

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

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* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Williamsport

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

246000719

* c. UEI:

UFTFNWKHY948

d. Address:

* Street1:

100 West 3rd Street

Street2:

* City:

Williamsport

County/Parish:

* State:

PA: Pennsylvania

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

17701-6418

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community & Economic Developme

Division Name:

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

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

August

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Memmi

Suffix:

Title: Director of Community & Economic Development

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

570-327-7577

Fax Number:

* Email:

amemmi@cityofwilliamsport.org

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

N/A

* Title:

2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program American Rescue Plan Funds

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Williamsport HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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

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

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

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="888,134.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="888,134.00"/>

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

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

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

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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

☒ ** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:Prefix: * First Name: Middle Name: * Last Name: Suffix: * Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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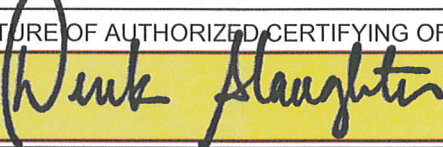
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4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Williamsport, Pennsylvania	DATE SUBMITTED 3/28/23

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Williamsport, Pennsylvania	3/28/23

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

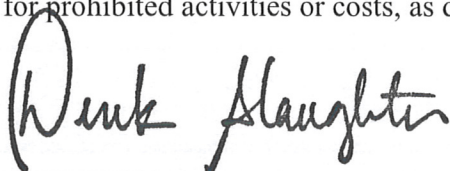
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

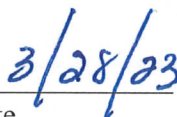
Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

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

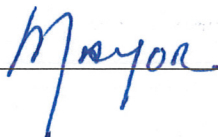
HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including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



Signature of Authorized Official



Date



Title

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

JUNE 2023



CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT
WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

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CONSULTATION

SUMMARIZE CONSULTATION PROCESS

The City of Williamsport (City) prepared its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in order to strategically implement the federal program that provides funding for housing activities that will benefit those individuals that are experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, or those with the greatest risk of housing instability in the City.

The consultation process included one (1) public hearing on March 14, 2023 and consultation with community stakeholders engaged in providing shelter and services to qualifying populations. During consultation with community stakeholders (via survey), City staff and their consultant focused on identifying the Qualifying Populations and their unmet housing and service needs. Community stakeholders consulted via survey and/or phone interview included the following:

- **AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS:** American Rescue Workers (ARW) operates a 24-bed emergency shelter, operations 46-beds of transitional housing, assists with emergency assistance for eviction prevention, operates a food pantry.
- **CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OF NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA (ROADS TO FREEDOM):** Roads to Freedom is a community non-profit disability services and advocacy organization. Although they do not directly own housing units, they provide housing-related assistance, including assistance finding housing, assistance with rental applications, nursing home transition, etc.
- **HOPE ENTERPRISES, INC.:** Hope Enterprises, Inc. is a community non-profit disability services and advocacy organization. They provide a variety of services, including operation of group homes, home health aide services, operation of a regional WIC program, children's autism support services, a partnership with UPMC for physical and occupational therapy, and a partnership with STEP for daycare services.
- **JOURNEY HOUSE:** Journey House provides 20 beds of transitional and rapid rehousing for individuals suffering from homelessness. The Journey House is owned and operated by the New Covenant United Church of Christ in Williamsport.
- **FAMILY PROMISE OF LYCOMING COUNTY:** Family Promise of Lycoming County (FPLC) brings the faith community together to help families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. FPLC is a non-profit organization that works with a partnership network of congregations within a community that aims to help children and their families who are facing homelessness. It is their mission to equip families to break the cycle of homelessness.
- **LYCOMING-CLINTON COUNTIES COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, (STEP) INC.:** The Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action, Inc. (STEP) is a private, nonprofit Community Action Agency. STEP stands for "Success Through Engagement and Partnership." It is STEP's mission to engage diverse individuals, families, and communities in the pursuit of social and economic success.
- **LYCOMING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY:** The Lycoming County Housing Authority owns and maintains a portfolio of 464 affordable residential units. In addition, they administer Lycoming County's Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- **LYCOMING COUNTY OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:** The Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs (Office) provides a variety of services and assistance to veterans living in Lycoming County, including healthcare assistance, compensation and pension benefits assistance, education and GI Bill information, burial and benefit assistance, etc.

- **NORTHERN TIER RHAB/EASTERN PA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC):** The mission of the Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) is to end homelessness throughout its geographic region, which encompasses 33 counties, primarily rural, in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Representatives of relevant organizations in these counties have come together to establish the CoC in order to carry out specific responsibilities laid out by the federal government in advancing efforts to end homelessness (as defined in the CoC interim rule). The mission of the Northern Tier RHAB is to, in conjunction with the CoC, work towards ending and preventing homelessness throughout its service area. This includes identifying needs, participating in the CoC system wide evaluation of existing resources and program activities, and building a system of housing and services that addresses those needs.
- **TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTERS, INC.:** Transitional Living Centers, Inc. is a lead agency for a PHARE grant called the Master Leasing Program. The Master Leasing Program works with client(s) that have a mental illness; criminal background; AOD history; and/or homeless. The mission of the program is to assist the client(s) with housing and to become self-sufficient and independent. Master Leasing provides up to a years' worth of rent paid, social security deposit, utilities that are not included, and minimal furnishings. Additionally, Transitional Living Centers, Inc. provides a supportive community that enables incarcerated men and women to make a positive and productive transition back into society.
- **YWCA NORTHCENTRAL PA:** YWCA Northcentral PA (YWCA) is the county's comprehensive victim service provider. They offer shelter and services to those facing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent crimes. Currently, they have 34 beds of emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, 28 beds of transitional housing for families/individuals, and 33 beds of rapid rehousing for victims of domestic violence. In addition, they offer various supportive services such as counseling, relocation, court accompaniment, outreach and education to prevent violence and homelessness.

LIST THE ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED

TABLE 1. ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTED

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION CONSULTED	TYPE OF AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION	METHOD OF CONSULTATION	FEEDBACK
American Rescue Workers	Homeless service provider	Survey and Phone Interview	American Rescue Workers (ARW) operates a 24-bed emergency shelter, operations 46-beds of transitional housing, assists with emergency assistance for eviction prevention, operates a food pantry. The phone interview revealed that there is a waiting list for shelter/housing through ARW, potentially caused by COVID-era funding to combat homelessness drying up. Demand for shelter also seems to ebb and flow with the seasons (winter being the season of highest need). Shelter for families and the elderly is a particularly notable need at this time. ARW believes that case management for those exiting shelters is a major need. In terms of housing related issues, ARW lists the lack of affordable rental housing, barriers to accessing credit, and lack of emergency shelters as the most pressing. An abundant supply of

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			affordable housing, notes ARW, is necessary to both prevent homelessness and re-house individuals that have suffered from homelessness in the past.
Center for Independent Living of Northcentral Pennsylvania (Roads to Freedom)	Community non-profit disability services and advocacy organization	Survey and Phone Interview	Roads to Freedom is a community non-profit disability services and advocacy organization. Although they do not directly own housing units, they provide housing-related assistance, including assistance finding housing, assistance with rental applications, nursing home transition, etc. Annually, they serve between 1,001 and 1,500 individuals. In 2022, 25 of their clients were veterans (of which 3 lived in the City of Williamsport), but that count may be low as not every veteran client served by Roads to Freedom reports themselves as such. They view the lack of affordable rental housing as the greatest need facing unserved and/or underserved populations. However, they also note that the lack of accessible units as a great need. They note that the Lycoming County Housing Authority has a 2-3 year wait for accessible units, which speaks to an unmet need in the area. They also noted that Lycoming County does not have a housing voucher program for accessible units. As it relates to housing, they view extremely affordable rental housing, supportive services to prevent homelessness, accessible units/disability services, and non-congregate shelter beds all as important, particularly the need for accessible units and disability services (such as home modifications to make existing units accessible). They note that development of more affordable (and accessible) housing, supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters are their priorities for the use of HOME-ARP funds, in that order.
Family Promise of Lycoming County	Homeless service provider and public agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Survey	The lack of income-based housing in the City is an issue. For housing that is available, absentee landlords that do not care about the condition of, or safety conditions within their properties are also major issues. In some instances, families are very constrained financially because of the cost of childcare, which is unaffordable and unavailable in many instances. The cost of childcare means that families have to choose between rent or childcare services. Barriers to accessing housing, lack of affordable housing, and

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			quality of housing stock are the City's top three most urgent housing issues.
Hope Enterprises, Inc.		Survey and Phone Interview	Hope Enterprises, Inc. is a community non-profit disability services and advocacy organization. They provide a variety of services, including operation of group homes, home health aide services, operation of a regional WIC program, children's autism support services, a partnership with UPMC for physical and occupational therapy, and a partnership with STEP for daycare services. Of their 18 Lycoming County group homes, 10 are located within the City of Williamsport. Hope Enterprises views the lack of affordable rental housing, insufficient housing stock, and lack of affordable homes as the top three issues facing unserved and/or underserved populations. As it relates to housing, Hope Enterprises believes that supportive services to prevent homelessness and accessible units/disability services as the most critical. Of the eligible HOME-ARP funding categories, Hope Enterprises ranks supportive services, development of more affordable housing, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters in that priority order.
Journey House	Homeless service provider and domestic violence service provider	Survey	Journey House provides 20 beds of transitional and rapid rehousing for individuals suffering from homelessness. Journey House believes that the City needs both an increase in the number of affordable units and homelessness prevention programming. They also cite mental health and substance abuse as an issue in putting people on a path to self-sufficiency. Journey House believes that the lack of affordable rental housing, lack of emergency shelters, and insufficient housing stock are the City's top three most urgent housing issues.
STEP, Inc.	Community Action Agency and public agency that addresses the needs of qualifying populations	Survey	STEP does not house individuals directly, but they do provide rental assistance and barrier remediation. STEP believes that intense case management and collaborative database usage can help prevent homelessness in the City. STEP believes that the lack of affordable rental housing, lack of affordable homes, and lack of emergency shelters are the City's top three most urgent housing issues.
Lycoming County Housing Authority	Public Housing Authority	Survey and Phone Interview	The Lycoming County Housing Authority possesses a portfolio of 464 affordable residential units. They perceive a lack of

