issues and consumer protection matters), on March 2, 2023, via a phone call.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- The conversation highlighted **the lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community.**
- In particular, **seniors face challenges finding decent quality, accessible, and affordable units.**
- There are **widespread housing condition challenges** and landlords who do not fix problems when they are reported by tenants.
- There are **limited tenant protections around eviction**, holding landlords to maintaining their properties, and other issues that contribute to housing insecurity.
- Their office receives **relatively few referrals for formal Fair Housing Act or Civil Rights Act violations** relating to housing.

2. Public Participation *(As of December 6, 2022)*

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:*** October 28, 2022
- ***Public comment period:*** start date October 28, 2022. end date – December 6, 2022.
- ***Date(s) of public hearing:*** December 6, 2022

Describe the public participation process:

The public process included the following components:

- Notification of the beginning of the public comment period published in print media and on City of Wichita website: October 28, 2022.
- Public survey to collect feedback on the draft plan: October 28-December 5, 2022.
- Public Information Session #1: November 2, 2022 at 4:00pm; virtual via Zoom.
- Public Information Session #2: November 16, 2022 at 4:00pm; in-person at Advanced Learning Library
- Public Hearing: December 6 at approximately 1:00 pm (as part of a longer City Council meeting)

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The City published notices for the public comment period and both public information sessions in The Wichita Eagle, on the Housing and Neighborhood Services website (<https://www.wichita.gov/Housing>),

and through the City's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofwichita>). A copy of the affidavit of publication in The Wichita Eagle is attached below. Comments received during the public comment period and the information sessions, along with the survey responses are attached at the end of this document.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Substantial Amendment to 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan
HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan Act
Allocation Plan
Notice of Public Comment Period
Notice of Virtual Public Information Session
Notice of In-Person Public Information Session
Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Wichita has been awarded \$5,508,372 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding. This funding must be utilized to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. The City has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies activities to be funded and undertaken, and proposes a substantial amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan in order to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review beginning October 28, 2022 through December 5, 2022. The proposed plan will be available at City Hall, all Neighborhood Resource Centers, the Advanced Learning Library, as well as the Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, Westlink, and Maya Angelou branch libraries. The proposed plan will also be available at the City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department's first floor desk at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The proposed plan can also be viewed online at: <https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/CommunityInvestments.aspx>. Comments regarding the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan must be received by midnight, December 5, 2022, and can be submitted by mail to City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department, 455 N. Main, 10th Floor, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, by telephone at 316-462-3734, or by e-mail to communityhousing@wichita.gov or mstanberry@wichita.gov. A virtual public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled to be held Tuesday, November 1, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Please contact Logan Bradshaw at 316-462-3725, or at lbradshaw@wichita.gov for instructions regarding access to this virtual meeting. An in-person public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2 nd Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67203, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. There will be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Oral comments can be made at the meeting. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for effective communication with City of Wichita personnel should contact the Office of the City Manager, 316-268-2468 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event or appearance.

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Hayley Martin, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, depose and saith: That he is Record Clerk of The Wichita Eagle, a daily newspaper published in the City of Wichita, County of Sedgwick, State of Kansas, and having a general paid circulation on a daily basis in said County, which said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said County for more than one year prior to the first publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned, and which said newspaper has been entered as second class mail matter at the United States Post Office in Wichita, Kansas, and which said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication and that a notice of a true copy is hereto attached was published in the regular and entire Morning issue of said The Wichita Eagle from 10/27/2022 to 10/27/2022.

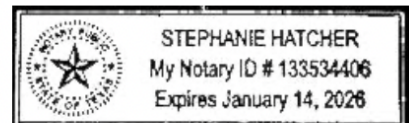
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DATED: 10/27/2022

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The draft Allocation Plan was made available in print at area libraries and community centers and online on the Housing and Neighborhood Services website. Links to the public survey and YouTube recordings of the public information sessions are also posted on that website. Two public information sessions were held as noted above—the first one was virtual via Zoom and the second was in-person. The intent was to allow for participation in multiple formats. A total of 98 responses to the survey were received.

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

The following statements summarize the comments and recommendations received. More detailed notes, as well as the survey results, are included as an attachment to this document. The facilitated discussion during both public information sessions was based upon the following three questions; however, all comments were accepted.

1. Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?
2. Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does not address?
3. Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

November 2nd Public Information Session (Virtual)

- People often get lost navigating the resources available, so a centrally-located navigation center is important.
- Concern about the amount of funds available to launch and maintain a Navigation Center.
- Skill building is very important to help those experiencing homelessness to succeed.
- There is a need to provide services to those with felonies or who are registered sex offenders.
- The waiting list for inpatient treatment for substance abuse is too long (three to six months).
- There is a big gap in services for those who are uninsured.
- Need landlord incentives to get more to participate and help repair damage to units.
- Money should be deferred to USD 259 to teach life skills.
- Some funds should be allocated to tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA).
- Supportive services funding should be increased.

November 16th Public Information Session (in-person)

- Broad support for the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units.
- Questions about how many people are going to be served.
- The plan does not address substance abuse and mental illness, but it is understood why.
- Need for accessible, affordable housing designed for those in poverty or disabilities.
- Need housing for those who have had evictions in the past.
- City has tons of affordable housing, but it is not accessible, or has poor quality.
- Allocation plan addresses major gaps.

- Concern about the HOME-ARP funds as allocated will be enough to get this project done. City will need additional funds and partners.
- The government should not build or run the facility because they will be too slow and providers are better suited to design and operate it.
- Another person agreed with the City developing the facility and partner organizations running it.

December 6th Public Hearing (during regular City Council meeting)

- The purpose of this session was to present the Allocation Plan and recommendation to City Council, answer any questions they may have, allow for public comments, and allow for discussion around those comments.
- City Council must approve the Allocation Plan as a Substantial Amendment to the City's Annual Action Plan before it can be submitted to HUD.
- City Council approved the Allocation Plan with a 4-2 vote and authorized submission to HUD with necessary signatures. Minutes from the meeting are attached to this plan.
- A total of four members of the public made public comments and those comments are summarized below:
 - There is a need for more affordable housing units.
 - There is also a need to collaborate more with landlords to accept vouchers or disability so that there are more units available.
 - There is a need for non-congregate shelter, particularly for women in emergency situations.
 - There is a greater need to increase the number of case managers / housing navigators so the system can fully utilize existing resources, such as housing vouchers.
 - Adding one housing navigator allowed for the placement of 24 chronically homeless individuals in permanent housing in a period of two months. Rapid Rehousing program only has an 8 percent recidivism rate.
 - A navigation center is one option and should be housing-focused if it is necessary. Full system coordinated entry is more important than a single structure.
 - There is general agreement in the components of the plan, but statement there are too many gaps in the plan to support it.
 - There is opposition to the city owning and operating the facility and concern that doing so could fracture the system of care. *(as stated later in this document, the plan is for the city to develop the facility and contract with partners to operate it)*
 - \$500,000 is not enough to fund the supportive services needed to support the affordable housing units, non-congregate shelter, and navigation center.
 - \$5.5 million is not close to enough to build the proposed facility/project.
 - Including housing units, non-congregate shelter, and a navigation center in a single facility is not a good idea.
 - A 365-day RFP is too long of a period.
 - Request was made to table the decision (Council approval) in order to discuss details further.
 - Appreciation for the discussions and City's willingness to collaborate.

Public Survey (opened on October 28, 2022 and closed December 6, 2022)

- There were 98 total responses.
- Nearly 80 percent of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” with the focus on a single project with a Navigation Center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units.
- 65 percent of respondents “agree” or “strongly agree” with the proposed allocation of funds.
- For those who disagree with the proposed allocation of funds, the recommended changes, in order of responses are: more money to supportive services, more money to low-barrier non-congregate shelter, fund TBRA, and more money to development of affordable rental housing.
- More agencies should have been consulted.
- More money should go toward homelessness prevention (\$2 million).
- Concern about the amount of funding to any of the categories—that it is not enough to do it well.
- Concern that resources would be diverted to a less accessible location—it should be focused in the core area/downtown.
- Support for the plan was stated by multiple respondents.
- Ongoing operations should be carried out by a local provider.
- Any actions to aid the homeless population are needed.
- Improved mental health resources are needed.
- Low-barrier shelters and comprehensive services are needed, as the challenge is growing, and more are moving to the area from other cities and states.
- Providers are seeing more women who need shelter and services, as well as those recently evicted.
- There are many existing buildings in Wichita that could be converted to affordable housing.

The city also received public comment from one individual and one organization (submitted by representatives of the organization’s board) via email. Those who submitted these comments also spoke at the December 6th Public Hearing and their feedback is summarized in that section above.

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

All comments provided in writing and captured during conversation were accepted; however, not all recommendations are incorporated into this plan.

- “The plan should include funding for TBRA”.
 - Funding TBRA is not included in this allocation plan because there are currently dozens of vouchers available and/or households approved for vouchers are unable to find landlords willing to accept them or otherwise suitable housing. More than 130 vouchers for homeless individuals or families were approved as of October 2022 that went unused. This challenge also applies to the Housing Choice Vouchers. Thus, vouchers are currently available, but suitable affordable housing units are not.
- “Funding should be increased for supportive services.”

- The consultations, provider survey, and needs and gaps analysis clearly indicate that there is a need to expand funding for supportive services, particularly for case management, outreach, and housing navigation. The primary challenge, and reason that more funding is not allocated in this plan for supportive services, is that HOME-ARP funds are temporary. They would provide short-term funding for additional services that would be beneficial to the communities and QPs, but those services may also cease when the funding is used. Therefore, the City chose to focus the majority of the funds on supporting the development of a facility that will fill other critical gaps in the system more permanently. However, should the non-congregate component not move forward, those funds would be made available for supportive services (see Plan B on page 33).
- “The government should not build or run the facility...”
 - There are many successful precedents of municipal and county governments building and providing operating funding for similar facilities. In this proposal, the City is positioned to align additional funding to support the physical development of the facility and, because Wichita Housing Authority is a city department, is able to provide project-based vouchers for the affordable housing units. The intent is to align additional funds from the state, federal and state low income housing tax credits, and other sources as they come available. At the same time, the City recognizes that it is not the best entity to manage the affordable housing units or operate the non-congregate shelter and it will see community partners to do so.
- “Housing units, non-congregate shelter, and a navigation center should not be included in the same facility.”
 - This allocation plan does not specify that those components be housed in the same building or facility, but in one project. That is, they could be adjacent, or within one or two blocks. Further, there is no site or building under contract or identified for this project. The design details would be created when such is under option, contract, or otherwise under control. The design would be created based on best practices for similar projects and/or facilities, and would incorporate the input and recommendations from partners. It is anticipated that partners will be consulted with multiple times during the design process, as they will be the ones asked to operate it. Further, the city will consult with partners/providers as the operating RFPs are developed to ensure that best practices are followed, that the experience of the providers is reflected in any operating plan. The intent is for the city to create the facility(ies) that the community needs to better serve the homeless and housing insecure populations and for providers, the experts in the field, to operate it. The plan also allows the city to focus on developing affordable housing units should there be too many barriers in developing a non-congregate shelter and/or navigation center.
- “\$5.5 million is not enough to build this facility, or perhaps even one of the desired components.”
 - The city does not claim that the HOME-ARP funds are sufficient to fund this proposed project, but rather an important source to leverage additional city funds, as well as potential funds from Sedgwick County, the State of Kansas, and other

federal sources like Low Income Housing Tax Credits. The intent is to think big and attempt to create a facility or facilities that can have lasting impact in the community. The plan is written so that the city has time to identify a site, identify other funding sources, and determine if this project is feasible because it would address so many of the gaps identified in a holistic way that addresses best practices. Written in the plan is also the flexibility to open funding for proposals for any of the three eligible uses should the city find that it cannot develop a project in a reasonable amount of time.

- “The funds should be transferred to USD 259...”
 - This is not an eligible use.
- “In-patient treatment for mental health and substance abuse are needed.”
 - The supportive service allocation can be used for this element; however, HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to build such facilities.

3. Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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	181	36	258	22	26								
Transitional Housing	146	35	70	12	9								
Permanent Supportive Housing	108	76	508	#	208								
Other Permanent Housing	283	100	299	#	24								
Sheltered Homeless						263	1,370	142	114				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	124	40	0				
Current Gap										#	16	332	#

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	65,017		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	6,480		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	27,440		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		13,840	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		8,880	
Current Gaps			7,360

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

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

People experiencing homelessness:

The City of Wichita is part of the KS-502 - Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care (CoC), which encompasses the entire Sedgwick County. The CoC does not break down the PIT data by cities.

The most recent KS-502 - Wichita/Sedgwick County CoC PIT count (2022) identified 690 people experiencing homelessness. Of the 690 individuals, 124 (18 percent) people were living unsheltered on the streets, in vehicles or encampments. Because of COVID-19, the CoC did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021.

According to the PIT count in 2022, adults over 18 years old comprise 66 percent of Wichita's homeless population. Nearly 110 children under 18 years experienced sheltered homelessness (16 percent of the total homeless population). At the same time, the USD 259 McKinney Vento Liaison in the City of Wichita served nearly 1,550 children for academic year 2020- 2021 (serving at least 400 children experiencing homelessness so far for year 2022). Many of those children and youth do not meet the HUD definition of homelessness for purposes of the PIT count but fall under the "other special populations" definition for HOME-ARP purposes because they are couch surfing or doubled up in homes/apartments with other families. They are considered homeless under McKinney-Vento's definition of homelessness.

