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FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME - ARP Allocation Plan - **Substantial Amendment # 1**

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

For Submission to HUD on:
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Ed Gainey,
Honorable Mayor

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Substantial Amendment # 1

In compliance with the HUD regulations, the City of Pittsburgh has prepared a substantial amendment to its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan in order to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1.

A "draft" of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 was placed on public display on the City's website at http://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents. The display period started on Monday, April 21, 2025 through Wednesday, May 7, 2025 for a 15-day display period. A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 12:00 PM to present the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 and solicit resident and agency/organization comments on the Substantial Amendment. Upon completion of the 15-day comment period, the City of Pittsburgh submitted the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through IDIS on or before Friday, May 9, 2025.

The City of Pittsburgh is amending its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan by making the following amendments:

Preference:

The City of Pittsburgh would like to create a preference for homeless families including those fleeing domestic violence for HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter projects/activities. The preference gives homeless/DV family applicants priority for admission to the HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter project. Allegheny County's Department Human Services definition of a family is a household with one or more minor child and one or more adults. All other eligible QP applicants (including homeless QP applicants who do not qualify as families) are selected in chronological order for any units not occupied by homeless family applicants. Homeless QP applicants who are families are prioritized for admission for occupancy based on the length of time they have been homeless.

Referral Methods:

The City of Pittsburgh would like to identify the referral method of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) that is operated by Allegheny County's Department of Human Services for the HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Selter projects/activities. CES covers Allegheny County in its entirety. The objective of the CES is to ensure streamlined access to the Allegheny County's Continuum of Care (CoC) homeless response system for all households that are facing housing instability or experiencing homelessness and ensure they are matched to an appropriate intervention to end their crisis or homelessness.

Introduction

The City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) for the following Federal programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME),
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

Congress appropriated $5 billion in funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. These funds are to be used to assist the homeless and those persons and families who are at risk of becoming homeless. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is administering this program and the City of Pittsburgh was allocated $8,342,028 in HOME-ARP funds.

The City of Pittsburgh, Office of Management and Budget, Community Development Division is the lead entity and the administrator for the HOME-ARP funds. In addition, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA), through a cooperative agreement between the two (2) agencies will assist the City with implementing components of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The URA of Pittsburgh is the lead entity and administrator for the HOME funds.

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

The City of Pittsburgh is a member of the Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC. Per HUD's definition:

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

The Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC cooperatively worked together with the City of Pittsburgh in identifying the needs and gaps in the system to end homelessness in the City and the region.

HOME-ARP Eligible Projects/Activities:

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

1. **Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing**
    - Acquisition, construction of affordable rental housing for individuals and families that are part of the Qualifying Populations
    - Can include single family or multifamily housing, transitional or permanent housing, group homes, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and manufactured housing

2. **Tenant Based Rental Assistance**
    - Providing payments to a tenant to cover housing and housing-related costs, including rental assistance, security deposit assistance, utility deposits, and utility payments to households that are part of the Qualifying Populations

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

4. **Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter**
    - Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of non-congregate shelter units to service individuals and families that are part of the Qualifying populations

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations:

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

1. **Homeless**
    - An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
        i. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping

accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;

ii. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or

iii. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

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

illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment

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

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

4. **Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria**
   - Those who are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance or need additional assistance or services to avoid a return to homelessness
   - Populations at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability
     - Households whose income is <30% AMI and are experiencing severe cost burden
     - Households whose income is <50% AMI and meet one of the criteria for being At Risk of Homelessness

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Consultation

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

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

- The CoC serving the City's geographic area;
- homeless service providers;
- domestic violence service providers;
- veterans' groups;
- public housing agencies (PHAs);
- public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations;
- public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights; and
- Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities.

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

HOME-ARP Consultation Milestones	
Consultation	September 2022 through March 2023
Newspaper Notice	March 8, 2023
Social Media Notice	March 8, 2023
On Display	March 9, 2023
Public Hearing	March 20, 2023
Off Display	March 23, 2023

The City of Pittsburgh held virtual stakeholders meetings, sent out surveys, and emailed questions to agencies/organizations between December 2022 through January 24, 2023.