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			emergency shelters, lack of landlords willing to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, and the lack of affordable rental housing as the City's three most-pressing housing issues. The Housing Authority notes that there are not many landlords in Lycoming County willing to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). The Housing Authority noted the importance of supportive services to help individuals with obtaining and maintaining stable housing. They also note the importance of developing housing for individuals with mental health disabilities.
Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs	Veterans Group	Survey	The Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs (Office) provides a variety of services and assistance to veterans living in Lycoming County, including healthcare assistance, compensation and pension benefits assistance, education and GI Bill information, burial and benefit assistance, etc. Currently, it serves over 2,000 veterans living within Lycoming County. The Office views the lack of affordable rental housing, lack of affordable homes, and lack of emergency shelters as the top three issues facing unserved and/or underserved populations. As it relates specifically to unmet housing needs, extremely affordable housing and supportive services to prevent homelessness are great needs. Of the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds, the Office ranks supportive services, development of more affordable housing, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters as priorities in that order.
Northern Tier RHAB/Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC)	State-Designated CoC	Phone Interview	The Northern Tier RHAB/Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) is dedicated to ending homelessness in the counties that they serve. In a phone interview with a representative of the Northern Tier RHAB/Eastern PA CoC, it became apparent that Lycoming County (and Williamsport) have a definite need for more affordable housing. Based upon their data, they view insufficient housing stock as the greatest need. In particular, there is a need for deeply affordable housing serving households on the lowest end of the LMI scale. There is also a gap in the community for permanent or non-time limited supportive housing. In addition, the discussion also revealed that homelessness is

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			an issue within the City, and that a Point in Time (PIT) may be drastically undercounting homeless individuals due to the one-day reference point and an inability to effectively count unsheltered individuals. They also noted that Williamsport has the greatest concentration of homeless individuals in Lycoming County due to the number of homeless shelters in the area.
Transitional Living Centers, Inc.	Non-Profit Community Corrections Facility contracted with the Department of Corrections	Survey	Transitional Living Centers, Inc. is a lead agency for a PHARE grant called the Master Leasing Program. The Master Leasing Program works with client(s) that have a mental illness; criminal background; AOD history; and/or homeless. The mission of the program is to assist the client(s) with housing and to become self-sufficient and independent. Master Leasing provides up to a years' worth of rent paid, social security deposit, utilities that are not included, and minimal furnishings. Transitional Living Centers, Inc. (TLC) believes that case management is a huge need to empower individuals to manage money, therefore preventing homelessness. TLC also believes that the City could use additional capacity within its network of accommodations for the homeless. TLC ranked lack of affordable rental housing, barriers to accessing housing, and quality of the housing stock as the City's three most-pressing housing related issues.
YWCA Northcentral PA	Homeless service provider and domestic violence service provider	Survey and Phone Interview	YWCA Northcentral PA (YWCA) provides shelter and services to those facing homelessness. The YWCA is the only direct domestic violence victim service provider in Lycoming County. Currently, they have 34 beds of emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, 28 beds of transitional housing for families/individuals, and 33 beds of rapid rehousing for victims of domestic violence. The YWCA notes that the rapid rehousing program is difficult to fund. The YWCA cites the lack of affordable housing as a major concern, as well as the need for mental health services and case management to assist individuals re-integrating into more stable situations. They also note that funding homelessness prevention programs are of great benefit to those at-risk of homelessness. The YWCA cites lack of affordable rental housing, barriers to accessing housing, and insufficient housing

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			stock as the top three most-pressing housing related issues. According to the YWCA, for the existing affordable housing stock that exists, much of it does not meet HUD standards. They also note that it is difficult to find affordable housing for larger families with a sufficient number of bedrooms. Availability of quality affordable housing, the YWCA notes, is essential to re-integrating people suffering from homeless into a more stable living condition. Supportive services funding, according to the YWCA, is hard to come by, so there is a preference to see some HOME-ARP allocation funding used for that purpose.

SUMMARIZE THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED AND UPFRONT CONSULTATION WITH THESE ENTITIES

Although each entity provided a unique perspective on the City's housing issues, some general themes and trends emerged among the diverse group of stakeholders:

- Mental health and substance abuse can become a barrier to re-housing individuals and putting them on a path to self-sufficiency.
- Barriers to accessing housing (i.e. poor credit, background checks, criminal records, etc.) is detrimental to the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness.
- Funding for supportive services that prevent homelessness and address the needs of individuals and families at the greatest risk of housing instability is difficult to find.
- A lack of affordable housing options is detrimental to community members seeking affordable housing.
- Many landlords, especially those that do not live in the community, do not adequately address maintenance or safety issues at their properties.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

DESCRIBE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

- **STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS:** March 9, 2023 – June 22, 2023
- **STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS:** March 17, 2023; March 20, 2023; June 5, 2023, June 6, 2023; June 22, 2023
- **PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** March 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM
- **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** March 15, 2023 – March 30, 2023
- **ALLOCATION PLAN ADOPTION:** March 30, 2023

One (1) individual representing a local non-profit group participated in the public hearing held on March 14, 2023. Surveys and stakeholder interviews were also conducted beginning March 9, 2023. In total, there were ten (10) responses to the survey, and six (6) entities participated in stakeholder interviews.

DESCRIBE THE EFFORTS TO BROADEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In consulting with community stakeholders via survey, participants were asked to describe what services City residents need most to prevent them from becoming homeless. Community stakeholders were encouraged to provide follow-up information or any ideas as they arise. In addition, the City posted an advertisement for the Public Hearing in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette (newspaper of general circulation), as well as invited community stakeholders for stakeholder interviews to get a more in-depth understanding of their organization's insights and needs. Six (6) entities participated in stakeholder interviews: American Rescue Workers, YWCA of Northcentral PA, Northern Tier RHAB/Eastern PA CoC, Lycoming County Housing Authority, Roads to Freedom, and Hope Enterprises, Inc. As more information became available through surveys and phone interviews, the Plan was revised to include feedback from all surveyed participants.

SUMMARIZE THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Comments and recommendations received through the public participation process include the following:

- Funding for supportive services is difficult for non-profits to obtain, but it helps to meet the present needs of individuals at-risk of or facing homelessness and at greatest risk of housing instability.
- Mental health and substance abuse can become a barrier to re-housing individuals and putting them on a path to self-sufficiency.
- Barriers to accessing housing (i.e. poor credit, background checks, physical inaccessibility of the housing unit, etc.) are detrimental to the homeless, those at-risk of homelessness, and those at greatest risk of housing instability.
- A lack of affordable housing options is detrimental to community members seeking affordable housing.
- Many landlords, especially those that do not live in the community, do not adequately address maintenance or safety issues at their properties and are therefore not up to HUD standards.
- Available affordable housing stock does not always meet the needs of larger families (i.e. insufficient number of bedrooms).
- Increased availability of affordable housing relieves pressure on shelters by: (1.) Preventing individuals at-risk of homelessness from becoming homeless, and (2.) Allowing for faster re-housing of individuals staying in shelters.

SUMMARIZE THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ACCEPTED AND REASONS WHY

Comments and recommendations not accepted through the public participation process include the following:

- One question was asked as to whether HOME-ARP funding could be used to fund an Executive Director position for a local non-profit organization (Lycoming Neighborhood Development Corporation). The mission of this nonprofit is housing rehabilitation. This led to a discussion of HUD-approved eligible activities and it, therefore, was determined funding for an Executive Director position is not an eligible activity.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAPS ANALYSIS

Like many communities across the nation, the City struggles to meet the needs of sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, currently housed populations at-risk of homelessness, other families requiring services of housing assistance to prevent homelessness, and those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations. The following analysis integrates data from the Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) Point in Time Count (PIT), CoC Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and stakeholder verification of available shelter and housing inventory. In total, 82 emergency shelter beds, 55 transitional housing beds, and 103 permanent supportive housing beds are available in Lycoming County (a vast majority of which are located in the City – the county seat of Lycoming County). The 2022 PIT notes that there were 128 homeless persons, of which 88 were in emergency shelter, 38 were in transitional shelter, and 2 were unsheltered. Of the 128* homeless persons, 50 were in a family household (w/ at least 1 child), 76 were adult households (w/o children), 3 were veterans, and 27 were victims of domestic violence (*homeless persons may fall into more than one sub-category).

TABLE 2. HOMELESS NEEDS INVENTORY AND GAP ANALYSIS

	CURRENT INVENTORY					HOMELESS POPULATION				GAP ANALYSIS			
	FAMILY		ADULTS ONLY		VETERANS	FAMILY HH (AT LEAST 1 CHILD)	ADULT HH (w/o CHILD)	VETERANS	VICTIMS OF DV	FAMILY		ADULTS ONLY	
	# OF BEDS	# OF UNITS	# OF BEDS	# OF UNITS						# OF BEDS	# OF UNITS	# OF BEDS	# OF UNITS
Emergency Shelter	43	11	39	39	0								
Transitional Housing	10	5	45	45	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	68	20	26	26	9								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Sheltered Homeless						50	76	3	27				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	2	0	0				
Current Gap													

Sources: Point in Time Count (PIT); Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); Consultation

In the City, there are 6,130 rental units in total, of which 3,095 are affordable to households at 30% of the AMI, and 1,625 are affordable to households at 50% of the AMI. When compared to the number of households within the HUD income thresholds experiencing one or more severe housing problems, there is a total gap of 2,535 households. The shortage of units both affordable and available increases housing insecurity and rent pressures on extremely low-income households.

TABLE 3. HOUSING NEEDS INVENTORY AND GAP ANALYSIS

	CURRENT INVENTORY	LEVEL OF NEED	GAP ANALYSIS
	# OF UNITS	# OF HOUSEHOLDS	# OF HOUSEHOLDS
Total Rental Units	6,130		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	3,095		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	1,625		
0% - 30% AMI Renter HH w/1 or More Severe Housing Problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		1,580	
30-50% AMI Renter HH w/1 or More Severe Housing Problems (Other Populations)		955	
Current Gaps			2,535

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

DESCRIBE THE SIZE AND DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS WITHIN THE PJ'S BOUNDARIES

In order to identify the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations, it is important to first understand the demographic composition of the City as a whole. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the City is home to 27,908 people. In total, there are 11,017 households. There are 5,822 families, of which 3,285 are married-couple families. Nonfamily households in the City total 5,195.