Per the Sedgwick County PIT count in 2022, nearly two-thirds of the homeless population was male. White individuals comprised 59 percent of the homeless population (compared to 80.6 percent of the general population). At the same time, Black or African American individuals comprised 25 percent of the homeless population (compared to 9.2 percent of the general population). Nearly 18 percent of the

homeless residents who received services reported having a severe mental illness (SMI), while 9.6% reported experiencing a substance use disorder (SUD). Nearly 14 percent (81 individuals) of the homeless residents identified as Domestic Violence Survivors, and 11 percent (66 individuals) were veterans.

We also consulted the HMIS data for the KS-502 Sedgwick County CoC providers for the period between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. During that time, 2,608 unique individuals accessed homeless services. Nearly a third (34 percent) of those individuals came from households that included children or only children. Twenty-two percent of all individuals in HMIS were children. Ten percent were young adults. For that time period, HMIS data shows that 39% of the individuals identified as female, with 60% identifying as male, and 1% identified as transgender. For the racial composition of people tracked in HMIS, 53% of those in HMIS identified as White, 28% identified as Black, 6% identified as American Indian, 4% identified as multiple races, while all other races comprised 1% or less of the population in HMIS. Seven percent of the total HMIS population identified as Hispanic or Latino.

Those at risk of homelessness:

According to the American Community Survey (ACS) data for 2016-2020, nearly 15 percent of all the residents in the City of Wichita are living in poverty. Additionally, eight communities within the city (identified by zip code) have at least 20 percent of the residents living below the federal poverty level. More than 12 percent (18,560) households in the City are headed by single mothers. While only 5.6 percent of the city's children under age 19 are uninsured, some neighborhoods within the city have much higher rates, with one neighborhood having nearly 12 percent uninsured children. City of Wichita's unemployment rate is 9.2 percent, but there are areas within the city (based on zip codes) that have higher unemployment (based on 2020), reaching as high as 13.5 percent.

Vast majority of people living in the city have at least a high school diploma (88.5 percent). While nearly 19 percent of the overall population in the city has a bachelor's degree, the percentage of African-American population with a bachelor's degree (17 percent) and Hispanic population with a bachelor's degree (13 percent) is lower than the city average.

Across the city, 41.5 percent of renters spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, with 20 percent renters being extremely cost-burdened (spending more than 50% of their income on housing). Throughout the city, nearly 10 percent of the housing stock – renter and owner occupied – was built before 1940, increasing the risk that people may be living in substandard housing or could be evicted in order to modernize the aging housing stock. This issue is more pronounced in some parts of the city, like the downtown area where as much as a third of all the housing stock was built before the 1940s.

Thirteen census tracts in the City of Wichita are considered food deserts (where 33 percent or more individuals live more than half a mile from a grocery store). Additionally, 10 percent of the population in Sedgwick County is receiving SNAP benefits (providing supplemental money to buy food). Recent reports by *Feeding America* identified that 1 in 7 children are food insecure in Kansas (102,760 children). Given the concentration of high levels of poverty and unemployment, and relatively high rent burdens placed upon residents of the City of Wichita, there are a number of risk factors present that make City residents at increased risk of homelessness.

Those fleeing, or attempting to flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking:

Per the CoC PIT count for 2022, there were 81 survivors of domestic violence. For the period between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 in HMIS, 450 unique individuals (22 percent of the total population in HMIS) accessed domestic violence services. 5.4 percent of those households included children.

Sedgwick County overwhelmingly leads the 105 counties in Kansas in frequency of domestic violence incidents, arrests and homicides. According to the *Kansas Bureau of Investigation*, the number of domestic violence offenses in Sedgwick County hit a record 8,344 in 2020 for an 8% increase from 2019.

Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and their children. Although safe housing can provide a pathway to freedom, there are many barriers that prevent survivors from obtaining or maintaining safe and affordable housing. The majority of survivors experience financial abuse, meaning that they have not had access to the family finances, have been prohibited from working, or have had their credit scores destroyed by an abusive partner. Victims may also face discrimination in accessing or maintaining housing based on the violent or criminal actions of perpetrators. Additionally, victims are limited in the locations and types of housing they can access because of their unique safety and confidentiality needs, and many housing or homelessness assistance programs have barriers that inadvertently exclude victims of violence.

The majority of available statistics about human trafficking are state level data. In 2020, the *National Human Trafficking Hotline* (NHTH) logged 390 contacts (through telephone, texts, online chats, emails and webforms) in Kansas concerning human trafficking—increasing by nearly 70% since 2019. From among the total contacts, 89 cases of human trafficking were reported.

City of Wichita has a high number of reported runaways, which can be a risk factor for human trafficking. According to data from *Community Crime Map*, the City had nearly 500 runaway cases from 2016 till date. While being a runaway is not human trafficking, youth runaways are more susceptible to human trafficking.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability:

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data indicates that between 2015 and 2019, there were 153,280 households in the city. Of those households, 29 percent had at least 1 of 4 housing problems. Households that had at least 1 of 4 severe housing problems comprised 15 percent of the households. 26 percent of households were cost burdened (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing).

Children and youth are a population that faces homelessness, but are not eligible for homelessness services through the CoC and other funding streams. According to the Wichita School District, 1,550 school-aged students in the 2020/2021 academic year were facing homelessness under the McKinney Vento Act (they are serving 400 children so far, for academic year 2022). That group includes students and their families who are couch surfing, doubled up, or in other unstable housing situations that are

not considered “homelessness” under many of the other HUD programs, but they do fall under the “other special populations” definition for HOME-ARP purposes.

3.B. 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):

See descriptions on pages four to 15.

3.C. Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Those experiencing homelessness:

There are currently not enough emergency shelter beds, particularly non-congregate shelter space, for all populations, especially for women, as well as those fleeing domestic violence. There are very few low-barrier, housing-focused shelter options.

There are not enough transitional housing units, supportive housing units, or affordable housing units for homeless individuals and families. There are currently (as of March 2023) 175 vouchers approved for homeless households, but there is great difficulty finding landlords willing to rent to those households. There are additional vouchers and resources currently available that are going unused because of the lack of available suitable units.

There is a need for additional staffing for long-term case management, social work, housing navigators, outreach, and similar positions. Most providers who provide case management have open positions. There are not enough case managers or housing navigators to help make full use of available housing vouchers, in addition to the lack of available affordable housing units.

There is a need to expand mental health and substance abuse services, particularly in-patient beds, and there are gaps in the critical care system for mental health challenges. There are not enough qualified counselors (including psychiatrists and psychologists) and case managers, especially to provide consistent, long-term care.

The size of the homeless population is not fully known because not all providers participate in HMIS, and there is no central coordination system to link individuals with services and track their progress over time. A major need in this context that was identified is additional staffing for outreach, to help identify unsheltered homeless, link them with services, and follow-through.

Those at risk of homelessness:

The unmet housing needs of those at risk of homelessness include the availability of quality affordable units of all types—for singles up to large families. There are a limited, and decreasing, number of landlords willing to accept vouchers and/or lease to households with evictions, low credit scores, or justice-related matters in their history.

In terms of services, there are limited resources available for eviction prevention, to keep households in their current home. There are limited funds and programs available to assist with rental and utility payments to prevent eviction, and few, if any, eviction prevention programs that help mediate challenging landlord and tenant situations that lead to housing instability, as well as financial counseling.

Those fleeing, or attempting to flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking:

The unmet housing needs of this qualifying population include dedicated shelter beds, transitional housing, PSH, and safe affordable housing units. There are few emergency shelter options for women and youth that enable them to safely get out of the situation they are in. There are limited affordable housing options available for those seeking such units.

In terms of services, there is a need to expand trauma-informed case management and intake. There are limitations in the mental health and substance abuse network in providing both urgent and long-term care.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability:

The unmet housing needs of other populations include units of any type (affordable or market rate) for those with physical disabilities, particularly seniors. Like the other QPs, there are not enough quality/safe affordable housing units and there are not enough landlords willing to accept vouchers or other rental assistance.

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

There are a number of gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory, as well as the service delivery system. They include:

- Lack of sufficient units of deeply affordable and safe housing;
- Lack of low-barrier, housing-focused shelters that individuals and families can access without pre-conditions or service participation;
- Insufficient supportive services, including on-site case management and wrap-around services including mental health and substance use treatment services;
- Lack of landlord engagement/education, incentives around enabling higher acceptance of housing vouchers;

Lack of sufficient units of deeply affordable and safe housing

Most providers shared concern about the lack of quality affordable housing in the City of Wichita. Most of the City's quality units are not affordable to many households below 30% AMI without causing severe cost burden to the household. Many of the jurisdiction's affordable units are dilapidated, unsafe, and offer substandard options.

Real incomes in the area have only increased slightly, not keeping up with the increase in housing costs and resulting in an increase in the need for affordable housing options for city residents. Between 2010

and 2020, the inflation-adjusted median housing value in Wichita increased by 4.2%, while the median gross rent (includes estimated utility costs) increased by 9.7%. During the same period, the inflation-adjusted median household income increased by 1.2%. This means that household incomes have not kept up with housing costs. As households must spend more on housing but with less real income, housing costs have become relatively more expensive. Nearly 42% of renter households and 16% of owner households in the City of Wichita are cost-burdened (paying more than 30% of their income towards housing costs).

Most of the jurisdiction's affordable units are dilapidated, unsafe, and substandard options. Replacement of dilapidated housing with quality housing is a necessity in the jurisdiction. There should either be encouragement to bring these units up to a safe and standard condition, or there should be a rapid replacement process for those that are demolished.

Lack of low-barrier, housing-focused shelters that individuals and families can access without pre-conditions or service participation

Providers working within the homeless system shared that one of the biggest challenges in the current system is the lack of a low-barrier, housing focused shelter. Most shelters in the city are at-capacity and usually have high-barriers around who can qualify to enter. The City's current emergency shelters have only 131 emergency shelter beds that can accommodate families and only 233 beds to accommodate adults only. The last time there was a full PIT count, the City identified nearly 690 individuals who were homeless. That total does not count the number of families couch surfing or living doubled up. If the available emergency shelter beds were made available to all the households counted as homeless by the school district, nearly half (47%) of those households will not have a safe place to go under the City's current shelter system.

Insufficient supportive services, including on-site case management and wrap-around services including mental health and substance use treatment services

Gaps within the service delivery system include the need for additional supportive services, especially on-site case management and wrap around services. Individuals who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or living in unstable housing do not have a central place to go during the day to get the services that they need. There is a need for a Coordinated Entry System/ Navigation Center to act as a one-stop-shop for those in need. Providers identified a lack of mental health services, substance use treatment, transportation, and child care.

Following responses from the *Provider Survey* also highlight this issue:

*"I oversee programs that assist the Wichita homeless population every day. I also serve as a member of the Continuum of Care Advisory Board. I have seen the state of the current shelters and watched the continual crumbling of case management (lack thereof). **I have heard stories of how the system failed those who were housed and might have thrived if they had continued case management after they entered stable housing.** There is a huge need for supportive housing for specific populations including those with mental health issues, single women (who are often victims of human trafficking and need supportive services), families who need longer-term shelter, and many more."*

*"In terms of services: **Case Management that both brings unhoused persons into housing and helps them maintain that housing with or without services is severely lacking in this community, especially***

case managers that will work with the general homeless population (i.e., not tied to a specific population or agency program).”

*“A large portion of those on the streets/emergency shelters that interact with police, EMS, fire, hospitals, jail, etc. are those with significant behavioral health issues. **Investment in targeted outreach and treatment access would have significant cost savings impact** as well as reduce angst with businesses.”*

Lack of landlord engagement/education, incentives around enabling higher acceptance of housing vouchers

Providers working with the homeless system shared that a critical challenge in the current system is a lack of enough willing landlords to accept the available Housing Choice Vouchers. Most landlords are skeptical of the process and resistant to work with the providers or rent to those coming from the homeless ecosystem. Some of their concerns are related to not having enough case management support once someone is placed in a unit, lengthy inspection process, and uncertainty around getting payments like rent, utilities or deposits on time.

There is a need to employ robust landlord engagement strategies and incentives to provide support and assurance for landlords in the city to work with the providers.

3.E. 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:

Enter narrative response here.

3.F. Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Based on the feedback received through the consultation and public engagement processes, the following priority needs are identified for populations qualifying to benefit from HOME-ARP:

1. Non-Congregant, low-barrier, housing-focused shelter (Primarily serving QPs I and III)
2. Quality affordable housing for low-income residents and voucher holders (serving all QPs)
3. Supportive services, focusing on centralized and coordinated navigation and case management, but also including:
 - a. Trauma-informed supportive services (all four QPs).
 - b. Landlord-tenant liaison services to increase the number of landlords accepting rental vouchers (all four QPs).
 - c. Expanded case management (QP I and QP III).
 - d. Expanded housing navigation services (all four QPs).
 - e. Expanded mental health services (all four QPs).
 - f. Outpatient services/substance abuse treatment services (all four QPs).
 - g. Financial assistance to secure stable housing, rental application fees, security and utility deposits, and first/last month’s rent (all four QPs).
 - h. Transportation—gasoline vouchers, bus passes, etc. (QP I and QP III).
 - i. Education services (all four QPs).

3.G. 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:

The level of need and gaps in the shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems were determined based on statistical analysis of available data, consultation conversations, the provider survey, and follow-up session with providers.

The data was collected by the most recent Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), personal consultation with community providers, 2021 and other historical PIC count, *2019-2024 Consolidated Plan*, and Health Management Information Systems (HMIS).

The first step was to hold the consultations to hear what the providers thought were gaps and needs, including specific items such as number of case worker positions that were open, the number of shelter beds/units needed, how they would use the allocation should they be able to spend all of it, etc. Not all providers could give specific answers, but the data was used to confirm what was reported and provide guidance for follow-up questions and clarifications. The provider survey was used as an anonymous tool to quantify key needs and priorities. The survey and follow-up provider session helped prioritize needs for the purpose of this allocation plan. Then, the consultant team provided best practice case studies that apply to many of the priorities, which helped further define the overall funding priorities for this plan.