The City of Pittsburgh held a series of meetings with members of the Allegheny County Continuum of Care committees (CoCAPC, HACC, and Providers Committee) between July 26, 2022 through September 14, 2022.

The City ran newspaper notices in the "New Pittsburgh Courier and "Tribune-Review" on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. In the notices it states that the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display for fifteen (15) day public comment period. The "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on display from Thursday, March 9, 2023 through Thursday, March 23, 2023.

The City of Pittsburgh placed the "Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the City's website at http://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents.

The Public Hearing was held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM to discuss the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and solicit resident comments on the Plan.

In the chart below it references the Qualifying Population that each agency/organization that was consulted with serves. The following are the Qualifying Populations:

- **QP 1** - Homeless
- **QP 2** - At Risk of Homelessness
- **QP 3** - Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- **QP 4** - Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Organization Consulted	Type of Agency/ Organization	Qualifying Population's Served	Method of Consultation	Feedback
City of Pittsburgh	Government	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting	The City of Pittsburgh was involved in all meetings and was responsible for gathering a list of contacts and participated in asking questions and communicating with local stakeholders.
Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC *(City of Pittsburgh; Allegheny County; Municipality of Penn Hills; Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center; East End Cooperative Ministry; Housing Alliance PA; Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh; Familylinks; Omicelo, LLC; Center for Victims; Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania; YWCA Greater Pittsburgh; UPMC; Homeless Children's Education Fund; Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh; Light of Life Rescue Mission; Allegheny County Housing Authority; Allegheny Valley Association of Churches; Team PSBG, LLC;*	CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area; Homeless service providers; Domestic violence service providers; Veterans' groups; Public housing agencies (PHAs); Public agencies that address the needs of the	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (7/26/2022)	This meeting was just an introduction and overview of the HOME-ARP Program. General overview questions were asked and answered. The CoC provided the following feedback: • Supporting timely, reliable, affordable transportation • Public restroom and shower spaces around town • Accessible and effective resource list for immediate needs • Education and work programs • Continuum of services that offer options in terms of peoples varying needs for structure and format • Safety for people living outside • Stop moving people around when experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Sojourner House; Northside Common Ministries; Bethlehem Haven; Community Human Services; The Pittsburgh Foundation; Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh; Veteran Leadership Program of Western PA, Chartiers Center, HEARTH – A Safe Place Matters, Allegheny County Housing Authority, Beth Haven, and an individual with life experience.)	qualifying populations; and
	
	Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities
				• Better and fuller engagement of people with lived experiencing to inform planning, evaluation, and administration
				• Shelter stay lengths are increasing, with increasing scope of need and the level of needs among those staying at shelters
				• Balancing housing first and BH service/support processes and requirements
				• Affordable housing - FMR and HQS together, in desirable locations with transportation options
				  ○ 1-bedroom units particularly short supply
				  ○ Landlords willing to accept vouchers
				  ○ Landlords willing to accept criminal record
				• How to effectively support households who need ongoing subsidies for housing
				• Simplify FRM calculations and information
				• Expanding/increasing accessible units
				• Enhance linkages across physical and behavioral health care

				• Ability to hire, train and support staff around supporting BH needs - Bridging BH and housing supports
				• Alternative supports to help people with behavioral health needs, who are hesitant to engage with formal behavioral health services and supports
				  ○ E.g., people who did not actively engage with BH supports, but engaged with a spiritual leader who was available.
				• Support and services for hoarding disorder
				• Eviction prevention
				• Service and supports post housing placement
				• Additional support services needed:
				  ○ Child care
				  ○ Financial literacy
				  ○ Parenting supports, particularly around impacts of stressors on parents, parenting and family relations
				  ○ Basic life skills
				• Further enhancing the scope of case management or specialist