TABLE 4. POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND FAMILIES

	Population	Households	Families	Married-Couple Families	Nonfamily Households
City of Williamsport	27,908	11,017	5,822	3,285	5,195
Lycoming County	114,274	45,504	29,201	22,072	16,303
Pennsylvania	12,970,650	5,147,783	3,270,091	2,427,747	1,877,692

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates

The City has a significant portion of residents of a non-white race. A total of 18.0% of City residents are Black or African American, 1.5% are American Indian or Alaska Native, 1.6% are Asian, 1.1% are Some Other Race, and 2.4% are Hispanic or Latino.

TABLE 5. RACE ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH ONE OR MORE RACES

	CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT		LYCOMING COUNTY		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
White	23,090	82.7%	106,796	93.5%	10,649,066	82.1%
Black or African American	5,019	18.0%	7,254	6.3%	1,671,496	12.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	419	1.5%	688	0.6%	99,345	0.8%
Asian	460	1.6%	1,234	1.1%	555,182	4.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	-	0.0%	132	0.1%	15,768	0.1%
Some Other Race	310	1.1%	2,007	1.8%	583,126	4.5%
Hispanic or Latino	680	2.4%	2,485	2.2%	1,023,055	7.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates

As compared to both Lycoming County (\$58,177) and the Commonwealth (\$67,587), the City has a lower median household income (\$45,060). The City also has a comparatively higher proportion of population falling into lower income ranges, with 9.3% of City residents earning less than \$10,000, 8.1% earning between \$10,000 and \$14,999, 13.3% earning between \$15,000 and \$24,999, and 14.9% earning between \$35,000 and \$49,999.

TABLE 6. HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT	LYCOMING COUNTY	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Less than \$10,000	9.3%	5.0%	5.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	8.1%	4.3%	4.0%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	13.3%	9.8%	8.1%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.2%	9.9%	8.4%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14.9%	14.2%	11.6%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	16.6%	20.2%	17.1%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13.2%	14.1%	13.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9.1%	14.5%	16.4%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2.8%	4.5%	7.4%
\$200,000 or more	2.5%	3.6%	8.4%
Median income (dollars)	45,060	58,177	67,587
Mean income (dollars)	60,092	72,694	92,849

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates

The City also has a higher percentage of individuals below the poverty level as compared to the County and Commonwealth. The City contains 24.4% of individuals living below the poverty level, as compared to only 12.3% in the County and 11.8% in the Commonwealth. Despite only containing only 1/4 of the County's overall population, nearly half the County's population living in extreme poverty (below 50% of the poverty level) live within the City.

TABLE 7. POVERTY

	CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT		LYCOMING COUNTY		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Population Below the Poverty Level	5,999	24.4%	13,259	12.3%	1,482,811	11.8%
INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOME BELOW THE FOLLOWING						
50 percent of poverty level	2,719		6,100		684,284	
125 percent of poverty level	7,158		17,689		1,927,817	
150 percent of poverty level	8,550		22,409		2,394,815	
185 percent of poverty level	10,962		30,761		3,089,840	
200 percent of poverty level	11,743		34,067		3,405,923	
300 percent of poverty level	16,096		54,883		5,381,816	
400 percent of poverty level	19,437		72,715		7,173,828	
500 percent of poverty level	21,516		85,724		8,615,805	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates

When examining the City's housing stock, it is apparent that it is both older and in poorer condition than the County and City as a whole. Among all occupied housing units (including both owner-occupied and rental units), 50.7% of the City's housing stock was built in 1939 or earlier. This is a far-higher percentage as compared to the City (29.9%) and the Commonwealth (24.6%). When examining the age of just rental housing units, the same trend emerges. Of the City's rental housing units, 44.2% were built in 1939 or earlier, as compared to 36.5% in the County and 27.5% in the Commonwealth.

TABLE 8. AGE OF HOUSING

	CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT		LYCOMING COUNTY		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS (OWNER-OCCUPIED AND RENTAL)	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
2020 or later	-	0.0%	16	0.0%	5,019	0.1%
2010 to 2019	489	4.4%	1,326	2.9%	207,122	4.0%
2000 to 2009	350	3.2%	2,975	6.5%	423,731	8.2%
1980 to 1999	806	7.3%	8,737	19.2%	992,453	19.3%
1960 to 1979	1,837	16.7%	10,802	23.7%	1,174,348	22.8%
1940 to 1959	1,953	17.7%	8,060	17.7%	1,076,588	20.9%
1939 or earlier	5,582	50.7%	13,588	29.9%	1,268,522	24.6%
RENTAL HOUSING UNITS						
2020 or later	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,364	0.1%
2010 to 2019	437	7.0%	569	4.1%	73,882	4.7%
2000 to 2009	224	3.6%	563	4.1%	86,397	5.4%
1980 to 1999	540	8.7%	1,930	13.9%	269,408	17.0%
1960 to 1979	1,220	19.5%	3,264	23.5%	411,067	25.9%
1940 to 1959	1,061	17.0%	2,473	17.8%	308,685	19.5%
1939 or earlier	2,760	44.2%	5,068	36.5%	436,063	27.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates

The value of an area's housing stock is often indicative of the overall condition of the housing stock. When examining the percentage of occupied housing units (both owner-occupied and rental) containing a value of \$99,999 or less, the City has a far-higher percentage (40.6%) than the County (20.0%) and the Commonwealth (17.6%). The largest disparity is the \$50,000 to \$99,999, where 36.0% of the City's occupied housing units fall, as compared to 17.7% in the County and 13.5% in the Commonwealth. When examining the median value of occupied-housing units (containing all value brackets), the City once again falls behind. The median occupied home value in the City is \$112,200, as compared to \$159,200 in the County and \$190,600.

TABLE 9. VALUE OF HOUSING UNITS WITH A MORTGAGE

	CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT		LYCOMING COUNTY		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	
OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS (OWNER-OCCUPIED AND RENTAL)	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Less than \$50,000	156	4.6%	548	2.3%	85,228	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,218	36.0%	3,297	17.7%	282,575	13.5%
\$100,000 to \$299,999	1,827	53.9%	12,823	68.8%	1,215,150	58.0%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	128	3.8%	1,501	8.1%	365,669	17.5%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	27	0.8%	285	1.5%	99,753	4.8%
\$750,000 to \$999,999	5	0.1%	110	0.6%	26,353	1.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	27	0.8%	70	0.4%	20,037	1.0%
Median Value (Dollars)	\$112,200		\$159,200		\$190,600	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Sheltered & Unsheltered Homeless (QP1)

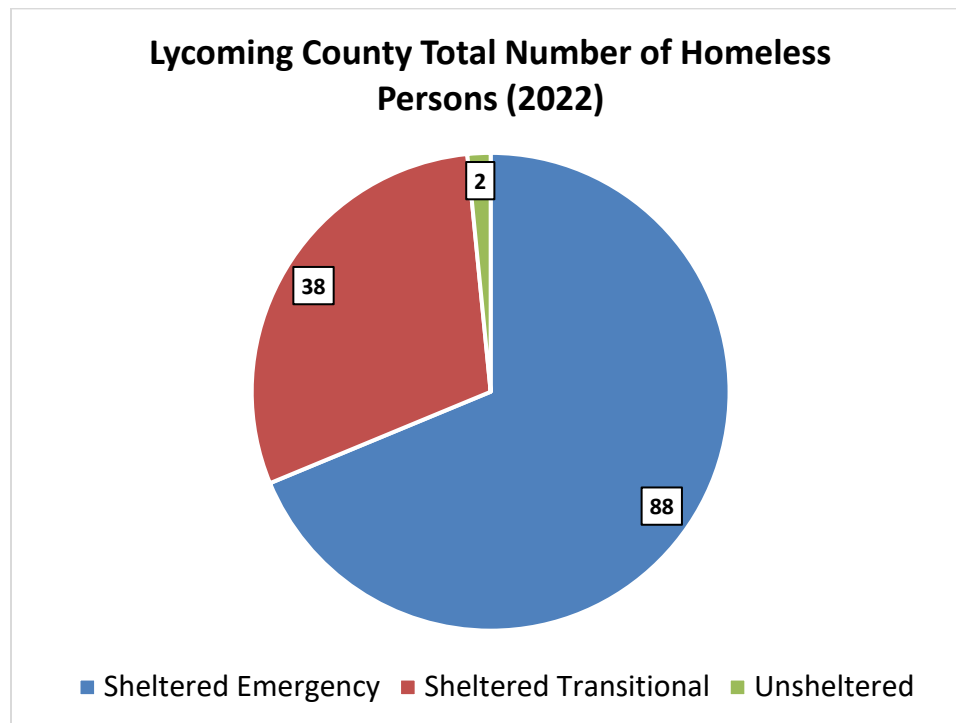
According to a 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count conducted by the Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC), which includes Lycoming County, Lycoming County has a total of 128 individuals experiencing homelessness. Of the 128, 88 were sheltered in emergency shelters, and 38 were sheltered in transitional shelter. Only two (2) were unsheltered. A vast majority of the County's homeless population is sheltered (98.4%). Among subpopulations of homeless residents identified in the PIT, the three highest identified subpopulation groups were number of persons with a disability (26.6%), victims of domestic violence (21.1%), and individuals with severe mental illness (12.5%).

TABLE 10. HOMELESS POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

	SHELTERED		UNSHELTERED	TOTAL
	EMERGENCY	TRANSITIONAL		
Total Number of Homeless Persons	88	38	2	128
Adults (Age 18+)	44	32	2	78
Adults with Children	44	6	0	50
HOMELESS SUBPOPULATIONS				
Unaccompanied Youth	6	5	0	11
Chronically Homeless	4	0	1	5
Severely Mentally Ill	12	3	1	16
Chronic Substance Abuse	5	1	0	6
Persons with HIV/AIDS	1	0	0	1
Total Unduplicated Number of Persons with a Disability	25	8	1	34
Veterans	2	1	0	3
Victims of Domestic Violence	25	2	0	27

Sources: Point in Time Count (PIT); Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); Consultation

FIGURE 1. HOMELESS DEMOGRAPHICS



At-Risk of Homelessness (QP2)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families with an income below 30% of the HUD area median family income (HAMFI). Data for this measure was collected from HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2015-2019 data portal and was collected using the City as the input geography. In total, 2,480 households in the City have a household income below 30% of HAMFI, which puts them at-risk of homelessness. Of these 2,480 households, 365 own the unit, and 2,115 rent the unit.