This process builds upon recent work by the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, United Way (CoC lead), and the many provider partners to improve coordination, collaboration, data tracking, and other efforts. There are concurrent plans to launch a Homelessness Task Force, which will be tasked with creating a strategic plan, identifying funding needs, and prioritizing actions to better address the community's challenge. ProjectHOPE, funded through a Department of Justice grant, is working with downtown business owners and the homeless population to better address immediate needs, provide job training and employment opportunities, and to align different case management specialties (i.e., social work, recovery, financial literacy, housing navigation, and others). Sedgwick County is collaborating with the State of Kansas, University of Kansas Medical School, and Wichita State University to fund and staff a mental health and substance abuse treatment center as part of a new medical school campus downtown.

These efforts, and continued conversations and attention to the homelessness and at-risk issues, have identified gaps in the community and its homeless system of care response, many of which are reflected in this document.

4. HOME-ARP Activities

4.A. 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's goal is to use the acquired HOME-ARP funding to develop a single project that includes low-barrier housing-focused non-congregate shelter, affordable rental housing units, and coordinated supportive services in the form of a Navigation Center.

However, City staff and leadership understand that sustainable, long-term funding for the operations of the non-congregate shelter are needed for that component to become feasible. Therefore, should sustainable funding for non-congregate shelter operations not be identified within one year of approval of this plan by HUD, the City will use its HOME-ARP funds to develop affordable rental housing units and fund supportive services for a Navigation Center.

The City wishes to acquire a site, develop the property, and maintain ownership of the project. It will seek (1) a developer/general contractor partner, (2) a management partner to operate the affordable rental housing units, and (3) operations partner(s) to operate the non-congregate shelter. Presently, the City anticipates that it will operate the Navigation Center. HOME-ARP funds will be available to underwrite supportive services that support the Navigation Center, since the services will be provided by an organization other than the City.

Should the City not be able to execute the goal of a single project with affordable rental housing units, non-congregate shelter, and a Navigation Center, or a single project with affordable rental housing units and a Navigation Center within one year, a NOFO will be issued making the funds available for the development of any non-congregate low-barrier shelter, affordable rental housing units, and/or supportive services, including, but not limited to, case management, outreach, peer support, and housing navigation that serves all of the qualifying populations.

The opportunity presented by this allocation of HOME-ARP to make the sizable investment to

fulfill a long-term solution is vital to strengthening the community's homeless system of care. It should be noted that the City desires to co-locate any navigation operations with mental health and substance abuse services. Thus, should Sedgwick County proceed with its planned facility, the City will coordinate to include homelessness navigation services in that facility.

The City of Wichita will administer the HOME-ARP allocation and oversee all projects to

completion. The method and process we intend to use for solicitation and selection of projects for funding is as follows:

- The City will issue RFPs specifying that it is seeking partners to help operate a single project that includes a non-congregate low-barrier shelter and affordable rental housing units, as well as a Navigation Center to house supportive services to serve all of the QPs. The City also will issue separate Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for 1) a general contractor-at risk or developer partner to help construct the facility, 2) a management company to manage the affordable rental housing units, 3) an operator for the non-congregate shelter, and 4) a partner to provide supportive services to serve all QPs at the new facility.

- Should the City-led project option(s) not move forward within one year, a NOFO will be issued to fund multiple projects within supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable rental housing units.
- The City intends to consult with providers and partners on the design of the property and as it develops the RFPs for operations, so that the property and its various operations are designed to best meet the needs of the community and align with best practices.
- The City will issue the RFPs and request that applicants inform the City of their intent to apply within 30 days of the issuance of the RFPs.
- Applicants will be provided 90 days to submit their full application for funding.
- If applicants have questions or wish to discuss their plans in advance of submission, the City of Wichita will make staff available to answer any questions.
- The City will provide background information about what is expected to meet the low-barrier and housing-focused criteria.
- The solicitation with any other conditions that the City will require to receive funding. For Supportive Services, based on feedback received from the initial public participation and stakeholder engagement, as well as additional public comments we expect to receive in regard to the draft Allocation Plan, the City will identify in the solicitation specific supportive services that HOME-ARP funding can be used for that will address the gaps identified in the needs assessment and gaps analysis (for example, programs that enhance case management, housing navigation, outreach, and transportation)
- The City will publicly announce the projects that were awarded HOME-ARP funding on its website, on Facebook, and through other social media.

4.B. Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Wichita is proposing to use most of the HOME-ARP funds to acquire and/or develop a single project that will include non-congregate shelter and affordable rental housing units, as well as a Navigation Center, or a project with affordable rental housing units and a Navigation Center. The City of Wichita will administer the HOME-ARP grant funding process and compliance. Subrecipients will provide ongoing supportive services.

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

The City will not allocate funds to a subrecipient or contractor to administer the HOME-ARP grant.

4.D. Use of HOME-ARP Funding

Plan A: Affordable housing units, non-congregate shelter, and Navigation Center*	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 500,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 2,000,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,182,117		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 826,255	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 5,508,372		

**This will also be the allocation should the city-led project not move forward within one year.*

Plan B: Affordable housing units and Navigation Center	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 2,500,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,182,117		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 826,255	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 5,508,372		

4.D.i. 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 will issue RFPs to identify partners to support the construction and operations of a single project that includes non-congregate shelter, affordable rental housing units, and supportive services within a Navigation Center, and will specify the provisions of the HOME-ARP program therein. Any applications that do not meet those specific provisions will not be funded.

Should the City-developed projects (a single project with affordable rental housing units, non-congregate shelter, and a Navigation Center, or a single project with affordable rental housing units and a Navigation Center), not become feasible within one year, the City will issue a NOFO making funds available for multiple projects and proposals for supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and/or affordable rental housing units. The City will also provide a scoring benefit for affordable rental housing unit proposals that leverage additional funding mechanisms and/or include housing for all QPs in mixed-income developments.

4.D.ii. 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:

There are no low-barrier shelter non-congregate shelter options in Wichita that serve the general homeless population. The substantial lack of landlords willing to accept vouchers, evidenced by the number of vouchers issued (718, including 175 for people experiencing homelessness) for which recipients cannot find suitable rental housing, coupled with the lack of safe affordable rental housing support the preference of affordable rental housing units for QPs I and III. The number of open case manager positions in the provider network, low number of housing navigators, limited outreach capacity, and fact that some organizations are not operating at capacity due to staffing shortages supports the need for support service funding.

5. HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

5.A. 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 estimates that up to 20 non-congregate shelter units and 40 affordable rental housing units will be added to the current inventory with the support of HOME-ARP funds. This estimate assumes that other resources will be leveraged to maximize the number of units added to the inventory. Other funding sources that could be used in the projects include use of other local funds, state funds, LIHTC awards, and others.

It should be noted that the HOME-ARP allocation for affordable rental housing units of \$2,182,117 would support the development of up to 17 units if other sources were not leveraged (\$125,000 per unit, assuming renovation of an existing building). Similarly, the \$2,000,000 allocation to non-congregate shelter units would support up to 20 units, assuming a development cost of \$100,000 per unit.

5.B. 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 is in significant need of affordable rental housing units, evidenced by the inability of 718 (including 175 for people experiencing homelessness) voucher-holders to find affordable rental housing units, the 4,110-name wait list for Housing Choice Vouchers, and the reported difficulty in finding households suitable affordable rental housing units during the consultations. Further, the City of Wichita recognized the need for affordable rental housing production by earmarking \$5 million of ARPA funds to seed an Affordable Housing Fund, which was established in April 2022. Housing cost burden remains a substantial challenge in the community, especially for renters and the at-risk population. Producing additional affordable rental housing units will help provide stable housing options that are currently

lacking, and will directly address the need for units cited in the consultations, as well as indicated by the needs and gaps analysis.

6. Preferences

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

The City intends to give preference to people from QPs I and III for the non-congregate shelter. The facility will be designed to serve all four QPs based on best practices. At minimum, each room will be secure, have restroom facilities, and at least one bed.

Preferences for QPs I and III will be established for the affordable rental housing units, which will also be designed to be designed to serve all four QPs. There will be no preferences for supportive services provided at the navigation center.

The City will stipulate an affordability period of at least 15 years for affordable rental housing unit production.

6.B. 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:

QPs I and III are given preference for the non-congregate shelter component because of the lack of low-barrier supply of existing beds/unit for those populations, the need for safe environments for those populations, the fact that those populations are more vulnerable to trauma because of the lack of shelter, and because organizations are placing individuals and families in hotels rooms as shelter because no other options exist.

QPs I and III are given preference for affordable housing units because of the current lack of affordable housing options evidenced by the number of unused housing vouchers, including those specifically for homeless people and households.

7. Referral Methods

7.A. 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 will issue guidance in its RFPs regarding serving all populations.

For the non-congregate shelter, people in QPs I and III, will be referred through a variety of sources, including the Coordinated Entry (CE) System, as well as United Way's 211 system and local partners who serve qualifying populations who are not served by CE (e.g., the school district identifies families experiencing housing instability who are couch surfing or doubled up, therefore ineligible for assistance through CE).

For supportive services offered at the navigation center, referrals will come through the CE system. For those individuals not served through CE, i.e., people preventing homelessness, those at greatest risk of housing instability, or individuals living in unsuitable housing situations, the City will utilize the 211 system to provide referrals to participating agencies to determine eligibility for supportive services. Individuals to present at the navigation center and are not in CE or served by other organizations will be assessed through CE and connected with needed services.

For affordable rental housing, referrals will come through the CE system. For those individuals not served through CE, i.e., people preventing homelessness, those at greatest risk of housing instability, or individuals living in unsuitable housing situations, the City will utilize the 211 system to provide referrals to participating agencies to determine eligibility for supportive services.

7.B. 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):

The City will use CE for those individuals eligible for CE under the HUD definitions for people experiencing homelessness, for people at risk of homelessness, and people fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. Subsets of some QPs, particularly QP IV, may fall outside of the CE system because they do not traditionally meet the definition of homeless or seek the services that are covered by the CE system.

The City will use the 211 system and local partners who serve qualifying populations who are not served by CE (e.g., the school district identifies families experiencing housing instability who are couch surfing or doubled up, therefore ineligible for assistance through CE) for referrals to supportive services and non-congregate shelter HOME-ARP projects.

7.C. 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 CE system will be used to identify who falls within QPs I and III to define who will receive preference for the affordable housing units and, where no affordable housing units are available, for non-congregate shelter. The CoC has implemented prioritization policies that the City will utilize, including use of the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Assistance Tool (Vi-SPDAT) as well as weekly community-wide case conferencing to determine risk and prioritization for service provision.

The supportive services through the Navigation Center and will provide services to all QPs.

7.D 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):

The CE process will be the priority referral method for the affordable housing units. If there are vacancies and no persons/households identified through CE, then 211 and partner organization will be utilized.

Referral method prioritization is more challenging for non-congregate shelter units. Should the affordable housing units be full and referrals provided through CE qualify for non-congregate shelter,

those individuals/households will be given priority. If there are no referrals in that case, referrals made through partners and the navigation center will be prioritized and it is assumed that such individuals will be assessed and entered into CE to be linked with housing, shelter, and/or other services.

8. Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

8.A. 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 will not impose any limitations.

8.B. 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.

8.C. 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.

1. HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

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

The City will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance any existing debt.

- ***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.



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Substantial Amendment to 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan
HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan Act
Allocation Plan
Notice of Public Comment Period
Notice of Virtual Public Information Session
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Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Wichita has been awarded \$5,508,372 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding. This funding must be utilized to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. The City has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies activities to be funded and undertaken, and proposes a substantial amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan in order to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review beginning October 28, 2022 through December 5, 2022. The proposed plan will be available at City Hall, all Neighborhood Resource Centers, the Advanced Learning Library, as well as the Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, Westlink, and Maya Angelou branch libraries. The proposed plan will also be available at the City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department's first floor desk at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The proposed plan can also be viewed online at: <https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/CommunityInvestments.aspx>. Comments regarding the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan must be received by midnight, December 5, 2022, and can be submitted by mail to City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department, 455 N. Main, 10th Floor, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, by telephone at 316-462-3734, or by e-mail to communityhousing@wichita.gov or mstanberry@wichita.gov. A virtual public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled to be held Tuesday, November 1, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Please contact Logan Bradshaw at 316-462-3725, or at lbradshaw@wichita.gov for instructions regarding access to this virtual meeting. An in-person public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2 nd Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67203, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. There will be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Oral comments can be made at the meeting. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for effective communication with City of Wichita personnel should contact the Office of the City Manager, 316-268-2468 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event or appearance.

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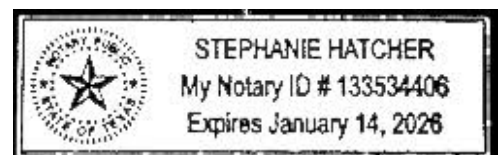
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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Mickelson compliments McIlroy as rhetoric seems to simmer

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

DORAL, FLA.

The back-and-forth between Phil Mickelson and Rory McIlroy continued Wednesday, with the rhetoric tuned down considerably from some past verbal jousting involving PGA Tour players and those who left for Saudi-funded LIV Golf.

Mickelson complimented McIlroy for his win last week, those remarks coming a day after The Guardian published an interview

in which McIlroy — now the world’s No. 1 player again — said the game isn’t benefiting from all the acrimony between the sides.

“I see LIV Golf trending upwards, I see the PGA Tour trending downwards and I love the side that I’m on,” Mickelson said two weeks ago in Saudi Arabia, the seventh of the eight stops on this season’s inaugural LIV schedule.

But Wednesday, in advance of the LIV finale at Trump National Doral, Mickelson’s tone was a bit softer: “Maybe I shouldn’t

have said stuff like that, I don’t know,” he said.