				supports to supplement case management: ○ Supplemental support around being document ready, and communicate housing applications ○ Enhanced engagement for the households next in line for housing services to prepare and be ready for placement when space is available • Application support specialists for housing outside of homelessness system • Services for the households with the lowest vulnerability levels, who likely won't get housing supports through the homelessness system, to keep them from becoming chronically homeless • Shelter and housing programs that can accommodate families as they define themselves • The SROs that will be available in Second Avenue Commons not only provide affordable housing space, but do so in a way that enables continuity of community for people who use the shelter and

				then move into the SRO—are there additional opportunities to support continuity of community and consider potential impacts on Outreach? ○ Regarding SROs: Variation in the desire/demand for them. On one side, providers experiencing people not wanting SROs because they want their own space, or SROs considered a hard fit for individuals who benefit from not sharing spaces; while other providers have experienced scattered site, 1 - bedroom units as isolating for the individuals • Consideration for where transitional housing, or facility based housing options can be beneficial for some individuals and households • Shared Housing approaches • Potential role for housing navigation unit (HNU) regarding engaging landlords around move-on strategies, including aligning landlord incentives and

				relationship building with Housing Authorities
				• Opportunities to better keep people stable in their homes when transitioning from homelessness housing system into using vouchers
				  ○ Rental support while waiting for voucher payments to begin
				  ○ Funds to keep/bring housing up to code
				• Explore opportunities for process improvements to reduce hardship of accessing affordable housing
				• Seek more flexibility between systems to leverage and effectively braid resources and supports, for example with healthcare and housing
				• Enhance services and supports connections for individuals and families living in public housing to help maintain their housing stability
				• Prevention support to help avoid entering into homelessness crisis

Salvation Army	Homeless service providers;	QP1/QP2/QP3	Virtual Meeting	Identified the following needs:

	Domestic violence service providers; and Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations		(9/7/2022), Survey	• Observed that the average stay in their shelter is over 90 days with many staying longer • Lack of transitional and permanent housing as the next step • People in need are struggling with finding Section 8 housing options • More services need to be brought back into the shelters • The largest programming needs are childcare, GED education, and help with finding jobs
Auberle	Homeless service providers; Domestic violence service providers; and Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2/QP3	Virtual Meeting (9/7/2022), Survey	Identified the following needs: • Landlords have become more selective about who they rent to, making it more difficult to find housing • Tenants generally want 1-bedroom units • Many shelter residents do not want to leave the shelter because they are part of the community • There is a need for more support services, especially for behavioral health and to give them something to do all day • There is a need for childcare, parenting aid, and life skills training for the population in need

Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC – CoC Providers *(City of Pittsburgh; Allegheny County; Center for Victims; Allegheny County Housing Authority; YWCA Greater Pittsburgh; Salvation Army; Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA; Allegheny Valley Association of Churches; Goodwill SWPA; HOPE Center, and Pittsburgh Mercy.)*	CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area; Homeless service providers; Domestic violence service providers; Veterans' groups; Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations; and Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (9/7/2022)	Identified the following needs: • There is a shortage of available 1-bedroom units and landlords accepting vouchers from tenants with criminal records • Homeless people who move into housing, and still want to be part of their community that they had while on the street or in a shelter. • Support services to address an underserved need, especially for persons with mental health issues. • Life skills and budgeting training for persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC – Analysis and Planning Committee *(City of Pittsburgh; Allegheny County; UPMC; YWCA Greater*	CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area; Homeless service providers;	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (9/14/2022)	Identified the following needs: • The largest gap is the lack of affordable housing for families • There is also a need for family shelters

Pittsburgh; Mercy's Operation Safety Net; Familylinks, Inc.; Chartiers Center; Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA; TeamPSBG; Pittsburgh Mercy; and Light of Life Rescue Mission)	Domestic violence service providers; Veterans' groups; Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations; and Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities			• Permanent supportive housing would help those with substance abuse issues • The cost of childcare and transportation are large factors contributing to at risk of becoming homeless • There is a need for more hands-on supportive services, but this is impeded by individuals who will not accept services • Supportive services for persons with mental health needs should be more robust • Between 400 and 500 transitional housing beds have been lost in the area • More women's housing is needed because of the growing population of women over 60 years old who are becoming homeless, or applying for aid • More people in the area are getting evicted because of the end of the eviction moratorium.
Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh	Public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (11/9/2022)	Identified the following needs: • More affordable housing units, especially for families • More units that will accept Section 8 and other housing vouchers • Family units in shelters