TABLE 11. CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT RESIDENTS AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

	OWNER		RENTER		TOTAL
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Household Income Below 30% HAMFI (*At-Risk of Homelessness)	365	3.2%	2,115	18.5%	2,480
Household Income 30% to 50% HAMFI	520	4.5%	1,130	9.9%	1,650
Household Income 50% to 80% HAMFI	945	8.3%	1,305	11.4%	2,250
Household Income 80% to 100% HAMFI	625	5.5%	505	4.4%	1,130
Household Income Above 100% HAMFI	2,850	24.9%	1,075	9.4%	3,925
Total	5,305	46.4%	6,130	53.6%	11,435

Source: HUD CHAS 2015-2019 ACS Data

In addition, a significant number of City residents are deemed "cost burdened." Cost burden is the ratio of housing costs to household income. For renters, housing cost is gross rent (contract rent plus utilities). For owners, housing cost is "select monthly owner costs," which includes mortgage payment, utilities, association fees, insurance, and real estate taxes.

TABLE 12. CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOUSING COST BURDEN

	Owner		Renter		Total
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	
Cost Burden <=30%	4,015	35.1%	3,095	27.1%	7,110
Cost Burden >30% to <=50%	725	6.3%	1,300	11.4%	2,025
Cost Burden >50%	529	4.6%	1,625	14.2%	2,154
Cost Burden not available	35	0.3%	120	1.0%	155
Total	5,305	46.4%	6,130	53.6%	11,435

Source: HUD CHAS 2015-2019 ACS Data

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (QP3)

According to PIT count data shown in Table 10, in 2022, 27 of Lycoming County's 128 homeless population were victims of domestic violence. This represents 21.1% of the County's total homeless population. Eastern PA CoC Coordinated Entry data spanning calendar year 2022 also found that of the 292

Coordinated Entry enrollments within the Northern Tier RHAB, 134 were domestic violence survivors¹. In addition, according to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's (PCCD) December 2018 *Pennsylvania Victim Services Needs Assessment*², Lycoming County's most unserved/underserved populations by **victimization** type were:

- **PHYSICAL ASSAULT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST AN OLDER ADULT/SENIOR:** 75.0% of survey respondents
- **DOMESTIC ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** 75.0% of survey respondents
- **HARASSMENT/BULLYING:** 75.0% of survey respondents
- **HUMAN TRAFFICKING (SEX/LABOR):** 75.0% of survey respondents
- **CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE:** 50.0% of survey respondents
- **CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT:** 50.0% of survey respondents
- **RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT:** 50.0% of survey respondents
- **STALKING:** 50.0% of survey respondents

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Crime Data Explorer³, in 2019 (the most recent data year available), the Williamsport Police Department reported 15 cases of rape, of which only five (5) were cleared. This is a significant increase in the number of reported rape cases from only five years earlier, when nine (9) rape cases were reported (a 66.7% increase). Williamsport Police Department also reported 30 cases of aggravated assault in 2019, which was a decrease from prior years, but still significant in terms of the toll on victims.

A 2021 report⁴ by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence indicates that across Pennsylvania, 37.1% of women and 30.4% of men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. The report goes on to say that in 2018, domestic violence accounted for 20% of violent crime. To put the prevalence of domestic violence into perspective, in one day in 2020, 2,574 victims/survivors were served by Pennsylvania domestic violence programs, but 198 requests for domestic violence services went unmet due to a lack of resources. On this same day, Pennsylvania domestic violence hotlines received 1,045 calls, averaging 44 contacts per hour.

According to 2021 data published in Villanova Law's *Report of Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Pennsylvania*⁵, there were two individuals charged for selling sex, and one individual charged for selling sex. An earlier report containing 2020 data⁶ shows that 3 individuals were charged for selling sex. This official data only begins to scratch the surface of a larger human trafficking issue in Lycoming County as

¹ <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dma.associates/viz/EasternPACoC2023GapsAnalysis/EasternPACoC2023GapsAnalysis>

² <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Victim-Services/Documents/2018%20Needs%20Assessment/Complete%20Needs%20Assessment%20File.pdf>

³ <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/home>

⁴ <https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2497/pennsylvania-2021101912193522.pdf>

⁵ <http://cseinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Final-2022-Annual-Report-pages.pdf>

⁶ <http://cseinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Spring-2021-Report-FINAL-pages.pdf>

the Williamsport-area. The presence of U.S. Route 15 and I-180 in Lycoming County exacerbate a regional human trafficking issue⁷.

Efforts were made to secure city-level data on individuals falling within QP3 from the YWCA Northcentral PA (Lycoming County's victim service provider) and from the City of Williamsport Police Department. Unfortunately, these efforts were unsuccessful as data for survivors of human trafficking is not recorded or readily available.

Other Populations Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness and Other Populations at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability (QP4)

In addition to the Qualifying Populations listed above, the City will provide funding to organizations that are working to prevent homelessness and those at greatest risk of housing instability. According to 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy ("CHAS") data from HUD⁸, 1,375 renters within the City have an annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income and is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs. Using the same metric, 190 homeowners meet this same criteria. In total, 1,565 City residents meet HUD's definition of being at the greatest risk of housing instability. The pool of residents at the greatest risk of housing instability due to having an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income as determined by HUD and meeting one of the following conditions of 24 CFR 91.5 is potentially even greater, with 4,130 City residents meeting this income threshold. Stakeholders noted in surveys and interviews that there is great need for supportive services to help transition individuals from unstable living situations and exiting publicly funded institutions or systems of care into a safe, permanent living situation. Consistent with qualitative needs identified in stakeholder interviews and surveys, the City will award funding to organizations that assist families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and households at the greatest risk of housing instability.

Veterans

As shown in Table 10, during the 2022 Point in Time County (PIT) conducted by the Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC), three (3) homeless veterans were counted. Eastern PA CoC Coordinated Entry data spanning calendar year 2022 also found that of the 292 Coordinated Entry enrollments within the Northern Tier RHAB, 309 individuals reported as being a veteran⁹. Stakeholders reported that enhanced supportive services and available affordable housing is needed to accommodate veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described above.

Identify and Consider the Current Resources Available to Assist Qualifying Populations, Including Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter Units, Supportive

⁷ https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/route-15-highway-rife-with-sex-trafficking-through-lycoming-county/article_35b82e64-981f-11e9-b424-5b25a6604987.html

⁸ <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cp.html>

⁹ <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dma.associates/viz/EasternPACoC2023GapsAnalysis/EasternPACoC2023GapsAnalysis>

Services, TBRA, and Affordable and Permanent Supportive Rental Housing (Optional)

The City has a handful of organizations and resources that provide shelter to individuals suffering from homelessness and requiring other housing needs. They include the following:

- **SAVING GRACE SHELTER:** Saving Grace Shelter is a 24-bed year-round emergency shelter with accommodations for men, women, and women with children. They provide immediate temporary housing for homeless people and provide connections with case managers to assist individuals with becoming self-sufficient and obtain safe and permanent housing.
- **AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS:** American Rescue Workers offers 28 beds of emergency shelter and 39 beds of transitional housing. All available beds accommodate men.
- **FAMILY PROMISE OF LYCOMING COUNTY:** Family Promise of Lycoming County is a 19-bed emergency shelter that is affiliated with over 200 Family Promise networks nationwide. Family Promise provides shelter, meals, and intensive case management for families with children who are without homes by partnering with local churches, professional staff, social service organizations, and volunteers.
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WILLIAMSPORT CODE BLUE WARMING SHELTER:** The First United Methodist Church of Williamsport operates a seasonal 25-bed code blue shelter for individuals without adequate heated housing during winter months.
- **YWCA NORTHCENTRAL PA:** The YWCA offers 35 beds of emergency shelter and 80 beds of transitional and permanent supportive housing. They also offer life skills seminars, education workshops, goal setting, and individual counseling.
- **JOURNEY HOUSE (C/O NEW COVENANT UNITED CHURCH):** The Journey House offers 8 beds of transitional housing for families. The Journey House is also affiliated with Project Breakthrough, a self-sufficiency program administered by The Salvation Army.
- **TRANSITIONS OF PA:** Transitions of PA offers 8 beds of transitional housing.
- **LYCOMING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY:** The Lycoming County Housing Authority offers 464 units of affordable housing.
- **TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER:** Transitional Living Center offers a Master Leasing Program, which provides up to a years' worth of rent paid, social security deposit, utilities that are not included, and minimal furnishings.

DESCRIBE THE UNMET AND HOUSING SERVICE NEEDS OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Homeless

As shown in Table 10, a 2022 PIT count for Lycoming County showed that it was home to 128 homeless individuals, of which two (2) were unsheltered. Stakeholder feedback indicates that the existing inventory of emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing may not be enough to satisfy demand, indicating the presence of a larger number of unsheltered individuals. The Eastern PA CoC indicated that the PIT count does not account for individuals who are doubled-up, "couch surfing", or who may have been missed on the very time-specific count. Family Promise indicated in their interview that although they currently have 21 emergency shelter beds and 8 transitional housing beds available, their housing is consistently full. In particular, they note that their transitional housing program is continually full, and their 3 units (consisting of 8 beds) have been full since 2017. Additional survey responses also

note the need for programming and/or case management to ensure that homeless individuals who are re-housed can stay housed.

At-Risk of Homelessness

As shown in Table 11, data collected through HUD's CHAS 2015-2019 ACS Data Portal indicates that 2,480 households in the City are at-risk of homelessness because their income is below 30% of the HAMFI. Table 12 indicates that a significant number of City residents are housing cost burdened. These statistics align with qualitative data collected through the stakeholder outreach process, which indicate that housing affordability and supportive services to prevent homelessness are key to helping those at-risk of homelessness. For example, although STEP, Inc. does not directly house people, they provide rental assistance and barrier remediation to prevent homelessness. They cite a lack of affordable rental housing, a lack of affordable homes, and a lack of emergency shelters as key drivers of homelessness in the City.