“If I’m just looking at LIV Golf and where we are today to where we were six, seven months ago and people are saying this is dead in the water, and we’re past that,” Mickelson continued. “Here we are today, a force in the game that’s not going away.”

Part of Mickelson’s word choice there wasn’t accidental. McIlroy made the “dead in the water” comment in February, around the time that Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau said they would re-



LYNNE SLADKY AP

Kevin Na, center, speaks during a news conference for the LIV Golf Team Championship at Trump National Doral Golf Club on Wednesday in Doral, Fla. At left is Phil Mickelson and at right is Martin Kaymer.

main with the PGA Tour. They both left for LIV anyway, lured by signing

bonuses reportedly worth in excess of \$100 million. Johnson has earned about

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Legals

LEGAL PUBLICATION BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Pantera Energy Company, for an Order Authorizing the Unitization and Unit Operation of the Many Creeks Morrow Unit to be located in Grant County, Kansas
Docket No. 23-CONS-3107-CUNI
CONSERVATION DIVISION
License No. 35681
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO: ALL OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, OIL AND GAS LESSORS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS, LAND-OWNERS, OVERRIDING ROYALTY INTEREST OWNERS, OTHER OWNERS OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS, MORTGAGEES OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:
You and each of you are hereby notified that Pantera Energy Company ("Pantera") has filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to K.S.A. 55-1301, et seq., seeking an order authorizing the unitization and unit operation of the Many Creeks Morrow Unit ("Unit"). The area of the proposed Unit, which will be operated by Pantera, includes the following described lands situated in Grant County, Kansas:
Township 29 South, Range 35 West Township 30 South, Range 35 West
Section 33: E/2 NE/4 Section 2: W/2 SW/4
Section 34: W/2 Section 3: E/2; NW/4
Section 11: W/2 Section 10: E/2 NE/4
Section 11: W/2

Pantera proposes to unitize the oil rights to a pool within the Morrow 'B' and Morrow 'C' formations underlying said lands. The stratigraphic equivalent of the top and bottom of said formations is shown to exist between the depths measured from surface of 5,278' and 5,316' in the type log for the Ahern HJV 'A' 2 well (API No. 15-067-21488). Pantera intends to conduct enhanced oil recovery operations within said pool in order to increase the recovery of oil reserves, and will allocate oil production from the Unit across eleven separate tracts on a fair, reasonable and equitable basis.

The Application is pending with the Commission. Any persons who object or protest to the granting of the Application shall be required to file their objections or protests in writing with the Commission within 15 days after the date of this publication. If a written protest is not timely filed, the Application may be determined administratively by the Commission and may thereby be granted without hearing or further notice to any interested party. All objections and protests shall clearly state the reasons why granting the Application will cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute water resources. Objections or protests shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202, with a copy to Pantera's attorneys listed below. All parties in any way interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

Jonathan A. Schlatter, #24848
MORRIS LAING EVANS BROCK & KENNEDY, CHTD.
300 N. Mead, Suite 200
Wichita, KS 67202-2745
Office (316) 262-2671
Fax (316) 262-6226
Attorney for Pantera Energy Company
IPL0095222
Oct 27 2022

LEGAL PUBLICATION BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS In the Matter of the Application of Mustang Energy Corporation for a well location exception for its Steekline #2 to be located in the SE/4 of 35-11S-19W Ellis County, Kansas. Docket No. 23-CONS-3113-CWLE CONSERVATION DIVISION License No. 33922 NOTICE OF PENDING APPLICATION

The state corporation commission of the State of Kansas: All oil and Gas Producers and Oil and Gas Purchasers, Royalty Owners, Land Owners, and All Persons Whatsoever concerned:

YOU, and each of you, are hereby notified that Mustang Energy Corporation, has filed an Application with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas requesting a location exception and allowable for the Steekline #2 well located oil well at a location 2345 feet from the South line and 1671 feet from the East line in the SE/4 of 35-11S-19W Ellis County, Kansas, which is the unit boundary. YOU, are further notified that unless written protest is received by the State Corporation Commission within 15 days after publication of this Notice, the Application in this matter can be granted by administrative approval after said 15-day period. Any such protest should be mailed to the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, Conservation Division, 266 North Main, Room 220, Wichita, KS 67202, and to the Applicant at the address below.

All parties in any wise interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

JETER TURNER SOOK BAXTER, LLP
Michael J. Baxter, #26459
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Attorney for Mustang Energy Corporation
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Oct 27 2022

LEGAL PUBLICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

Substantial Amendment to 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan
HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan Act
Allocation Plan
Notice of Public Comment Period
Notice of Virtual Public Information Session
Notice of In-Person Public Information Session
Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Wichita has been awarded \$5,508,372 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding. This funding must be utilized to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. The City has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies activities to be funded and undertaken, and proposes a substantial amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan in order to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review beginning October 28, 2022 through December 5, 2022. The proposed plan will be available at City Hall, all Neighborhood Resource Centers, the Advanced Learning Library, as well as the Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, Westlink, and Maya Angelou branch libraries. The proposed plan will also be available at the City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department's first floor desk at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The proposed plan can also be viewed online at: <https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/CommunityInvestments.aspx>. Comments regarding the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan must be received by midnight, December 5, 2022, and can be submitted by mail to City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department, 455 N. Main, 10th Floor, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, by telephone at 316-462-3734, or by e-mail to communityhousing@wichita.gov or mstanberry@wichita.gov. A virtual public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled to be held Tuesday, November 1, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Please contact Logan Bradshaw at 316-462-3725, or at lbradshaw@wichita.gov for instructions regarding access to this virtual meeting. An in-person public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67203, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. There will be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Oral comments can be made at the meeting. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for effective communication with City of Wichita personnel should contact the Office of the City Manager, 316-268-2468 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event or appearance.

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Oct 27 2022

LEGAL PUBLICATION Org Code # 10022741 City of Wichita NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION

DNB2022-00109 Published in The Wichita Eagle Reporter 10/27/2022.
To: Richard A. Cowell, or HIS/HERS/ THEIRS heirs, devisees, legatees, successors, and assigns or parties in possession:
You are hereby notified that the following conditions:

Board up and secure open structures(s) located on the property, adequately to prevent unauthorized entry. All openings must be secured in a workmanlike manner. Openings shall be secured with 5/8" plywood cut to fit the opening and secured to the opening by means of bracing with a 2" x 4" fastened with a 5/16" X 12" bolt through the center of the plywood. The bolt shall be secured by washer and a nut on the inside of the structure. Front door openings shall be boarded with 5/8" plywood cut to fit the opening and secured with 2" zip screws on 12" center along the edge. To include all exterior openings., exists at 2144 S Mosley, Wichita, Kansas, and legally described as:

S 50 FT N 150 FT LOT 3 BLOCK 8 KINKAID'S 2ND. ADD., Wichita Township, Sedgwick County, Kansas, (Tax Key # B 06041).

have been determined by the Director of the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department to be a nuisance within the definition of Section 8.01.010 Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, which nuisance, in the interest of public health, must be suppressed and abated.

This is your notice that failure to abate this nuisance and the conditions aforesated on or before 11/6/2022, will result in the abatement of said nuisance by the said Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department, the costs of which will be levied against the aforesaid real property in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas and the ordinances of the City of Wichita.

Signed: Christopher W. Labrum
Director
Metropolitan Area Building & Construction Dept.
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LEGAL PUBLICATION Published in The Wichita Eagle, Thursday, October 27, 2022. FORMAL BID – 220296

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the City Purchasing Manager, 12th Floor, City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, Kansas, prior to TEN O'CLOCK A.M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022. "Request For Formal Bid" form MUST be used to submit your bid unless you are submitting your bid on our website at (<https://selfservice.wichita.gov>) using your secure login/ password:
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT / FLEET & FACILITIES DIVISION
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AS PER SPECIFICATIONS
F.O.B. – Wichita, Kansas

Bids will be opened after ten o'clock a.m., in the Board Room, 1st Floor, City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, Kansas. Specifications and bid forms are on file in the office of the City Purchasing Manager, 12th Floor, City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas 67202, (316) 268-4636. This information may also be obtained on our website above.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE Due to the ongoing pandemic conditions this meeting will only be held through written questions, clarifications, or modifications submitted to Jason Brogren, Senior Buyer, at jbrogren@wichita.gov no later than Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Dated at Wichita, Kansas this 25th day of October, 2022.
Melinda A. Walker
Purchasing Manager

ATTENTION
A PRE-BID CONFERENCE
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ON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022
THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO REVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS BID PACKAGE AND TO CORRECT ANY ERRORS OR TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES.

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\$31 million more in LIV prize money heading into this weekend's finale.

McIlroy has made no secret about his feelings toward LIV and the decisions players made to change tours.

"This 'us versus them' thing has gotten way out of control already," McIlroy told The Guardian. "If the two entities keep doubling down in both directions, it is only going to become irreparable. We are going to have a fractured sport for a long time. That is no good for anyone."

McIlroy returned to No. 1 in the world this past weekend by winning the CJ Cup in South Carolina. Mickelson called it "a great win" and "an impressive victory."

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An aerial photograph of a city at night, featuring a large stadium with a blue roof and various city buildings. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. A white rectangular box is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the main title text.

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

City of Wichita

November, 1 2022

1. Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?

**We will add
your ideas,
comments,
questions, and
concerns here!**

**Navigation in one
central area is
extremely
important. People
often get lost while
navigating all the
resources available.**

**\$500k is not
enough to get
a Navigation
Center
started.**

**Consider either
Riverside Hospital
as potential site for
affordable housing
option.**

2. Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does not address?

Include those that have felonies and/or sex offenses in their backgrounds

"Inpatient Treatment for substance abuse" which is 3-6 months waiting for uninsured is a big gap in the community

Skill building is one of the basic blocks to help them succeed.

Money should be deferred to USD 259 to teach future adults on how to be a person that has an apartment first and works toward home ownership.

Need landlord dollars to incentivize participation for when their units are damaged.

The hope is to get people stabilized enough that they are able to graduate from NCS and set goals for themselves.

We will add your ideas, comments, questions, and concerns here!

3. Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

We will add your ideas, comments, questions, and concerns here!

**\$2,000,000
Non-congregate
shelter**

**\$500,000
Supportive
Services**

**\$820,000
administration**

**\$2.12 million
affordable
housing units**

some funds
should be
allocated to
TBRA

I think support
services is a little
low. Most coming
into this will need
some kind of
support I would
think.

Is there some kind
of transition plan for
people to start small
and build up to
paying rent?

Quoted Community Engagement Feedback - HOME-ARP In Person Information Session

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Advance Learning Library

Meeting Recording: [YouTube Link](#) or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FzL4DnZvOA&list=PPSV>



Community Connections Consulting Services, LLC (C3S) is providing the following summation of public comments capture during the in-person public information session regarding the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that took place on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67203. Following a plan overview conducted by Mr. Andy Pfister of Development Strategies, Angeline F. Johnson of C3S facilitated a working session with those in attendance designed to solicit public perspective on the following three (3) key considerations:

- Question 1:** Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?
- Question 2:** Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does not address?
- Question 3:** Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

Attendee feedback to the above listed questions as well as an additional question posed pertaining to the appropriateness of City of Wichita ownership of the proposed facility has been captured below.

QUOTED ATTENDEE FEEDBACK

- Question 1:** Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?

Attendee Quoted Feedback:

- “Unanimous agreement on #1”
- “Yes on all - Best practices in San Antonio and Dallas has shown success. Our gap in Wichita is shelter for women, and housing that will take housing vouchers. Navigation center is also a gap.”

- “Good to have everything.”
- “Housing can be separate”
- “I can see a need for a navigation center but not sure how a non-congregate shelter works.”

Attendee Follow-Up Question(s):

- “How many people are we trying to serve?”
- “Would you separate mental health/families? Sex offenders?”

Question 2: Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does not address?

Attendee Quoted Feedback:

- “This plan does not address a major factor which is substance abuse and mental illness. But I understand we can use it for that.”
- “Accessible, affordable housing”
 - “Evictions”
 - “Disabilities”
 - “Designed for those in poverty”
- “Have tons of affordable housing”
 - “not accessible”
 - “18-24 year olds – no established credit”
- “Mental health/substance abuse”
 - “Inpatient beds”

Attendee Follow-Up Question(s):

- “Would housing for mentally ill provide supervision and treatment?”
- “If the largest population is mentally ill, is some access to treatment part of the picture?”

Question 3: Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

Attendee Quoted Feedback:

- “I agree w/ using the funds in this manner because it is addressing major gaps.”
- “Not going to get it done with these numbers.”
- “This is not enough money for this proposal. The City needs to partner w/ someone for funding.”

Attendee Follow-Up Question(s): N/A

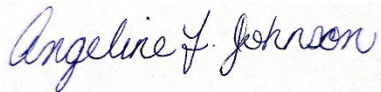
Additional Quoted Comments/Questions

- “No, the government should not build and/or run – it will be slow and uncontrollable to design – providers need to make those choices.”
- “I think colleagues would say different things because not every provider has experiences with certain aspects of homelessness.”
- “I agree with City development, but another agency run.”
- “Who besides the City has the capability to develop such a facility?”
- “Are there enough vacant houses to provide permanent housing to all the homeless?”

This document captures all provided written feedback for the hosted public comment event that occurred on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Please feel free to contact C3S if there are any questions or comments regarding this summary.