				• Housing for people fleeing domestic violence • Language action plans to serve people with limited English proficiency who are not currently being served in the existing housing system
Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (11/17/2022)	Identified the following needs: • More rental assistance funding • Financial literacy programs to help low-income residents focus on budgeting • Affordable single-family housing • Increase the staffing capacity for Section 8 housing assistance
Dollar Energy Fund	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (11/30/2022)	Identified the following needs: • More funding for utility assistance is needed because the cost of energy keeps rising • Bad consumer habits have formed because of the recent rental assistance programs • Rehabilitation of existing housing units to make them more energy-efficient
Jewish Family & Community Services – Refugee Services	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (11/30/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Language assistance in applying for housing and other documents need to be in both Spanish and English

				• Assistance with paperwork and housing applications, especially for those with limited English proficiency • Housing and case management for persons escaping domestic violence • More affordable housing units across the board
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP)	Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/1/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Assistance and services for mental and behavioral health, which will retain people in their housing • More affordable housing units are needed across the board • Permanent supportive housing with case management services • Case management tasked with helping people apply for housing through the Public Housing Authority, which can take as long as 3 months • Assistance to help people pay for back rent and utility costs • Grant program for landlords renting to low-income tenants to help fix properties to meet HQS standards • Staffing issues with finding skilled labor

ACHIEVA	Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/7/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Case management for low-income individuals to navigate housing system • Rental aid for 1st and last month rent, moving costs and utility startup fees • Affordable housing units of the proper size for families • Accessible housing units for the physically challenged • Safe and affordable housing options for moms with special needs or kids with special needs • Affordable housing units in areas with accessible public transportation • Need housing for persons who are going through the criminal justice program • Since Covid rents have gone up and availability units that are affordable is very hard to find • Seeing a growing elderly population that are now becoming caregivers • Seeing more people doubling up and couch surfing
Autism Connections of PA	Public or private organizations that address the	QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/7/2022)	Identified the following needs: • There is a large waiting list of individuals in need of housing

	needs of persons with disabilities			• Accommodations need to be made for tenants • Lack of affordable accessible housing units
The Arc of Greater Pittsburgh	Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/7/2022)	Identified the following needs: • There is a need for more affordable rental units • There is a need for more accessible housing units • There is a need for affordable housing units in areas with accessible public transportation • There is a need for more case management and supportive services • There is a need for ongoing life skills • There is a need for a housing counselor or navigator
Casa San Jose	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations; and Public or private organizations that address fair housing and civil rights	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/9/2022)	Identified the following needs: • More family shelter beds and units • Staff and counselors in shelters who can serve people with limited English proficiency • Life skills training to help individuals with basic life skills, budgeting, and how to write checks and pay bills • Affordable units in areas with available public transportation

				• Leasing accommodations for Spanish speakers, including having a Spanish-speaking mediator present
Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA)	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/13/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Financial counseling and job creation to help low-income people become more stable • Affordable suitable housing units that are available • Need for larger affordable housing units for families instead of SROs • Funds for energy-related repairs to reduce energy costs
Regional Housing Legal Services (RHLS) - Pittsburgh Office	Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Shelters are at capacity and there aren't enough beds to accommodate everyone • Rents are too high in the region and market rate housing is unaffordable for people at risk of homelessness • Community groups should be more involved in assisting with the homeless
Residential Resources	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • More case management to help those with behavioral health issues in their homes

	Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities			• Available affordable housing units for people with intellectual disabilities • Behavioral health issues need to be addressed which may cause homelessness • Better staffing capacity among agencies because existing staff turnover is high from burnout and low wages
Action Housing	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations; and Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Not enough landlords willing to rent through the SRO program • Second Ave Commons has been full since it opened • Funding to develop more affordable and accessible housing
YMCA Allegheny	Homeless service providers, and Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Older men (age 50+) are the majority of the tenants in their homeless program • Need for facility upgrades in their SRO housing, which makes up 20% of the SROs in the City