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

According to PIT count data, in 2022, 27 of Lycoming County's 128 homeless population were victims of domestic violence. This represents 21.1% of the County's total homeless population. Eastern PA CoC Coordinated Entry data spanning calendar year 2022 also found that of the 292 Coordinated Entry enrollments within the Northern Tier RHAB, 134 were domestic violence survivors. The YWCA of Northcentral PA notes that their shelter space for victims of domestic violence is well-occupied, therefore demonstrating the sheer demand for such services.

Other Populations Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness and Other Populations at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

As shown in Table 11, 2,480 households in the City have a household income below 30% of HAMFI, which puts them at-risk of homelessness. Of these 2,480 households, 365 own the unit, and 2,115 rent the unit.

IDENTIFY ANY GAPS WITHIN THE CURRENT SHELTER AND HOUSING INVENTORY AS WELL AS THE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM

The following gaps were identified within this Allocation Plan through the analysis of data, evaluation of services, and by community stakeholder consultation:

1. Additional affordable rental housing is needed to satisfy demand by housing burdened households.
2. Additional transitional housing is needed to allow individuals time to repair their credit, apply for permanent rental housing, and/or save for homeownership.
3. Case management and/or re-entry assistance (i.e. supportive services that are currently lacking) would assist individuals who are re-housed remain housed.

IDENTIFY THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING ASSOCIATED WITH INSTABILITY AND AN INCREASED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IF THE PJ WILL INCLUDE SUCH CONDITIONS IN ITS DEFINITION OF "OTHER POPULATIONS" AS ESTABLISHED IN THE HOME-ARP NOTICE

As shown in Table 13, HUD's CHAS 2015-2019 ACS Data for the City indicates that 660 owner-occupied and 1,745 renter-occupied households, 2,405 households in total, have at least 1 of 4 severe housing

problems. These households lack safe, economically sustainable housing and are at increased risk of housing instability and homelessness. Table 14 shows a large concentration of households facing housing problems are in the less than 30% HAMFI and between 30%-50% HAMFI household income categories.

TABLE 13. PRESENCE OF HUD-DEFINED HOUSING AND SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS

	OWNER	RENTER	TOTAL
Household has at least 1 of 4 Housing Problems	1,385	3,005	4,390
Household has at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems	660	1,745	2,405

Source: HUD CHAS 2015-2019 ACS Data

TABLE 14. PRESENCE OF HUD-DEFINED HOUSING PROBLEMS BY AMI

	OWNER	RENTER
Household Income Less than 30% HAMFI	300	1,580
Household Income Between 30%-50% HAMFI	370	955

Source: HUD CHAS 2015-2019 ACS Data

As depicted in the above Tables, households that spend more than 30% of their income and live in substandard housing are considered to be unstably housed and at-risk of homelessness. Substandard housing is defined at 24 CFR § 5.425, which reads:

(a) When unit is substandard. (See§ 5.415(a)(2) and (c)(2)(ii) for applicability of this section to the Moderate Rehabilitation programs.) A unit is substandard if it:

- 1) Is dilapidated;
- 2) Does not have operable indoor plumbing;
- 3) Does not have a usable flush toilet inside the unit for the exclusive use of a family;
- 4) Does not have a usable bathtub or shower inside the unit for the exclusive use of a family;
- 5) Does not have electricity, or has inadequate or unsafe electrical service
- 6) Does not have a safe or adequate source of heat;
- 7) Should, but does not, have a kitchen; or
- 8) Has been declared unfit for habitation by an agency or unit of government.

(b) Other definitions-

- 1) Dilapidated unit. A housing unit is dilapidated if:
 - i) The units do not provide safe and adequate shelter, and in its present condition endangers the health, safety, or well-being of a family; or
 - ii) The unit has one or more critical defects, or a combination of intermediate defects in sufficient number or extent to require considerable repair or rebuilding. The defects may involve original construction, or they may result from continued neglect or lack of repair from serious damage to the structure.

Identify Priority Needs for Qualifying Populations

Based upon the qualitative data collected from community stakeholders and quantitative data collected from secondary sources, it has become apparent that the availability of affordable and accessible rental housing is a great need, particularly for those individuals and households with incomes less than 30% of the HAMFI. In addition, HUD CHAS data indicates that much of the City's affordable housing stock suffers from housing or severe housing problems. The issues of affordability, accessibility, and condition can be rectified through the following:

- Creation of new affordable housing stock
- Direct rehabilitation of existing affordable housing stock
- Rehabilitation assistance to homeowners

In addition, escalating rental costs and an increasing number of people at-risk of homelessness has created increased demand for rental assistance and supportive services (including case management, legal services, homeless prevention services, reducing barriers to entry, etc.). These activities will help the homeless identify and access housing and become stably housed and prevent homelessness among households who are at the greatest risk.

Explain How the Level of Need and Gaps in the Shelter and Housing Inventory and Service Delivery Systems Based on the Data Presented in the Plan were Determined

In addition to feedback from community stakeholders and a public hearing, the following plans and data sources were consulted to determine needs and system gaps for HOME-ARP qualifying populations:

- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2021 5-Year Estimates
- HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2015-2019 Data
- Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count
- Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) 2023 Gaps Analysis
- Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) 2022 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Crime Data Explorer
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency's (PCCD's) *Pennsylvania Victim Services Needs Assessment* (2018)
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2021)
- The Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation (2021 and 2020)

HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

DESCRIBE THE METHOD(S) THAT WILL BE USED FOR SOLICITING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING AND/OR SELECTING DEVELOPERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, SUBRECIPIENTS, AND/OR CONTRACTORS

The City of Williamsport Community and Economic Development Department will invite any non-profit or developer/owner (sub-recipient) that is looking to apply for funding and/or resources from the City for the new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and/or preservation of affordable housing or non-congregate shelter to submit a proposal for funding. Likewise, non-profit organizations (sub-recipients and service providers) seeking funding and/or resources for supportive services, non-profit operating capacity, or non-profit capacity building will also be invited to submit a proposal for funding. The City of

Williamsport Community and economic Development Department will develop a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and Program Guidelines to engage prospective applicants and provide them with information (Program Guidelines) to submit an applicant in compliance with HOME-ARP Supplement regulations. Staff will also be available to answer questions from prospective applications during this period. A Scoring Sheet will also be developed to score and rank submitted applications. The City of Williamsport Community and Economic Development Department will assemble a project selection committee, comprised of City staff, to participate in the scoring and deliberation process. A unified Scoring Sheet will ensure that all prospective applications are being evaluated in an equitable manner. The NOFO will be released in late-2023, with awards anticipated to be released in early-2024.

The proposed activity, including the proposed qualifying population(s) to be served, will be evaluated in accordance with the City's HOME-ARP allocation priorities, preferences, prioritization (if any), and projects that address qualifying populations will be considered. The City is not currently establishing preference or priority as part of its scoring criteria for the HOME-ARP proposals for funding. Applications for HOME-ARP must meet the minimum program eligibility and threshold requirements. Depending on the nature of the proposed activity, site inspections may be conducted by City staff. An evaluation of the site's feasibility, financial underwriting, and developer capacity/capability assessment will be completed and considered as part of the review process.

DESCRIBE WHETHER THE PJ WILL ADMINISTER ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY

The City will not administer and oversee its eligible projects directly. Rather, it will enter into HOME agreements with developers of affordable rental housing projects and qualifying non-profit organizations (sub-recipients and service providers) to execute sub-recipient agreements.

IF ANY PORTION OF THE PJ'S HOME-ARP ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS ARE PROVIDED TO A SUB-RECIPIENT OR CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO HUD'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN BECAUSE THE SUB-RECIPIENT 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 HOME-ARP PROGRAM

The City will not be distributing any portion of its HOME-ARP administrative funds to a sub-recipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

USE OF HOME-ARP FUNDING

TABLE 15. USE OF HOME-ARP FUNDING

	FUNDING AMOUNT	PERCENT OF THE GRANT	STATUTORY LIMIT
Supportive Services	\$266,442		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$266,440		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$133,220		
Non-Profit Operating	\$44,406	5%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$44,406	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$133,220	15%	15%
TOTAL HOME-ARP ALLOCATION	\$888,134		

DESCRIBE HOW THE PJ WILL DISTRIBUTE HOME-ARP FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PRIORITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN ITS NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS

To most effectively address the needs of residents falling within a qualified population, the City is allocating approximately 30% of its HOME-ARP funds for supportive services and approximately 30% for the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters, recognizing that long-term supportive services and preventing of homelessness are critical to ensuring stability and success in permanent housing for vulnerable households. Stakeholders also noted that funding for supportive services and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters is difficult to secure from other sources, which makes HOME-ARP funding a unique opportunity to address the root causes facing qualified populations. It is a goal of the City to work with supportive service providers and established providers of non-congregate shelter beds/units to provide the resources necessary to continue their work. By reducing the number of individuals at-risk of homelessness or at greatest risk of housing instability (and later seek services and shelter for homelessness), organizations providing services and shelters to the homeless will have the resources to more effectively serve these qualified populations. The City will distribute this funding in the form of grants to sub-recipients.

Qualitative and quantitative data collected as part of this Plan also indicates that a lack of quality, affordable housing units is an unmet need within the City. The rising cost of rent, undesirable condition of much of the existing affordable housing stock, and high-demand for suitable affordable housing stock has caused the development of affordable rental housing to rise to the top of the City's HOME-ARP priorities. The City is allocating 15% of its HOME-ARP funds for creation of affordable housing units for qualified populations, which will greatly benefit those at-risk of homelessness or at greatest risk of housing instability. The City has chosen to allocate a lower percentage of available HOME-ARP funding due to the availability of other funding sources available to develop affordable rental housing, such as HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, HUD HOME funding, and PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Funding (PHARE) funding. Funding for supportive services and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters is not as readily available, hence the higher percentage of HOME-ARP funding dedicated to those subcategories.

While the City recognizes that tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) could be of great benefit in securing affordable housing for qualifying populations, an interview with the local PHA, the Lycoming County Housing Authority, suggested further barriers to this approach. As a current administrator of TBRA through their Housing Choice Voucher Program, they note that landlord participation is minimal and participants in this program typically max-out their allotted house search time. Therefore, no HOME-ARP funding was committed to this subcategory.