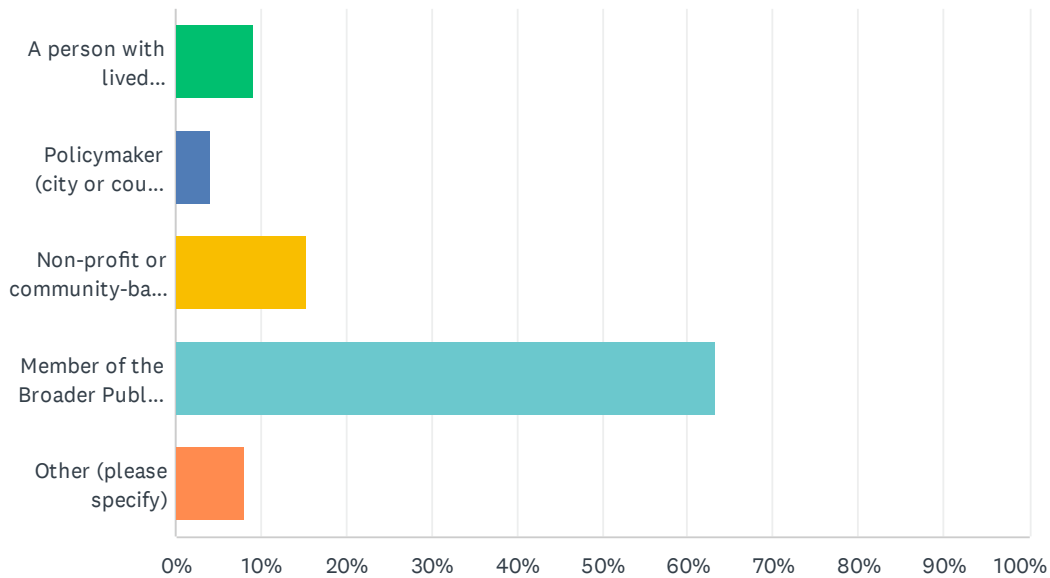
Submitted by,



Angeline F. Johnson, Founder & CEO
Community Connections Consulting Services, LLC

Q1 Please select the best category that describes you.

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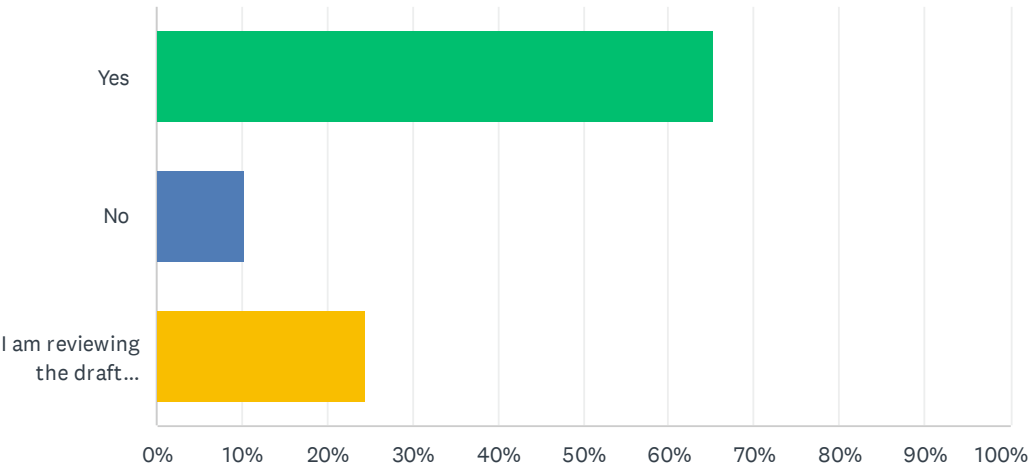


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A person with lived experience of homelessness (current, recent, or formerly homeless)	9.18%	9
Policymaker (city or county official, committee member, other government representative, etc.)	4.08%	4
Non-profit or community-based organization (homeless, housing, civil rights, LGBTQ+, etc.)	15.31%	15
Member of the Broader Public (resident, neighbor association, etc.)	63.27%	62
Other (please specify)	8.16%	8
TOTAL		98

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Midtown church that serves breakfast to homeless each Saturday	12/6/2022 6:53 PM
2	Spouse was homeless once when young	12/1/2022 8:50 PM
3	Citizen in Wichita	11/30/2022 12:09 PM
4	I served as guardian and conservator for a homeless veteran for a number of years. I have a represented women who were sexual assault or abuse victims.	11/29/2022 12:34 AM
5	Wichita resident	11/24/2022 11:14 PM
6	Retired Social Welfare; member of the Brethren church which has a strong social justice/advocacy focus; mother of an adult son who suffered with schizophrenia and lack of adequate housing at times; member of NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness)	11/23/2022 4:25 PM
7	Member of Broader Public who has had personal dealings with homeless people	11/23/2022 3:21 PM
8	SPC service coordinator	11/1/2022 4:58 PM

Q2 Did you review the draft Allocation Plan before completing this survey?

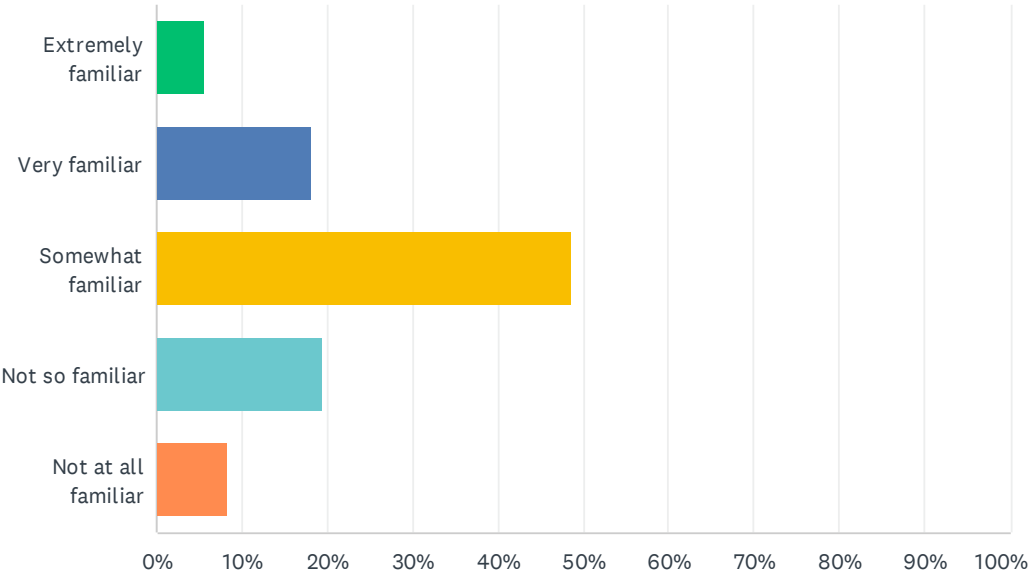
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.31%	64
No	10.20%	10
I am reviewing the draft Allocation Plan while completing the survey	24.49%	24
TOTAL		98

Q3 Are you familiar with the current funding sources available in the City of Wichita as listed in 3.B of the Allocation Plan?

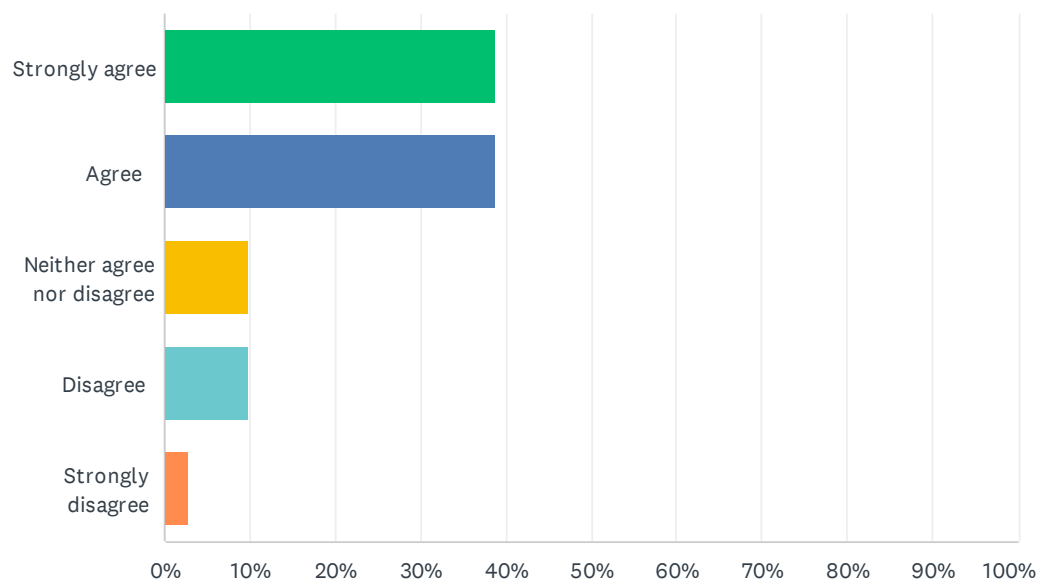
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely familiar	5.56%	4
Very familiar	18.06%	13
Somewhat familiar	48.61%	35
Not so familiar	19.44%	14
Not at all familiar	8.33%	6
TOTAL		72

Q4 Do you agree with the City's decision to focus the acquired HOME-ARP funding on a single project that includes non-congregate shelter, affordable housing units, and coordinated supportive services in the form of a Navigation Center as detailed in 4.D.i of the Allocation Plan?

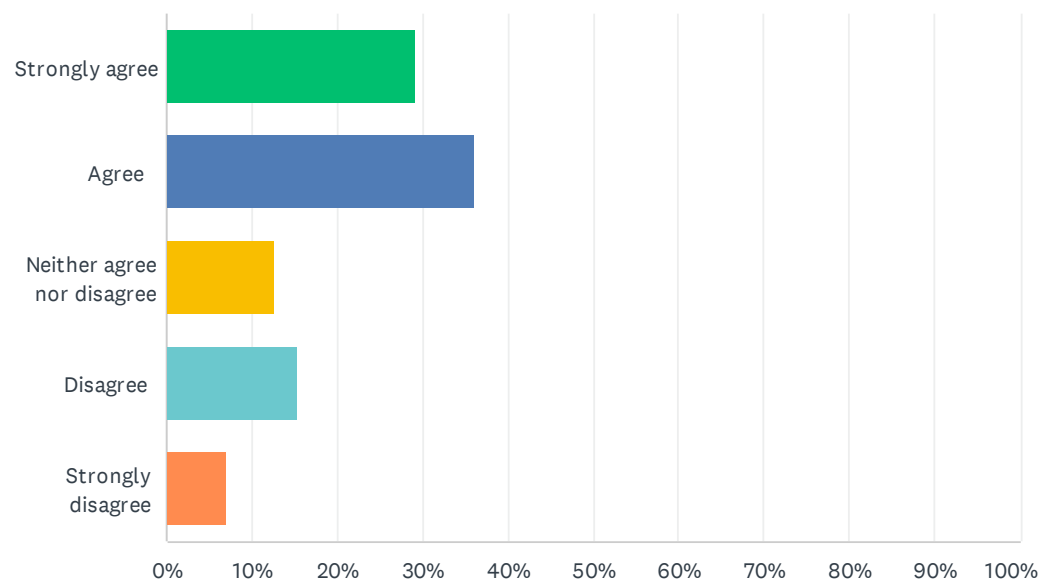
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	38.89%	28
Agree	38.89%	28
Neither agree nor disagree	9.72%	7
Disagree	9.72%	7
Strongly disagree	2.78%	2
TOTAL		72

Q5 Do you agree with the City's decision to dedicate \$2,182,117 towards non-congregate shelters, \$2 million toward the development of affordable rental housing, and \$500,000 toward supportive services as detailed in 4.D of the Allocation Plan?

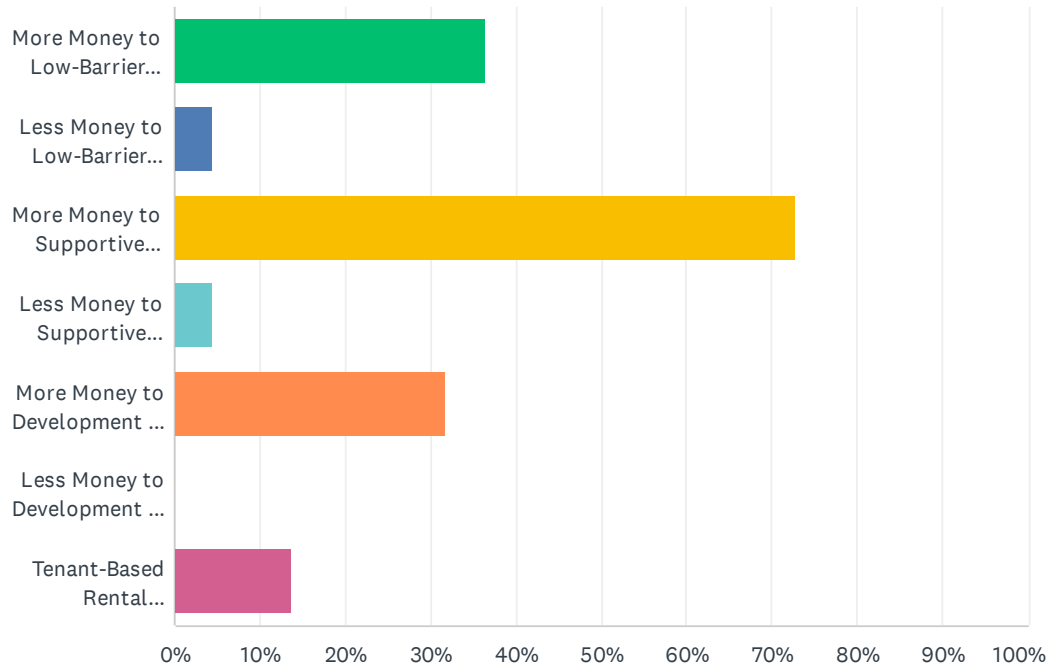
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	29.17%	21
Agree	36.11%	26
Neither agree nor disagree	12.50%	9
Disagree	15.28%	11
Strongly disagree	6.94%	5
TOTAL		72

Q6 If you answered "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" for the previous question, which activities would you redirect the resources to?