Bethlehem Haven	Homeless service providers, and Domestic violence service providers,	QP1/QP3	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • The emergency shelter for women is currently full and turns away 3 to 5 women every night • 68% of people in their care need mental health treatment • 57% take physical medications • 71% have substance abuse issues • Case management and wrap around support services are the biggest need among the population they serve • There is an emerging trend of men and women aging into homelessness as health declines and costs increase
Center that Cares	Homeless service providers, and Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • The demand for youth rapid rehousing is increasing • Lack of beds in existing facilities
Residences at Wood Street	Homeless service providers	QP1	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • The building is very old and needs funding for rehabilitation • Supportive services are needed, especially if it can help them move on and get them back on their feet

Community Human Services	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/15/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Lack of affordable housing • Supportive services are needed • Need for rental assistance
Allegheny County Department of Human Services	Homeless service providers; Domestic violence service providers; Veterans' groups; Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations; and Public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/16/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Lack of affordable housing • Need to rehab existing housing units for the homeless • Need to develop affordable housing in places where people want to live • Difficult to find larger rental units • Seeing a growing trend of older first time homeless persons • Need more daily case management • Street outreach is seeing more substance abuse • Need transportation
Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2	Virtual Meeting (12/20/2022)	Identified the following needs: • There is a need for more quality affordable rental housing in the area

				• There is a lack of accessible housing in the area • Public transportation is lacking • Need direct service staff persons
AVC Solutions	Veteran's Groups	QP1/QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/20/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Quality affordable housing for veterans • Veterans are currently underserved in the region • Counseling and medical services
Building United of Southwestern Pennsylvania	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/20/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Affordable housing quality in the region is lacking • Substandard housing is especially prevalent for residents with chemical dependencies • Need for housing in areas with good access to public transportation • Affordability and availability are the biggest needs for low-income renters, which comes about through high construction costs
Neighborhood Works	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/20/2022)	Identified the following needs: • There is not enough affordable housing in the region • Average costs of rentals went up by 15-20% across the board through the region • There are technological impediments to people seeking

				aid, as most applications are online but many applicants do not have internet access
Veterans Leadership Program	Veterans Groups	QP1/QP4	Survey	Identified the following needs: • There is a community perception that there aren't enough resources to help those experiencing street homelessness, so people don't seek them out. • Those in need don't have stable income or benefits to maintain housing.
Sojourner House	Homeless service providers, and Domestic violence service providers	QP1/QP3	Survey	Identified the following needs: • Local affordable housing in main urban areas • Culturally sensitive outreach • More rental vouchers are needed • Rents are increasing, forcing people to be at risk of homelessness • More providers should become able to accept walk-ins and coordinate with Coordinated Entry
UPMC Center for Social Impact	Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Survey	Identified the following needs: • Quality of housing stock is currently low • There are fewer small landlords willing to work with Section 8 vouchers, leading to less available low-income housing.

				• More needs to be done to maximize the ability of Managed Care Organization (MCOs) to pay for the services rendered to their insured members. This can be achieved without any legislative or regulatory action. HOME-ARP could be structured as a leveraged pot to pilot programs where Medicaid MCOs commit to a Fee For Service/Value-Based Purchasing agreement to reimburse the county and/or mutually selected providers. • Cash assistance or rental utility assistance are needed. • Universal free client legal representation • At risk of homelessness is highest priority population for aid

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

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

- Need for more affordable rental housing
- Need for permanent supportive housing
- Need for transitional housing as a relief to the shelters
- Need for more accessible housing for the disabled
- Need for housing accommodations
- Need for supportive services and life skills training
- Need for increase shelter capacity
- Need for proximity to public transportation
- Need to improve the quality of the rental housing stock
- Need to eliminate the shelter bottleneck caused by the lack of permanent housing
- Need to reduce the rising cost of rents and housing costs in general
- Need for rental and utility assistance
- Need for supportive services such as counseling, case management, childcare, transportation, legal services, and job training
- Need for supportive service to assist persons with mental illness and substance abuse
- Need for funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO's, transitional, and permanent housing