A total of 5% will be used for non-profit operating costs, 5% for non-profit capacity building, and 15% for the City's role of administration and planning. HOME-ARP funds will be used for individuals and families from all of the following qualifying populations: homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other populations where providing assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

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

As shown in the above Tables and stakeholder interview studies, there is a massive gap in the support services needed to adequately prevent homelessness within the City. In addition, the availability and condition affordable rental housing and non-congregate shelter units within the City does not meet the needs of qualifying populations. Many individuals are unable to afford the rent and are therefore cost burdened or severely cost burdened. For the affordable rental housing stock that does exist, much of it possesses housing problems or severe housing problems. Community stakeholder interviews verified that many out-of-town property owners do not maintain their rental properties to appropriate standards. In addition, some landlords are unwilling to accept rental assistance or have tenant selection policies that act as barriers for special needs populations. If the problem of housing affordability progresses and households and families lose their homes, shelters lack bed capacity for households experiencing homelessness. Due to the existing lack of suitable affordable rental housing, it is difficult for social service agencies to move individuals and families out of shelters and back into permanent rental units. With these considerations in mind, the City's emphasis with HOME-ARP funds will be to fund essential supportive services to address the root causes of homelessness, assist qualified shelter providers with acquiring and developing non-congregate shelter space needed to accommodate individuals facing homelessness (as demonstrated in **Table 2. Homeless Needs Inventory and Gaps Analysis**), develop new affordable rental housing units to address the shortage of units (as demonstrated in **Table 3. Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis**), and assist non-profits with the resources to operate and build capacity in the pursuit of ending homelessness.

HOME-ARP PRODUCTION HOUSING GOALS

ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING UNITS FOR QUALIFYING POPULATIONS THAT THE PJ WILL PRODUCE OR SUPPORT WITH ITS HOME-ARP ALLOCATION

It is estimated that the City's HOME-ARP allocation will be used to create or improve a minimum of 4 new units of affordable housing.

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

It is anticipated that the City's HOME-ARP funds will be used to create or improve a minimum of 4 new units of affordable housing. The City's priority goal established by this Plan is to increase the number of affordable rental units available in the City. Providing funds for rental housing production directly supports the advancement of this goal.

PREFERENCES

IDENTIFY WHETHER THE PJ INTENDS TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO ONE OR MORE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS OR A SUBPOPULATION WITHIN ONE OR MORE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS FOR ANY ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY OR PROJECT

The City does not intend to give preference to one or more of the qualifying populations. The City's intentions are to provide services to every individual that meets the definition of a "Qualifying Population."

IF A PREFERENCE WAS IDENTIFIED, EXPLAIN HOW THE USE OF A PREFERENCE OR METHOD OF PRIORITIZATION WILL ADDRESS THE UNMET NEED OR GAP IN BENEFITS AND SERVICES RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE QUALIFYING POPULATION OR CATEGORY OF QUALIFYING POPULATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE PJ'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS

Not Applicable

IF A PREFERENCE WAS IDENTIFIED, EXPLAIN HOW THE PJ WILL USE HOME-ARP FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE UNMET NEEDS OR GAPS IN BENEFITS AND SERVICES OF THE OTHER QUALIFYING POPULATIONS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PREFERENCE

Not Applicable

LIMITATIONS IN A HOME-ARP RENTAL HOUSING OR NCS PROJECT

DESCRIBE WHETHER THE PJ INTENDS TO LIMIT ELIGIBILITY FOR A HOME-ARP RENTAL HOUSING OR NCS PROJECT TO A PARTICULAR QUALIFYING POPULATION OR SPECIFIC SUBPOPULATION OF A QUALIFYING POPULATION IDENTIFIED IN SECTION IV.A OF THE NOTICE

The City is not establishing limitations on eligibility.

IF A PJ INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT A LIMITATION, EXPLAIN WHY THE USE OF A LIMITATION IS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE UNMET NEED OR GAP IN BENEFITS AND SERVICES RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE QUALIFYING POPULATION OR SUBPOPULATION OF QUALIFYING POPULATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE PJ'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS

The City is not establishing limitations on eligibility.

IF A LIMITATION WAS IDENTIFIED, DESCRIBE HOW THE PJ WILL ADDRESS THE UNMET NEEDS OR GAPS IN BENEFITS AND SERVICES OF THE OTHER QUALIFYING POPULATIONS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIMITATION THROUGH THE USE OF HOME-ARP FUNDS (I.E. THROUGH ANOTHER OF THE PJ'S HOME-ARP PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES)

Not Applicable

HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES

The City does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing in order to rehabilitate affordable units with HOME-ARP funds. Should the City determine that HOME-ARP funds for refinancing are a priority use, the guidelines for doing so will be in conformance with the HOME-ARP program notice and will be submitted to HUD for review.

APPENDIX 1 – PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

2023 HOME ARP Plan First Public Hearing

The City of Williamsport (City) will be submitting a substantial Amendment for the City's Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Amendment will include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The City was awarded \$888,134.00 in HOME-ARP funds in a one-time allocation from HUD to benefit Qualifying Populations in the City.

A Public Hearing for informational purposes will be held on March 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM at the Transit Centre II, 3rd Floor, 100 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA, 17701. All interested parties that are unable to attend may present written comments in advance of the scheduled hearing to The City of Williamsport, Community & Economic Development Department at 570-327-7511 or amenmi@cityof-williamsport.org.

The City will place the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on display starting March 15, 2023 and ending on March 30, 2023. The Plan will be available on the City's website and at the office of the City's Community & Economic Development Department, located at 100 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be presented to the Williamsport City Council for approval at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 30, 2023.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) assists individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The City of Williamsport does not discriminate in access to, participation in, or treatment or employment in its federally funded programs or services. In the event the public believes that discrimination, denied accessibility, or denied equal opportunity has occurred, John Sander at the City of Williamsport may be reached at jsander@cityofwilliamsport.org or 570-220-1872.

Technical assistance will be provided upon request to any groups or persons, especially LMI persons or their representatives, when developing proposals intending to use HOME ARP funds. The Williamsport City Council will strive to make all programs and activities accessible to the learning, mobility, vision, hearing and language-impaired persons. These meetings are accessible to individuals with disabilities and persons with Limited English Proficiency. If you wish to attend and have a disability or Limited English Proficiency and require special accommodations, please notify August Memmi at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled hearing at 570-327-7511 or amenmi@cityofwilliamsport.org to make such arrangements.

Any complaints should be written and submitted to August Memmi at Community & Economic Development, 570-327-7511 or amenmi@cityofwilliamsport.org. Written responses will be addressed within 15 working days when practicable.

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APPENDIX 2 – COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESPONSES

Survey Respondents:

- American Rescue Workers
- Center for Independent Living of Northcentral Pennsylvania (Roads to Freedom)
- Hope Enterprises, Inc.
- Family Promise of Lycoming County
- Journey House
- Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP, Inc).
- Lycoming County Housing Authority
- Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs
- Transitional Living Centers, Inc.
- YWCA Northcentral PA

AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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American Rescue Workers**ORGANIZATION**

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: _____
 - a) Homeless service provider
 - b) Domestic violence service provider
 - c) Veterans' groups
 - d) Public housing agency
 - e) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations
 - f) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
 - g) Other: **Homeless shelters, emergency assistance with eviction prevention, food pantry**
2. What is the name of your organization? **American Rescue Workers**
3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?
 - a. _____ Less than 500
 - b. _____ 501 to 750
 - c. _____ 751 to 1000
 - d. _____ 1001 to 1500
 - e. _____ 1501 to 2000
 - f. X Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

___3___ Lack of emergency shelters

___1___ Lack of affordable rental housing

___6___ Lack of affordable homes

___4___ Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)

___5___ Quality of housing stock

___2___ Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)

_____ Housing is not an issue

_____ Other: _____

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

g. ___x___ Extremely affordable rental housing

h. ___x___ Supportive services to prevent homelessness

i. _____ Accessible units/disability services

j. ___x___ Non-congregate shelter beds

k. _____ Other: **Case management for those exiting shelters.**

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

a. ___70___ Bed(s)

b. _____ Unit (s)

c. _____ Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	24									
Transitional Housing	46									
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- a. ☐ Yes (55+)
- b. ☐ Yes (62+)
- c. ☐ Yes (65+)
- d. ☐ Yes (Other)
- e. ☒ No Age Restriction
- f. ☐ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

This is probably better discussed in person or via phone...The answer to this question varies based on the client population – affordable housing, rental assistance, transportation, childcare, case management, education, education about existing resources, peer support...

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- a. 1 Development of more affordable housing
- b. 2 Supportive services
- c. 3 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN COMPLETING THIS SURVEY. PLEASE RETURN TO:

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CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OF NORTHCENTRAL PA (“ROADS TO FREEDOM”)**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer:

- h) Homeless service provider
- i) Domestic violence service provider
- j) Veterans' groups
- k) Public housing agency
- l) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations
- m) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities**
- n) Other: _____

2. What is the name of your organization? **Roads to Freedom Center for Independent Living**

3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?

- l. _____ Less than 500
- m. **X** 501 to 750
- n. _____ 751 to 1000
- o. _____ 1001 to 1500
- p. _____ 1501 to 2000
- q. _____ Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

- 5** Lack of emergency shelters
- 2** Lack of affordable rental housing
- 6** Lack of affordable homes
- 3** Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)
- 7** Quality of housing stock
- 4** Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)
- _____ Housing is not an issue
- 1** Other: **Accessible Housing**

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

- r. ☒ Extremely affordable rental housing
- s. ☐ Supportive services to prevent homelessness
- t. ☒ Accessible units/disability services
- u. ☐ Non-congregate shelter beds
- v. ☐ Other:

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

Roads to Freedom does not directly provide housing. Our agency assists people to find housing and works with other housing groups to promote accessible/affordable housing.

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families? **N/A**

- d. Bed(s)
- e. Unit (s)
- f. Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter										
Transitional Housing										
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted? **N/A**

- g. ☐ Yes (55+)
- h. ☐ Yes (62+)
- i. ☐ Yes (65+)
- j. ☐ Yes (Other)
- k. ☐ No Age Restriction
- l. ☐ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

Representative payee service, financial literacy programs, rents that do not consume more than one-half of a person's monthly income, and landlords that do not stereotype tenants with disabilities as people with less value than a person without a disability.