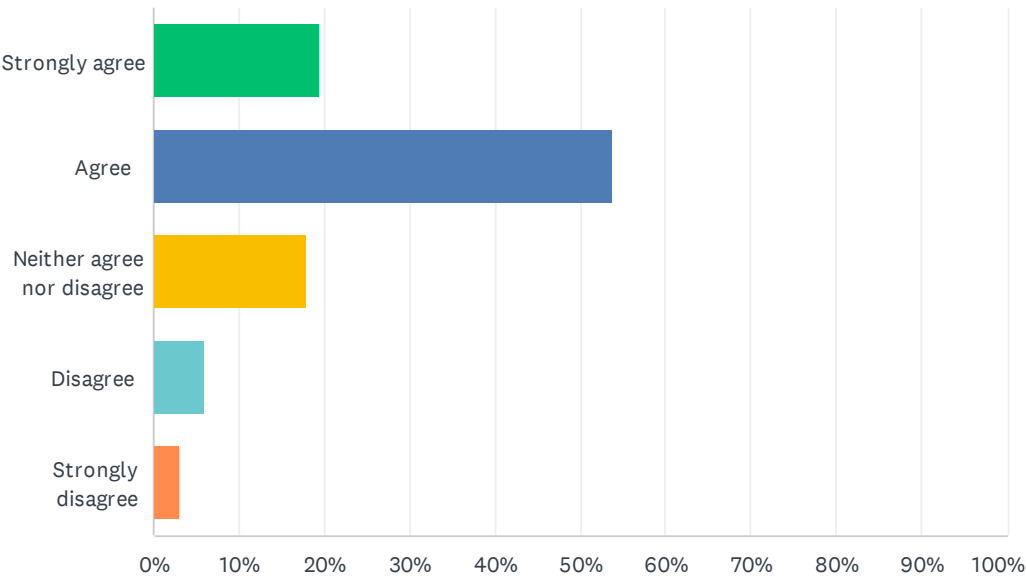
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More Money to Low-Barrier Shelter	36.36%	8
Less Money to Low-Barrier Shelter	4.55%	1
More Money to Supportive Services	72.73%	16
Less Money to Supportive Services	4.55%	1
More Money to Development of Affordable Rental Housing	31.82%	7
Less Money to Development of Affordable Rental Housing	0.00%	0
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	13.64%	3
Total Respondents: 22		

Q7 Do you agree with the City’s intentions to provide the above-mentioned scoring benefit when evaluating proposals for projects as stated in 6.A of the draft Allocation Plan?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	19.40%	13
Agree	53.73%	36
Neither agree nor disagree	17.91%	12
Disagree	5.97%	4
Strongly disagree	2.99%	2
TOTAL		67

Q8 If you answered "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" for the previous question, please share your reasons for doing so.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 91

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	WHERE IS THE MONEY FOR CENTER OF HOPE, AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT PREVENTS HOMELESSNESS FROM GET GO. WHY MUST A PERSON HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THE BARRIERS BEFORE THE CAN GET SERVICES. SO 2 MILLION SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS.	12/5/2022 10:37 PM
2	Data doesn't seem to show that that group of individuals is most in need	12/1/2022 12:31 PM
3	I think more rental assistance should be available to those already housed and working but paying too much for rent.	11/30/2022 10:18 AM
4	Provide it for all women or men on QP111	11/28/2022 1:19 PM
5	I wish wasac was one of the agencies consulted per QP 3	11/24/2022 9:33 AM
6	my disagreement with the plan is due to the costs of any one of these projects being more than is allocated to each. May be better to pick one project to develop. I am not sure a nonprofit would be willing to operate any one of these without adequate supportive service funding and especially with having no investment in the ownership of the facilities. That is with the assumption that operating costs would be a part of the nonprofit's responsibility.	11/22/2022 4:35 PM
7	Too much administration to manage. Self-governance of the homeless, while they are in the tiny home community, is most effective. A safe clean environment with them making the community rules.	11/4/2022 5:59 PM

Q9 Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the many options available to the City of Wichita. We appreciate hearing your thoughts. An in-person public information session regarding the proposed plan will be held Tuesday, November 16, at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd Street, Wichita KS, 67203, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the plan and provide feedback! Please let us know any additional thoughts you'd like to share here.

Answered: 24 Skipped: 74

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Publicity on this was way way way late on this	12/6/2022 6:57 PM
2	People need homes. This is an amazing idea. It's about time we did something	12/5/2022 11:31 PM
3	Our community is definitely in need of a comprehensive focus like this, and I hope this is just the beginning. We need a better transportation system and affordable housing and not just apartments and duplexes like what is currently being built in the area. If this is to truly be sustainable other changes need to come in line with it to make it sustainable. Is there any consideration for using former hotels like the 316 on Broadway for the housing units? Some of our new development does not seem to support a plan like this and I would hate to see all of this money, time and effort go to waste because the city isn't interested in making sure there is a place for those in crisis, homeless, or at risk of homelessness because we keep eliminating affordable stable housing for lower income residents.	12/5/2022 9:20 PM
4	Until staffing is adequate, it doesn't matter how many beds, rentals, etc. there are. We need to "grow our own social workers" by starting a program with area universities. There could also be more ways or at least more ways advertised for people to assist on a volunteer basis with training -- even just helping with paperwork. Perhaps churches could get volunteers trained and ready to help. We MUST expand Medicaid for all. This should be front and center of every Wichita organization legislative platform -- if it is not, start educating -- Chamber, Rotary, Greater Wichita, etc. I hope this study actually means the talk is over and the doing begins.	12/5/2022 8:26 AM
5	The needs to be a greater focus on supportive services. There is not enough funding to address all of the areas listed and stretching the dollars to so many areas will not solve anything. Pick one or two areas and fund them totally.	12/4/2022 12:33 AM
6	My main concern is that our homeless community will be forced into an undesirable location away from the downtown area where most of the resources are located and bus transportation is easily accessed. These people are part of our community and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.	12/3/2022 6:03 AM
7	If the city really wants to help people not become homeless add some policy on rent control and stop Airbnbs.	12/2/2022 1:19 PM
8	I think that community members who are already serving our homeless should be consulted on EVERY decision being made. They are and have been the boots on the ground EVERYDAY. they know what's going on and how it can be fixed. Please understand their influence with or homeless. Be looking forward to hearing where this goes. Thank you for addressing this issue.	12/2/2022 7:05 AM
9	1. Faith-based organizations were not included in the list. 2. Great job on organizations consulted with. 3. I would spend more on supportive services and less on congregate shelter for women because supportive services affects more people for a longer time. And there are faith based and other partners the city could partner with for sheltering.	12/1/2022 5:28 PM
10	Please make sure that metrics will be in place to measure any agency's success and that there will be accountability for not meeting pre-set metrics.	11/30/2022 1:20 PM

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11	Please take into consideration allowing people who will receive services or housing to bring a dog they already own. Many unhoused don't take advantage of housing due to their animals not allowed in shelters. Thank you	11/30/2022 12:13 PM
12	Effectively, the best solution that could exist for the money would be to develop a centralized hub in the middle of Wichita that provides a low barrier shelter, housing, and supportive services that include bus passes to get back and forth to work, as well as a supply for clothing needs and employment opportunities. A great model to build from would be a place called the Lantern House in Ogden, Utah, where they have all that and more. It was a state of the art facility that provided services to the homeless, and it was funded by donation and city organizations. They also had breathalyzers and metal detectors to keep the environment safe. New residents were required to stay in the drop in portion for 3 days before they could go upstairs to the program, which all it was was just a warm safe area where they supplied showers, clothing, and a bed, which was a campus of bunk beds. My name is Frank Smith, and I am a former resident of shelters, and have some pretty innovative ideas as to how to solve the homeless crisis in Wichita...my email is franksmith0764@gmail.com if you're interested in finding out more how to facilitate a working program.	11/30/2022 10:38 AM
13	I feel if we went non-congregate the City of Wichita would end up serving a fraction of the people we currently serve. In times of weather emergency, having congregate space has allowed us to bring and save the lives of a good number chronically homeless individuals. Non-congregate is much more expensive to construct, it also drastically increases our overhead costs and reduces the capacity of who we serve.	11/28/2022 5:17 PM
14	Help is needed for all homeless and domestic abuse victims, especially for those with mental health issues! Panhandling is becoming a real problem as well. Causing car wrecks, etc.	11/28/2022 1:21 PM
15	I think the plan is good. However the ongoing operations should be a local provider.	11/28/2022 9:30 AM
16	Thank you for this initiative. There is a clear need in housing and homeless support in our community, and I hope this helps to close this gap.	11/28/2022 8:50 AM
17	I work with the homeless population through my church and strongly agree with developing low-barrier shelters and comprehensive services. We are seeing more women and more people recently or about to be evicted. We are also seeing more QP1s who have recently arrived in Wichita from other cities and states, thus adding to the severity of the situation in our community.	11/26/2022 9:31 PM
18	Since mental health and homelessness have a strong correlation, I would like to see continued work in the area of mental health as well. This could have a strong positive effect on lowering homelessness.	11/23/2022 9:12 PM
19	Unfortunatley I only received this information/questionnaire today so missed the public session. Nevertheless, I strongly support action directed to providing services to those in need.	11/23/2022 4:30 PM
20	Any and all efforts to support those impacted by homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Wichita is incredible and makes me feel more inclined to stay a resident of Wichita. The more I see this community supported, the more I want to stay a part of Wichita!	11/23/2022 3:02 PM
21	Healthcore Clinic was not listed as an organization that was contacted for feedback. They need to be included as a sick population is a sick city and people experiencing homelessness have medical needs that should not be met through emergency room visitation. Further, the City has been scrutinized by its "special relationship" with Lange Realty Development Corp. This development needs to be a competitive process, not another sweetheart deal for one developer in the city. Be transparent, or be voted OUT!	11/23/2022 12:50 PM
22	Anything to aid the homeless problem needs to be addressed ASAP	11/23/2022 8:24 AM
23	I have experienced homelessness years ago, but I had support from a church because I lost my job due to medical needs. Not everyone is drug/alcohol addict! I believe once depression & lack of resources happens, it becomes a slippery slope to climb back to living a stable life. People need a plan & structure to restore their lives.	11/13/2022 5:43 PM
24	Wichita has many building existing already that could be used to complete affordable housing upgrades.	11/1/2022 5:00 PM

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Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, reviewed the item.
Andy Pfister, Development Strategies, reviewed the item.

Mayor Whipple stated in the meetings they collected data with impressions from different folks. Stated what was the population that was invited to those meetings. Stated was it general public, service providers, who was actually in there where you were collecting that data.

Andy Pfister, Development Strategies, stated the public information sessions had a mix of providers and general public. Stated he can't really speak to the rough percentages.

Mayor Whipple stated one of the top things that he gets emails on is helping folks who are unhoused. Stated he is just interested in what that 20% who thinks that we shouldn't be helping people what it represented. Stated you mention the importance of partnership and working with partners, can you talk about the impact on the people who it is actually aimed to help and the impact it has on those who are unhoused.

Andy Pfister, Development Strategies, stated he thinks that a project like this that incorporates these best practices for housing really provide a holistic continuum of options for those facing these challenges. Stated one thing they hear frequently was it is hard to navigate getting services and having to go to several locations. Stated the navigation center idea helps to consolidate those and coordinate those better. Stated everyone has different needs. Stated someone may need shelter for a while and some just need it temporarily. Stated we have such a deficit of affordable housing units this provides more options for those facing this challenge. Stated if done well it should reduce instances of having insecurity in homelessness.

Mayor Whipple stated its another part you mentioned about how the plan is not perfect and doesn't know if he was talking about it in the context of the ecosystem where everyone is working hand in hand or if in actually moving forward on progress when it comes to helping those who need these services. Stated from his understanding of best practices and conversations about policy, this is part of the best practice if the goal is to help those who need services and we are following that model, is that correct.

Andy Pfister, Development Strategies, stated yes. Stated what he means is there are always tradeoffs when you are allocating resources. Stated there could be conflict with other plans they know or don't know about. Stated this plan does not have all the details about how this is going to work. Stated a lot of those need to be developed quickly should you approve it, but this plan allows you to submit to HUD to get the funds to the City to do the work. Stated this is a framework to move forward with and a lot of things could adjust. Stated there are a lot of moving parts, it is not perfect but a framework to move forward.

Mayor Whipple stated but it is based on best practices. Andy Pfister, Development Strategies, stated correct.
Vice Mayor Tuttle stated yesterday she was at the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition Board of Directors meeting and had several consistent questions. Stated one was in the analysis we got it says "if a City-led single project does not start within one year, the Housing Department will issue a new RFP to fund multiple projects", many are interpreting that is that we are going to wait for a year before we do anything.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated she has three slides to address that. Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, reviewed the rest of the item presentation.
Vice Mayor Tuttle stated she apologizes and didn't know there was more to come and that the presentation wasn't over. Stated the other question she heard consistently was she keeps hearing there is a duplication with what other providers in the homeless ecosystem are doing. Stated what steps will we take to make sure that we are collaborating with partners and not duplicating. Stated with the lack of resources we don't need to be doing what someone else is already doing or are planning to be doing. Stated she has assured our community partners that we are doing everything we can to ensure there won't be duplication.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated there is going to be duplication of affordable housing units. Stated concerning navigation center duplication she can see that being a concern. Stated with a project like this they would be open to groups served in multiple locations. Stated they don't want to have to tell someone there is only one door you can walk through and be able to have consistent collaborated services. Stated the more resources we can put towards this the better. Stated they have duplication of services all the time and part of the evolution of our eco system is how do we maximize what we are doing, how do we ensure we have money in the right buckets, do we have enough shelter, enough housing. Stated everyone has their own definition of outreach and how they do it, we need to bring those groups together. Stated they could operate out of different areas but to have a collaborative approach on how you address outreach. Stated they did do a visit to Omaha to check out their non congregate shelter and their best practices and it was really intriguing to hear how they are approaching issues. Stated they define outreach as what you are doing on the street and inreach is what you are doing in the shelter. Stated lets use different terminology and make sure we are hitting things where they need to be hit. Stated if everyone is doing outreach at Open Door they need it done somewhere else as well and coordinate those kinds of efforts.

Mayor Whipple stated he loves the comment there shouldn't be only one door to walk through when needing services.

Council Member Ballard stated she is excited to learn that we are going to do something different because some of the things we are doing now are not working and is excited to learn best practices of other areas. Stated it says there is an admin of \$826,000, can you speak to that. Stated she saw some comments online, is that a year, what does that mean.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated the admin can be spent over the term of the grant which is 2030. Stated it is also about what it would take to get this thing off the ground, but remember there is at least 15 years of monitoring that has to be done to stay in compliance. Stated the admin dollars are the cap and can always move it to the project if they need it, but can't go the other way around.

Council Member Ballard stated she is a huge fan of collaboration and thinks that we need to have as many partners at the table as possible.

Council Member Hoheisel stated he is excited to see us get in the game and get going on this. Stated you talked about how we would owe the money back if we fall out of the affordability plan. Stated do we get some sort of warning before we fall out of the affordability plan.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated this is true of all HOME projects. Stated she has been involved in having to work out plans to keep a project from falling out of affordability, usually that means a further investment by the participating jurisdiction. Stated it can mean changing target populations, can have things to do with cashflow, but the more you know ahead of time helps. Stated if you are not heavily involved in a project where you have quite a bit of exposure that would be hard to come back from with the short time frame to be put on notice that there is a problem.

Council Member Hoheisel stated so we would get a notice and then have time to correct it.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated yes, we would absolutely be working with every project. Stated this holds true with all of our HOME funded projects. Stated we are going to work hard to make sure they stay compliant during the affordability periods. Stated the affordability periods vary and are often driven by investment and sometimes the level of work. Stated for the non congregate shelter acquisition they would have a three year compliance period. Stated if we bought a hotel and moved people in without doing any construction it would be three years, moderate rehabilitation would be five and substantial would be 10 years and if we were going to build it from the ground up its 15 years. Stated they are looking at a 15 year for any type of significant investment.

Council Member Blubaugh stated just to clarify, if there is a building or any property purchased it will stay with the City.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated that is how they are proposing it right now. Stated it would be brought back to the Council for approval to purchase any type of real estate.

Mayor Whipple asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak on the item.

• Cole Schnieders, United Way Continuum of Care, stated there are three components of the plan he wants to talk about. Stated the first is the development of more affordable housing. Stated that is something he simply can't argue with. Stated the need for more affordable safe housing is a pressing need in our community. Stated we can develop housing with more units but there is a need for collaboration with landlords and stress the need for housing those on disability with housing vouchers. Stated more work is needed to prevent income discrimination against those using social security benefits or vouchers to attain housing. Stated second is the development of non congregate shelter units. Stated there is a need for them especially one that caters to single women and a low barrier model. Stated the greater need is for enough case managers to ensure we can fully utilize all of the vouchers and money in our community to place people in permanent housing with the appropriate level of case management to maintain their housing. Stated the Continuum of Care's Rapid Rehousing Program works six month housing with case management and they only see and eight percent recidivism rate. Stated the majority of people on the unhoused people by need and by name list need rapid rehousing, not permanent supportive housing, they need short-term rental assistance to get back on their feet. Stated the third piece is the navigation center. Stated a navigation center is one option for providing an access point to housing and resources. Stated he would like to stress that the full system coordinated entry is more important than a single structure which is something that Sally did allude to. Stated the basics of coordinated entry are access, assessment, prioritization and referral to permanent housing. Stated by installing a housing navigator at Open Door, United Way has been about to house 24 chronically homeless people in the last two months. Stated that was 32 hours of work to house 24 chronically homeless people by shifting how they use their case management resources. Stated that success has led to them planning to hire two more case managers as well as a third mental health case manager with the state. Stated all of that in the idea of creating access points for housing. Stated this year alone they have seen 482 households housed through the Continuum of Care and over 300 who have retained their housing through their services. Stated those programs exist because of community collaboration and the framework of coordinated entry. Stated if a navigation center is an absolute requirement it has to be housing focused and have coordinated entry as its main mantra. Stated the Continuum of Care is eager to continue working with anyone who wants to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring for all of our neighbors in Sedgwick County.

• LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated they are the largest homeless service provider in the region and provide shelter, low barrier and low income housing, and supportive wraparound services to nearly 15,000 individuals and families struggling in Sedgwick County. Stated one of their core values is collaboration and they are pleased that homeless services are being discussed and the City of Wichita wants to work with partner agencies to address the crisis. Stated they do believe that everyone involved in this process intends to help the homeless population and those facing housing insecurities. Stated their Board of Directors and Executive Staff have discussed this plan at great length and have been following the legislation for nearly a year. Stated they have a responsibility to speak for the 15,000 that come through their doors or call them. Stated they do

agree with many aspects of the proposal they have questions and concerns regarding the logistics. Stated they believe there is significant information missing that any agency or institution would need to pull the project together and hope the City will fill in those gaps over time. Stated it would be irresponsible for any nonprofit to move forward with significant gaps in information, implementation planning, and sustainability. Stated they request the vote be tabled until further information can be shared with local service providers that will be likely responsible for program implementation. Stated providers fear that introducing a new facility owned and operated by the City without experience in this space could further fracture the system of care.

Mayor Whipple stated it was brought up that HumanKind's Board feels that we are missing information and shouldn't move forward with this, do you feel we are missing information and shouldn't move forward with this.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated she feels there is a need for more information and more discussion and that is why they built in a year to get the project launched so they can have the conversations and identify the partners that come forward. Stated we don't have a specific site identified as where it would go and that will take further evaluation. Stated she agrees that it is missing information, but it's also not said and done. Stated we are open to considering multiple locations and have looked at three or four different locations at this point. Stated there is the concern of the operational funding for the non-congregate shelter, that is the biggest wildcard in her opinion. Stated the housing will support itself, you build new affordable housing, the rent you collect will be able to put vouchers on them so the people who live there can afford to live there. Stated the operations of the navigation center will be little challenges there, every organization or group conducting business already has operational expenses, they will just be possibly moved. Stated that operation of the non-congregate shelter is the wildcard and is the most humane way to be able to provide shelter, but also very expensive. Stated that is why we did not completely negate it but in the plan show if through community engagement and exploring funding opportunities we come to realize that is not a sustainable model and it goes away.

Roxanne Moren, HumanKind Ministries, stated HumanKind has done a lot of work in this area and feels that this project is excellent and it will work but it won't work under the conditions it is right now. Stated the main concern they have is the supportive services. Stated \$500,000 will not be enough to support even the housing part. Stated the clients moving into the housing now need case managers because they can't give a client a key to a house and say congratulations, they need case management. Stated at the \$500,000 it will not be enough money to support non-congregation shelters, the housing part and the navigation. Stated their biggest concern is where is the money for supportive services going to come from.

Council Member Blubaugh stated can you update him with the history of The 316 and where we are at with that today.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated The 316 was a great partnership with HumanKind and is very pleased they got that done. Stated The 316 is a little bit different than what we are talking about, we provided the funding, for those hotel units to be converted into studio apartments by adding kitchenettes. Stated because they qualify as a housing unit and not a shelter unit we collect rent. Stated over half of the units have vouchers in them. Stated because we were able to provide the funding for the acquisition and the rehabilitation of the property, HumanKind, is able to operate it with no debt service. Stated by not having debt service they can afford the security and case management for the clients living at that property. Stated properties that carry debt service have very thin margins and typically skim on supportive services. Stated in the case of The 316 all of the units are occupied. Stated they have had a couple ready to move on to other units and make space for others from the street to move in.

Council Member Blubaugh stated where did that funding come from.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated that funding was ESG-CARES funding and CDBG-CARES funding. Stated this is a little different from HOME as it does not have the payback provision. Stated there are requirements to keep it in operation as it is designed through deed restrictions, but that money wouldn't be due back to HUD like it is on a HOME project.

Council Member Blubaugh stated he would love to hear more of what is going on over there.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated the Studios was a unique project and they had it identified in their strategic plan in 2018-2019 and to their surprise Covid funding aligned in terms of the criteria. Stated knowing that it was in their strategic plan to design a very supportive, wraparound, low barrier intermediate housing project they were able to navigate that and apply for those funds with the help of the Housing Department. Stated it is important to remind everyone they did have to raise nearly \$500,000 in philanthropy support for expenses of the project. Stated their ongoing costs come from the community at large that support their mission and services. Stated they took on that obligation and responsibility to own the project, pay for the ongoing operations cost, and administering the services. Stated they are at full capacity and have had a lot of success, it is ran 24 hours a day and has onsite case management, and other providers coming in the facility providing services. Stated that was a huge project based on collaboration.

Council Member Blubaugh stated how many rooms are there, what is full capacity.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated there are 54 units at The Studios and from start to finish when they heard about the grant opportunity and applied for it they took ownership of that facility in December 2020 and opened in 13 months when they had their first client move in.

Council Member Blubaugh stated you have only had clients there for a year then.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated not quite a year. Stated they finished their lease up in March 2022 and have been operable for about a year. Council Member Blubaugh stated how long will the average person stay there before transitioning on.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated they operate 101 permanent supported apartment complexes in midtown. Stated they do have case management and life skills there. Stated they were missing a step in terms of 24 hour onsite management in a secure facility and more intensive care. Stated this is a lease agreement, it is their apartment where they get a key, one year is the lease agreement but they anticipate people staying up to three years. Stated by HUD definition it is not transitional housing because they do not have a cutoff period. Stated if you are not ready for independent living at the end of 12 months they aren't going to make them leave at 13 months. Stated they put it as permanent supportive housing intentionally so you could stay for a year or three years. Stated they really do meet clients where they are at. Stated one thing that works for her might not for someone else. Stated there is a human factor to this and they try to meet people where they are at.

Council Member Blubaugh stated do you have to utilize the case management.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated you do. Stated it is a requirement of your lease agreement. Stated there are two onsite case managers full time as well as others who help. Stated part of the lease is you are required to participate in case management once a week, you are required to do room checks, and life skills and educational classes as well. Stated they come up with a plan for next steps after being with HumanKind.

Scott Eilert, HumanKind Ministries Board Chair, stated they appreciate the intent and the caring concern that this Body is showing towards this topic. Stated they also appreciate the urgency they are showing. Stated the concerns and questions are in line with one of the questions he heard earlier. Stated their primary questions are about maximizing the use of resources. Stated how do we maximize this funding to complement and best use the funds so they can make the most impact as fast as possible. Stated he wants to make sure the Body takes the time to engage as much as possible with this organization and other agencies in this city who are doing this work every day. Stated they don't want to slow this process up, they want to work with this Body and work with the Housing Department to make sure that the money is being allocated will make the greatest impact in the shortest amount of time. Stated the 365 day RFP is a concern to them if they need to wait 365 days to find out they need to make changes, that would be an incredible loss of time. Stated if you choose to go forward today all they ask is there is an urgent timeline to engage with organizations on the refinement of the proposal to make sure the questions can be answered and addressed as soon as possible. Stated they suggest that you table this today, but he does not get the sense that is a very popular opinion, if you choose not to table they ask that you actively engage. Stated don't wait the 365 days to get the feedback from some of the individuals here today, start now and let's start working together on this as fast as possible. Stated they appreciate the intent and sense of urgency and willingness to collaborate. Stated they want to do everything they can to pull together those discussion to maximize the impact of this proposal.

Mayor Whipple stated thank you for being here and we hope that you continue to work with us if we don't punt this to another meeting and table it. Stated he does want to clarify our short-term goals established a few weeks ago when we contracted with your organization about a quarter million, \$200,000 in the short-term. Stated this is a mid-term where we want to make sure that we address the immediate needs and then have a mid to long-term strategy. Stated he agrees with him that we need to do something for the short-term by again contracting with your organization hundreds of thousands of dollars for that short-term.

Scott Eilert, HumanKind Ministries Board Chair, stated they are incredibly appreciative of that. Stated it was impactful this year and last year. Mayor Whipple stated he looks forward to working with them.

Council Member Blubaugh stated what is the downside if we do table this. Stated he wants to get as much information he can as this is a large sum of money and there is not enough to go around and he wants to make sure every dollar is working towards its best benefit.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated the longer we delay the longer it is going to take to get access to the money. Stated they can't make any action steps forward or even have further discussions about the plan until they have an approved plan.

Council Member Blubaugh stated do you anticipate any of that is going to happen before the end of the year.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated she has been wanting to have further discussions with groups that she can't have because she can't taint their ability to respond to an RFP. Stated they have been very careful not to have individual conversations with groups because she does not want to exclude them. Stated in doing so some of the feedback they got was this is a backroom deal, specifically with a provider. Stated she has not had discussions with any provider and is trying to be very careful not to taint the RFP process and do not want to have the perception that this was set up for any particular organization. Stated once there is a plan it will make it easier for them to have deeper conversations.

Council Member Blubaugh stated what he is hearing is a week or two is really not going to hurt anything because you can still a letter of intent or option or anything with a contingency. Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated right.

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated after public comment he has a recommendation for going forward.