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

1 - Accessible/Affordable Housing

2 - Supportive Services

3 - Accessible Shelter Facilities

HOPE ENTERPRISES, INC.**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

Hope Enterprises, Inc.

The City of Williamsport is receiving supplemental funds from the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME-ARP) Program to fund a variety of projects and services aimed at reducing homelessness and increasing the availability of affordable housing. Your input will assist the City in determining the best use for these funds.

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: _____
 - o) Homeless service provider
 - p) Domestic violence service provider
 - q) Veterans' groups
 - r) Public housing agency
 - s) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations
 - t) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
 - u) Other: Non-Profit supporting persons with disabilities. Offering Home, community, and residential supports.
2. What is the name of your organization? Hope Enterprises, Inc.
3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?
 - w. _____ Less than 500
 - x. _____ 501 to 750
 - y. _____ 751 to 1000
 - z. X 1001 to 1500
 - aa. _____ 1501 to 2000
 - bb. _____ Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):
 - N/A Lack of emergency shelters
 - 1 Lack of affordable rental housing

- 3 Lack of affordable homes
- 2 Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)
- 4 Quality of housing stock
- N/A Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)
- Housing is not an issue
- Other: _____

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

- cc. Extremely affordable rental housing
- dd. X Supportive services to prevent homelessness
- ee. X Accessible units/disability services
- ff. Non-congregate shelter beds
- gg. Other: _____

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

N/A

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

- g. 43 Bed(s)
- h. 17 Unit (s)
- i. Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter										

Transitional Housing										
Permanent Supportive Housing			43	17						
Affordable Housing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- m. ☐ Yes (55+)
- n. ☐ Yes (62+)
- o. ☐ Yes (65+)
- p. ☐ Yes (Other)
- q. ☒ No Age Restriction
- r. ☐ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

Streamline access to existing services and simplify access points.

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- d. 2 Development of more affordable housing
- e. 1 Supportive services
- f. 3 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

FAMILY PROMISE OF LYCOMING COUNTY**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

Family Promise of Lycoming County

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: A, E_____

- a) Homeless service provider
- b) Domestic violence service provider
- c) Veterans' groups
- d) Public housing agency
- e) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations
- f) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
- g) Other: _____

2. What is the name of your organization?

_Family Promise of Lycoming County _____

2. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?

- a. _____ Less than 500
- b. _____ 501 to 750
- c. _____ 751 to 1000
- d. _____ 1001 to 1500
- e. _____ 1501 to 2000
- f. __x__ Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

_____ Lack of emergency shelters

_2_____ Lack of affordable rental housing

_____ Lack of affordable homes

_____ Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)

_3_____ Quality of housing stock

_1_____ Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)

_____ Housing is not an issue

_____ Other: _Property owners who rent are not from the area and do not care about the quality of their properties or the safety of their property. This makes finding housing difficult for those who are concerned for their children . Also, the lack of income based housing available is an issue recently.

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

g. _x_____ Extremely affordable rental housing

h. _x_____ Supportive services to prevent homelessness

i. _____ Accessible units/disability services

j. _____ Non-congregate shelter beds

k. _x_____ Other: _Transitional type housing which allows for a period of set time at income based prices which would allow people to repair credit and save for home ownership, or even being considered for rental. This opportunity would allow for judgements to be paid which impact rental opportunities.

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

_Family Promise provides a semi-permanent opportunity for those coming out of homelessness which allows for up to a 3 year stay. I could fill this program up continually. We have 3 current units which have been full continually since

2017. _____

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

- a. 21 Bed(s)
- b. 3 Unit (s) (Semi-permanent)
- c. Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	21	4								
Transitional Housing	8	3								
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- a. Yes (55+)
- b. Yes (62+)
- c. Yes (65+)
- d. Yes (Other)
- e. x No Age Restriction
- f. Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

 We have been very successful at providing both prevention and diversion services for those about to become homeless. Providing advocacy with landlords and rental funds have allowed for about 97% of those who participate to stay in their homes. Giving breathing room for those experiencing possible homelessness by a reboot of the financial literacy, budgeting assistance, and rental funds with landlord contact seems to be more successful than just paying rents. The other issue is that affordable childcare

would assist, especially families, in maintaining employment which would allow them to work and pay child care. We have had many individuals over the years who could find employment but not the child care needed to accept a position. Especially, second or third shift. Most daycares or summer camps are full with waiting lists. Not enough availability or affordability.

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- a. x ____ Development of more affordable housing
- b. x ____ Supportive services
- c. ____ Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

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JOURNEY HOUSE**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

Journey House

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: Homeless Provider

a) Homeless service provider

b) Domestic violence service provider

c) Veterans' groups

d) Public housing agency

e) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations

f) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities

g) Other: _____

2. What is the name of your organization? Journey House

3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?

d. __X__ Less than 500

e. _____ 501 to 750

f. _____ 751 to 1000

g. _____ 1001 to 1500

h. _____ 1501 to 2000

i. _____ Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

2 Lack of emergency shelters

1 Lack of affordable rental housing

4 Lack of affordable homes

3 Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)

4 Quality of housing stock

3 Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)

_____ Housing is not an issue—**IT IS AN ISSUE!**

_____ Other: _____

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

- a. X Extremely affordable rental housing
- b. X Supportive services to prevent homelessness
- c. _____ Accessible units/disability services
- d. _____ Non-congregate shelter beds
- e. _____ Other:

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints: **N/A, transitional housing**

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

- a. 20 Bed(s)
- b. 4 Unit (s)
- c. _____ Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter										
Transitional Housing	20	4								
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										
Rapid Rehousing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- a. ____ Yes (55+)
- b. ____ Yes (62+)
- c. ____ Yes (65+)
- d. ____ Yes (Other)
- e. ____ No Age Restriction, but we do not house unaccompanied youth.
- f. ____ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

More affordable units. More funding for homeless prevention- the only organization that is funded for homeless prevention is Step, Inc. Transitional housing due to lack of affordable housing options in our community. Mental health and substance abuse are also a concern and barrier for individuals to attain self-sufficiency.

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- a. 2 Development of more affordable housing
- b. 1 Supportive services
- c. 3 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

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LYCOMING- CLINTON COUNTIES COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION (STEP, INC).**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP, Inc).

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: Community Action Agency

- a) Homeless service provider
- b) Domestic violence service provider
- c) Veterans' groups
- d) Public housing agency
- e) (Non-profit) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations.
- f) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
- g) Other: Non-profit, Private.

2. What is the name of your organization?

Lycoming- Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP, Inc).

3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?

- a. _____ Less than 500
- b. _____ 501 to 750
- c. _____ 751 to 1000
- d. _____ 1001 to 1500
- e. _____ 1501 to 2000
- f. X Over 2000

In 2022, STEP served over 18,600 in all of Lycoming and Clinton counties.

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

- 3 Lack of emergency shelters
- 1 Lack of affordable rental housing
- 2 Lack of affordable homes
- 6 Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)
- 5 Quality of housing stock
- 4 Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)
- 0 Housing is not an issue
- Other: Note: All of these are extremely important and very much need assistance.

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

- g. X Extremely affordable rental housing
- h. X Supportive services to prevent homelessness
- i. Accessible units/disability services
- j. Non-congregate shelter beds
- k. X Other: Supportive services- families presenting with many barriers need more funding for service navigation and intensive case management.

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

STEP does not house individuals but do provide rental assistance and barrier remediation.

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

- a. 0 Bed(s)
- b. 0 Unit (s)
- c. X Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter										
Transitional Housing										
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- a. ____ Yes (55+)
- b. ____ Yes (62+)
- c. ____ Yes (65+)
- d. ____ Yes (Other)
- e. ____ No Age Restriction
- f. ____ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

Intense case management; collaborative database usage

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- a. 1 Development of more affordable housing*
- b. 1 Supportive services**
- c. 1 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

*All are extremely important.

**STEP can support this improvement.

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LYCOMING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

Lycoming County Housing Authority

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: D Public Housing Agency
 - a) Homeless service provider
 - b) Domestic violence service provider
 - c) Veterans' groups
 - d) Public housing agency
 - e) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations
 - f) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
 - g) Other: _____
2. What is the name of your organization?
Lycoming Housing Authority
3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?
 - a. _____ Less than 500
 - b. _____ 501 to 750
 - c. _____ 751 to 1000
 - d. _____ 1001 to 1500
 - e. X 1501 to 2000
 - f. _____ Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

- 1 Lack of emergency shelters
- 3 Lack of affordable rental housing
- 4 Lack of affordable homes
- 5 Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)
- 0 Quality of housing stock
- 0 Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)
- 6 Housing is not an issue
- 2 Other: Lack of landlords willing to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

- g. X Extremely affordable rental housing
- h. Supportive services to prevent homelessness
- i. X Accessible units/disability services
- j. Non-congregate shelter beds
- k. Other:

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

- a. Bed(s)
- b. 464 Unit (s)
- c. Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affordable Housing		464								

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- a. ☐ Yes (55+)
- b. ☐ Yes (62+)
- c. ☐ Yes (65+)
- d. ☐ Yes (Other)
- e. ☒ No Age Restriction
- f. ☐ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

I believe there has been an increase in residents who are experiencing mental health issues which can make it difficult for them to adhere to the terms and conditions of a lease. Supportive services are needed to assist these individuals so that they do not become homeless. There also appears to be a shortage of shelters/emergency housing.

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- a. 3 Development of more affordable housing
- b. 2 Supportive services
- c. 1 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN COMPLETING THIS SURVEY. PLEASE RETURN TO:

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LYCOMING COUNTY OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: _____c_____

- v) Homeless service provider
- w) Domestic violence service provider
- x) Veterans' groups
- y) Public housing agency
- z) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations
- aa) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
- bb) Other: _____

2. What is the name of your organization?

Lycoming County Office of Veterans Affairs

3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?