Mayor Whipple stated it better not be delaying it for a week or two because he does not think that will get the vote. Stated the arguments he's heard to delay this is a particular non-profits board wants more details. Stated he hasn't heard that delaying this helps the people that are sleeping unhoused right now. Stated we have winter months coming where people die because they are unhoused. Stated we have people out there who are panhandling and suffering who need this project. Stated he hasn't heard an argument where we should delay this for their benefit. Stated he will have a hard time tabling this to get more information to get providers up to date on details. Stated he feels we can fill them in once this plan starts gathering more details.

Council Member Johnson stated due to a personal conflict he will be abstaining from the vote.

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated this concept has been out there for a period of time and Andy has been a good spokesperson for us as well as an information gatherer and has come back with some great thoughts and recommendations going forward. Stated there are some key pieces to it he wants to keep in mind. Stated one, this only works if we have trust that is evident from both sides, and also it only works with collaboration. Stated what has been discussed over the last few weeks in meetings about this concept don't lead him to believe that trust is there at this point and our chances for collaboration are somewhat limited. Stated although there is aversion to moving forward there is significant risk which is if this doesn't work we are out \$5.5 million out of possibly the General Fund. Stated there are other eligible expenses so if we can't get providers as a group comfortable moving forward on a model you can make substantial progress in a project like 316 or an affordable housing project that meets the Council's goals and we can move on quickly if we get HUDs approval. Stated his thought is we come up with a hard date, January 4th or 11th, and if it is determined that the providers are still not comfortable with the model we look for a model that will work and not have to rely solely on them for collaboration and cooperation. Stated we have an urgent need, he just wants it to be successful and wants to house people not just temporarily but permanently that don't have that ability to do it today. Stated it means we have to have a roof over their head and support services. Stated he agrees with him, but if we can't find a mechanism that works with the providers we need a different model to go forward. Stated that is why he recommends to give a little bit of time and to be careful Andy would have to lead the conversation so we don't taint the ARPA dollars by engaging specifically with an agency. Stated he wants this to work and that is his concern.

Mayor Whipple stated his concern right now is he needs him to provide information and not debate a side. Stated he appreciates that we can go a different step but a motion to table feels like that is a bit of an argument to table. Stated he is confident that you wouldn't have put this on the agenda if it wasn't ready to go. Stated he is interested to know how many service providers are there that we work with.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated we contract with about eight providers for homeless services, but there are other providers that don't accept City funding.

Mayor Whipple stated we contract with eight providers, how many other providers are there potentially out there to work with. Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated 30.

Mayor Whipple stated he thinks we had one provider who came over and asked us to stop this is that accurate or are there other providers that came in to tell us to stop. Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated there are other providers in the room.

Speakers in audience stated that other providers were here and had to leave because of the time.

Mayor Whipple stated did any of them leave testimony that would suggest they are or are not for this. Stated we have had one provider testify that they want more details before we move forward with this out of 30.

Vice Mayor Tuttle stated in the spirit of redundancy she was at the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board of Directors meeting yesterday and a significant amount of time from the meeting was spent on this topic. Stated the comment was made that the Manager wouldn't have put it on the agenda unless we were confident that it should move forward. Stated we have seen this before where something goes on the agenda and the public has the opportunity to review it and then questions come up. Stated she agrees the need is immediate and we need to figure out ways to help the unhoused. Stated we also need to make sure we are moving forward in a way that is thoughtful, intentional, and that we have the trust and understanding of our community partners and the Council. Stated she heard a comment that the City was going to own and operate this facility and that is not the case. Stated we are going to own the facility but we need trust and confidence from our partners to help us operate it. Stated even as a Body she does not think they are on the same page. Stated the need is immediate and everyone wants to help, but sometimes pausing and being intentional, making sure we are all on the same page and have trust and collaboration can be the best way to see a successful outcome. Stated she would be happy to make a motion to delay so we can make sure this project is successful for the unhoused and the stake the City is going to have in \$5.5 million in General Obligation funds in the future if we don't get it right.

Mayor Whipple stated everyone understands this is an application we are approving not a full plan. Stated this is the first step of a plan that will be developed is that correct. Stated he does not want people to assume that this is the plan and isn't an agile project in which we can still take feedback and provide communication. Stated this is so we can go to HUD and ask them if they will allow us to pursue this.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated this is an allocation plan. Stated this is actually the plan. Stated the plan that says for up to one year, give us a chance to get the one concept of a project that includes all three areas.

Mayor Whipple stated this is to start that one year of developing that plan where hopefully during that time we can put all of the pieces in play.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated they deliberately wrote it that way so they wouldn't have to go back to HUD. Stated if they determine this does not work they have Plan B that says if it is deemed unfeasible with no longer than a year, then we would just be issuing notice of funding opportunities for agencies to be able to submit for funding for any one of the three priority areas.

Council Member Ballard stated do we have a list of a handful of things that would make the providers feel better. Stated what information exactly are we lacking that they seem to be concerned about. Stated there are tons of details that we don't know yet, but what is the concern to this idea of tabling it. Stated a month to table is way too long.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated there is concern that some think we are going to get this done with \$5.5 million. Stated there is no way and it is going to be at least five times that amount. Stated that means securing other funding either by tax credit or other. Stated same thing with \$500,000 for supportive service is just a touch and is not going to go very far. Stated they do not expect the funding for this is going to be the end all be all to be able to provide the needed services. Stated it is still about collaborating further, identifying new resources to provide more case management funding because they do know it is lacking. Stated they have other opportunities going on right now where we are re-envisioning case management and its no longer just a case worker and a group of people, its creating teams that address it. Stated these are all things we don't know. Stated the operational funding for the non congregate shelter is a huge wildcard. Stated the operational of the navigation center is a little bit of a wildcard. Stated those are all unanswered questions. Stated she has heard what if the shelter is operating and there is a maintenance problem. Stated we don't even know the structure of the project if it is different buildings, the same building, do we need condominium agreements. Stated this is very complicated and she does not have the answers to it all. Stated the way they have proposed it at this point is we want to do something that is that homerun swing and the opportunity to be able to fund something that is not just gonna help those that are homeless today but in the future. Stated she can spend \$5.5 million on supportive services and it would go very fast, but that is not going to have the biggest impact for our community.

Mayor Whipple stated has HumanKind provided a list of demands that they want so we can move forward with this.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated she does not know if she would classify it as a list of demands.

Mayor Whipple stated what exactly do we have to do at this point so we can move forward and help the people unhoused right now by creating this project that those are the folks he cares about than insuring everyone knows every detail of what the next five years is going to look like. Stated if we were to table this and come back what does he have to bring back to allow those that work in this space to feel like its ok for government to appropriate government funds to help the people in which we represent.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated that would be a question for them.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated it goes to sustainability. Stated if you have a \$25 million capital project and the ongoing operating expenses range from \$3-5 million are you anticipating the non-profits to raise those funds and administer the services, that is one question. Stated there were probably a dozen questions proposed at their board meeting a few weeks ago. There are a lot of logistical questions about putting housing and shelter services together in the same facility. Stated those programs are ran very differently due to compliance with the State of Kansas. Stated what they are required to do in housing is incredibly different than what they are required to do in homeless services. Stated having those units in the same facility would pose a lot of challenges logistically if not nearly impossible as it relates to KHRC and other compliance watchdogs. Stated there are several questions about the navigation and resource center. Stated she can assure the Mayor if there is anyone that cares about the homeless population it is her staff that are doing the work every day and are committing their life careers to this. Stated she knows there is a sense of urgency and they care deeply and want to work with the Body, there are just some questions that have not been answered and is asking for the time for clarity.

Mayor Whipple stated the position of the organization that you represent is that you want us to identify \$25 million worth of funding for sustainability, you will need a legal memo to show that it is ok to have housing with homeless services in the same structure, and what was the third.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated what she is saying is that there is expertise in this subject matter and there are compliance things that they have to adhere to. Stated she does not know, as the project is written today, and to every statement made, it can be manipulated and changed after it is submitted to HUD. Stated as it is written today there are several questions about the compliance and the logistics in terms of experts in this subject matter that would suggest that a facility with those three things coupled together might not function in a way they think it will. Stated there needs to be more diligence on administering those services.

Mayor Whipple stated can we get to those questions though, what are those questions. Stated he needs to get those answers now because if he has a member abstaining we might not have those votes to move forward with this.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated she has heard a lot of feedback from a lot of partner agencies that they equally have concerns. Stated one of the concerns is why is the City of Wichita owning the facility or getting in a space that they are not an expert subject matter. Stated another question is where are the funds going to come from. Stated you can put this money into one asset with any provider in town and they administer it. Stated the purpose of the legislation was to build capacity with service providers. Stated there are needs identified such as supportive services and case management that she feels are on the back burner to the non congregate shelter idea. Stated it will significantly diminish the amount of clients that they would be able to serve in a non congregate shelter model.

Mayor Whipple stated to clarify the point of if we were to go to this model your organization would have less clients to serve.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated no sir. Stated if we went to this model we would be serving less clients than we are today in terms of their capacity to serve would be significantly diminished because of the way that model is designed. Stated in the proposal right now you are showing you want to do 20 non congregate beds and are going to serve 20 individuals. Stated if she had a facility the exact same size she could serve 40, or 50, or 100. Stated the need right now in terms of shelter beds in Sedgwick County in the City of Wichita far exceeds their inventory. Stated you are asking to put \$5 million into 20 non

congregate shelter beds verses putting it into a 60 affordable housing unit complex. Stated you would see there is a long range greater impact to put it into permanent supportive housing in a singular project.

Mayor Whipple stated he does not think our Housing Director agrees with those numbers, what are we missing.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated there is no number identified of shelter beds in the plan.

LaTasha St. Arnault, HumanKind Ministries, stated during the open proposal that they had at the Library that was rolled out to providers there was a number of beds both in terms of housing units and shelter beds. Stated if that has changed since then, her apologies, but that was not shared.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated she takes it back, there is a proposed number in there but it is no where near the numbers they were thinking in the plan.

Mayor Whipple stated he thought in the conversations they had it was much more. Stated part of the issue is this plan is ongoing and we are still producing details.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated she just got clarification. Stated that is the number if the HOME funds if used alone with no other funding could support.

Mayor Whipple stated so not this plan.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated right.

Council Member Hoheisel stated a lot of these details are not going to be able to be available and discussed until we have some idea about a possible shelter or possible property to look at. Stated do we have any idea about some properties around, have we looked at it and are being held back from potentially moving on those properties.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated yes, we are evaluating some properties. Stated there is nothing they have taken any action on other than a desk evaluation or a tour. Stated to address a couple of LaTasha's concerns, some of those answers, until we identify a structure, we really can't answer.

Council Member Hoheisel stated or land that we are going to build upon.

Sally Stang, Department of Housing & Community Services, stated exactly. Stated she agrees in any project you wouldn't want the residents living in the apartment units entering through the navigation center. Stated until a particular site is identified they wouldn't even try to address, there is no way they could.

Brandon Whipple moved to Close the public hearing, approve the HOME-ARP allocation plan as a Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, authorize submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and authorize the necessary signatures.

Motion failed to

Vice Mayor Tuttle stated her fear is we have one abstention so we are going to have three and three and it is going to be a split vote. Stated while she agrees that having more time to be able to answer the questions our community members have, she does not think it is unfair for them to ask questions, content experts are asking questions and that is a good thing and means everybody cares and is working towards a solution. Stated her fear is if they go into a three, three of delay or not delay does it die and has a question as far as procedural.

Bob Layton, City Manager, stated staff does not want this held up on a three, three vote. Stated the reason he asked for a delay is he is unhappy with the response of the provider community to us and by getting a firm deadline he wanted to do what has been discussed during this meeting which is to flush out the legitimate issues and determine if we are going to have partners going forward. Stated we can still do that if you approve today what is in front of you and we will work diligently not to wait a year and to get the answers as we go forward. Stated if we determine at some defined period of time that it is acceptable to the Council that we aren't going to be able to move forward, then we will go to Plan B. Stated he did not want his comments earlier to slow us down, he is worried that given what he has heard, especially in a letter received yesterday afternoon by all of us, as well as discussions that have come out of meetings, he was worried we would have the collaboration we wanted to move forward. Stated we can easily flush that out if you approve this first step.

Vice Mayor Tuttle stated she was curious about tabling it even before he made a comment because of conversations she has had with people.

Mayor Whipple stated votes go where they go and he trusts our staff and a lot of the information that has been presented by one particular provider with the hopes we slow this down is really about information and communication. Stated it doesn't seem to be about the nuts and bolts of this plan and that is his take away from the discussion. Stated he is comfortable moving forward as he trusts staff and even the opposition has pointed out the success of 316 Hotel and how fast it has moved. Stated even the opposition of this plan has stated they had to raise \$500,000, we put in \$4 million. Stated our partners should assume that once they absorb such an asset that they would also help keep it up. Stated if there was a technical issue that would be a little easier. Stated he is worried that if we wait for the perfect it is going to get in the way of the progress we can make in this once in a lifetime moment of having one time funds that we can use to help those who need help.

Council Member Blubaugh stated he is not comfortable at this point and wants more information. Stated he is not willing to put \$5 million in General Obligation taxpayer money at risk.

Mayor Whipple stated that three votes to vote against this motion will defeat this motion and we will be back on the original motion that if voted yes will move us forward in helping people who need help.

Council Member Johnson stated he will be abstaining from all votes on this motion due to the potential risk to the City of Wichita with his participation. Jeff Blubaugh moved to table the item until Tuesday December 20, 2022.

Motion failed 3 to 3 (Nay: Brandon Whipple, Maggie Ballard, Mike Hoheisel).

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Motion carried 4 to 2 (Nay: Bryan Frye, Jeff Blubaugh).