- hh. _____ Less than 500
- ii. _____ 501 to 750
- jj. _____ 751 to 1000
- kk. _____ 1001 to 1500
- ll. _____ 1501 to 2000
- mm. X Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

☐ 3 Lack of emergency shelters

☐ 1 Lack of affordable rental housing

☐ 2 Lack of affordable homes

☐ Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)

☐ Quality of housing stock

☐ 4 Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)

☐ Housing is not an issue

☐ Other: _____

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

nn. ☒ Extremely affordable rental housing

oo. ☒ Supportive services to prevent homelessness

pp. ☐ Accessible units/disability services

qq. ☐ Non-congregate shelter beds

rr. ☐ Other: _____

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

Not applicable

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

j. ☐ Bed(s)

k. ☐ Unit (s)

l. ☒ Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter										
Transitional Housing										
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- s. ____ Yes (55+)
- t. ____ Yes (62+)
- u. ____ Yes (65+)
- v. ____ Yes (Other)
- w. ____ No Age Restriction
- x. ____ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

Affordable housing units

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- d. 2 Development of more affordable housing
- e. 1 Supportive services
- f. 3 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

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TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTERS, INC.**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

Transitional Living Centers, Inc.

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: _____

- a) Homeless service provider
- b) Domestic violence service provider
- c) Veterans' groups
- d) Public housing agency
- e) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations
- f) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities
- g) Other: Community Corrections Facility- contracted with the Department of Corrections

2. What is the name of your organization?

Transitional Living Centers, Inc.

3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?

- a. ☒ Less than 500
- b. ☐ 501 to 750
- c. ☐ 751 to 1000
- d. ☐ 1001 to 1500
- e. ☐ 1501 to 2000
- f. ☐ Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

___5___ Lack of emergency shelters

___1___ Lack of affordable rental housing

___6___ Lack of affordable homes

___4___ insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)

___3___ Quality of housing stock

___2___ Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)

___7___ Housing is not an issue

___ Other: _____

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

g. ___X___ Extremely affordable rental housing

h. _____ Supportive services to prevent homelessness

i. ___X___ Accessible units/disability services

j. _____ Non-congregate shelter beds

k. _____ Other: _____

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints:

Transitional Living Centers, Inc. is a lead agency for a PHARE grant called the Master Leasing Program. The Master Leasing Program works with client(s) that have a mental illness; criminal background; AOD history; and/or homeless. The mission of the program is to assist the client(s) with housing and to become self-sufficient and independent. Master Leasing provides up to a years' worth of rent paid, social security deposit, utilities that are not included, and minimal furnishings. This program provides a minimal amount of program fees towards case management, therefore we provide the most needed service at limited capacity.

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

a. ___58___ Bed(s) 24 male beds; 34 female beds

b. ___3___ Unit (s) 900 West Third St., 309 Maynard St., and 616 West Edwin St.

c. ___ Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are **dedicated** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units:

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter										
Transitional Housing			58	3						
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- a. ☐ Yes (55+)
- b. ☐ Yes (62+)
- c. ☐ Yes (65+)
- d. ☒ Yes (Other) 18 and over- *referred to us by the Department of Corrections*
- e. ☐ No Age Restriction
- f. ☐ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

The individuals I work with have never truly been taught how to manage money, pay bills, plan ahead for the unexpected, they have always lived paycheck to paycheck; therefore when an emergency occurs they get behind and can never fully get back on track. While in my program- we provide them case management and can guide them but once they leave our services we are no longer at their fingertips. I believe many clients would benefit from case management or a life coach at no cost to them. However, I also believe this case manager needs to work with their work schedules and it may not be the normal 8am-5pm. STEP currently assists with utility assistance which is great but it's also income based and some individuals are lucky to be paid above that threshold.

Drug and alcohol/mental health counseling- mental health counseling and the ability to see a psychiatrist is severely lacking in Lycoming County. Individuals can go months until they finally have a face to face

appointment and most likely it is still telehealth. While telehealth is great, the clients are not able to develop that relationship with their doctor and be able to effectively get the treatment they need/deserve. Due to the lack of mental health services many clients self-medicate and begin the downward spiral to addiction and self-destruction.

I also believe the city is missing out on a true emergency homeless shelter. Currently, we have two shelters that require an application process as well as an extensive wait list. Where are the individuals supposed to go at night for a warm and safe place to sleep even if it's just for a night or two?

The current nonprofits that serve this population are overwhelmed with the amount of clients, lack of staff, lack of funding, and the lack of resources to help these individuals move on from our programs and gain self-sufficiency.

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- a. 1 Development of more affordable housing
- b. 2 Supportive services
- c. 3 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

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YWCA NORTHCENTRAL PA**CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT HOME-ARP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

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Please respond as soon as possible but no later than March 14, 2023:

YWCA Northcentral PA

ORGANIZATION

1. What type of organization do you work for? Answer: _____

a) Homeless service provider

b) Domestic violence service provider

c) Veterans' groups

d) Public housing agency

e) Public agency that addresses the needs of the qualifying populations

f) Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities

g) Other: _____

2. What is the name of your organization? **YWCA Northcentral PA**

3. How many people does your agency/organization serve on an annual basis?

a. _____ Less than 500

b. _____ 501 to 750

c. _____ 751 to 1000

d. _____ 1001 to 1500

e. **_____ 1501 to 2000**

f. _____ Over 2000

RANKING ISSUES

4. Based on your experience working with various unserved and/or underserved populations within the City of Williamsport, how would you rank the following issues (1 being highest priority):

☒ 6 Lack of emergency shelters

☒ 1 Lack of affordable rental housing

☒ 5 Lack of affordable homes

☒ 3 Insufficient housing stock (Types of housing do not fit needs of residents)

☒ 4 Quality of housing stock

☒ 2 Barriers to accessing housing (poor credit, background checks, etc.)

_____ Housing is not an issue—**IT IS AN ISSUE!**

_____ Other: _____

HOUSING NEEDS

5. As it relates to the unmet housing needs of the population your agency/organization serves, please identify all that apply:

g. ☒ Extremely affordable rental housing

h. ☒ Supportive services to prevent homelessness

i. _____ Accessible units/disability services

j. _____ Non-congregate shelter beds

k. _____ Other:

6. If you are a permanent supportive housing service provider, what supportive services are you unable to provide, or are providing at a limited capacity, due to lack of funds or programmatic constraints: **N/A, we have emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and transitional housing.**

7. How many beds and/or units does your agency/organization currently have available to serve individuals or families?

a. ☒ 95 Bed(s)

b. ☒ 73 Unit (s)

c. _____ Our agency/organization does not directly house individuals or families

8. If your agency/organization does provide direct housing to individuals or families, how many beds and/or units are ***dedicated*** specifically for the following resident types? Please fill out the following table with the number of beds and/or units: **Numbers below fluctuate depending on the need of families/individuals we serve. I added Rapid Rehousing to the chart below.**

	Families/Everyone		Adults Only		Children Only		Veterans		Victims of Domestic Violence	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter									34	30
Transitional Housing	28	35								
Permanent Supportive Housing										
Affordable Housing										
Rapid Rehousing									33	15

9. If your agency/organization does directly provide housing, is it age-restricted?

- a. ☐ Yes (55+)
- b. ☐ Yes (62+)
- c. ☐ Yes (65+)
- d. ☐ Yes (Other)
- e. ☒ No Age Restriction, but we do not house unaccompanied youth.
- f. ☐ Our Agency/Organization Does Not Provide Direct Housing

10. What services do you believe City residents need to prevent them from becoming homeless?

More affordable units. More funding for homeless prevention- the only organization that is funded for homeless prevention is Step, Inc., Our organization could benefit greatly from funding to pay arrears, utility fees/back bills, prevent evictions, etc. We struggle to move individuals out of emergency shelter and transitional housing due to lack of affordable housing options in our community. Mental health and substance abuse are also a concern and barrier for individuals to attain self-sufficiency.

PRIORITIZING ELIGIBLE USES OF HOME-ARP FUNDS

11. How would you rank the priority for the eligible uses of HOME-ARP funds (1 being highest priority):

- a. 2 Development of more affordable housing
- b. 1 Supportive services
- c. 3 Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters

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APPENDIX 3 – PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

Please See the Following Page

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT
HOME ARP PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
March 14, 2023 – 10 am
Trade and Transit II

10 AM – Introduction

Overview

- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

Allocation

- City of Williamsport - \$888,134

Planning

- Surveys provided to key local homeless service providers (March 8, 2023)
- Draft plan available for review at Trade and Transit I, #rd floor, 100 West Third Street, Williamsport PA, 17701

Comments

Notes

One community member in attendance, Tim Mahoney. Tim questioned if the funding can be used to fund an Executive Director position for a local non-profit, Lycoming Neighborhood Development Corporation. The mission of this nonprofit is housing rehabilitation. This led to a discussion of HUD-approved eligible activities and it, therefore, was determined funding for an Executive Director position is not an eligible activity.

APPENDIX 4 – ALLOCATION PLAN ADOPTION RESOLUTION

Please See the Following Page

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 9638

DATE 3-30-23

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO APPROVE THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

WHEREAS, under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities to address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the City of Williamsport (hereinafter "the City") that it is eligible to receive \$888,134.00 in HOME-ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies how the City determined unmet needs of the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations, and summarizes how the City will allocate the HOME-ARP funds; and

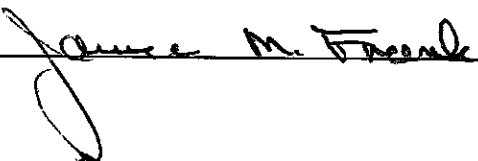
WHEREAS, a draft of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on display from March 15, 2023 through March 30, 2023, and the City held a public hearing on March 14, 2023 on said Allocation Plan and the comments of various agencies, groups and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document.

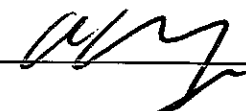
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT:

1. That the HOME ARP Allocation Plan is hereby in all respects approved and a copy of said Allocation Plan directed to be filed with minutes of this meeting.
2. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of community development activities with federal financial assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants and, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.
3. That the Mayor of the City of Williamsport is authorized to file an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$888,134.00 for the HOME-ARP Program.
4. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to provide such assurances and/or certifications as required by the American Rescue Plan and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and also any supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in connection with the review of this Application.
5. That the Mayor is authorized to execute on behalf of the City the formal grant contracts, amendments, and other documents relating to the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Resolved and adopted the 30th day of March 2023.

Approved


City Clerk


President