Public Participation

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice:*** *3/8/2023*
- ***Public comment period:*** *start date - 3/9/2023 end date - 3/23/2023*
- ***Date(s) of public hearing:*** *3/20/2023*

Describe the public participation process:

The City of Pittsburgh held one (1) public hearing for consultation with City residents, non-profit agencies and/or organizations, public housing authority, housing providers, Continuum of Care members, etc. on the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM prevailing time. The public hearing was held at the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division, Conference Room located at 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. In addition to in-person public hearing the City offered a virtual component to participate in the public hearing. During the public hearing, the City staff and the City consultants discussed the process followed in the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This included interviews and virtual conferences, and remarks made.

The public hearing notice for the City of Pittsburgh HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was published in the "New Pittsburgh Courier and "Tribune-Review" on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

The fifteen (15) day public comment period on the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was from Thursday, March 9, 2023 through Thursday, March 23, 2023. The City of Pittsburgh placed the "Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the City's website at: http://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents.

The public was able to provide additional comments, via email at community.development@pittsburghpa.gov or via phone at (412) 255-2667. Written comments were addressed to the City of Pittsburgh's, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division, attention Mr. Kelly L. Russell, Assistant Director/Labor Compliance Officer, 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Substantial Amendment # 1:

The City of Pittsburgh held a public hearing for consultation with City residents, non-profit agencies and/or organizations, the public housing authority, housing providers, Continuum of Care members, etc. on the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 12:00 PM prevailing time. The public hearing was held at the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division, Conference Room located at 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. In addition to in-person public hearing the City offered a virtual component to participate in the public hearing. During the public hearing, the City staff and the City consultants discussed the process followed in the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1.

The public hearing notice for the City of Pittsburgh HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 was published in the "Tribune-Review" on Monday, April 21, 2025.

The fifteen (15) day public comment period on the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 was from Monday, April 21, 2025 through Wednesday, May 7, 2025. The City of Pittsburgh placed the "Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 1 on the City's website at: https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/City-Government/Finances-Budget/Management-Budget/Community-Development/Community-Development-Documents.

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Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

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The City also posted the Public Hearing Notice on the City's OMB Community Development CDBG Notice webpage.

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

The City of Pittsburgh received the following comments at its Public Hearing on March 20, 2023:

- **Kemi Odumosv –** She only saw $500,000 in funds for supportive housing activities. Why are the percentage of Black/African Americans homeless individuals larger than the other target populations? What services are needed for this targeted population?

  Response: *At this time only $500,000 is allocated to supportive services based on consultations with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS stated during their consultation with stakeholders, they currently have existing funds and have previously had to return funds back to HUD because there is a lack of staff at the*

agency/organization level that is able to provide the supportive services. These organizations are having a lot of turn over and are understaffed. The City has not analyzed the reason why there is a difference in numbers between the races, but instead calculated the total number of homeless individuals and families, which determined the needs for this Qualifying Populations.

- **Brian Knight –** Do you have specifics; you can share about how the City will develop affordable rental housing?

  Response: *The City will release a Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for the HOME-ARP Program once HUD has approved the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The NOFA for the HOME-ARP applications is for non-profit and for-profit agencies, private developers and/or social service providers to submit eligible HOME-ARP projects/activities. The City will prepare a HOME-ARP Application that will outline what are the HOME-ARP eligible type of projects, what amount of funds are available for each category, what the review process will be, along with how they will be reviewed and ranked. The application and instructions will be released after HUD approves the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.*

In addition, the City also received an email from Rev. Jerrel Gilliam, Executive Director of Light of Life Rescue Mission. His email and attachment are included in the Citizen Participation section of the plan.

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

The City of Pittsburgh accepted all comments received, no comments were not accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	291	119	265	265	19								
Transitional Housing	16	4	158	158	85								
Permanent Supportive Housing	1,496	552	1,380	1,380	479								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	40	40	0								
Sheltered Homeless						75	505	82	100				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	105	3	14				
Current Gap:										0	0	345	345

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

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	72,930		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	24,040		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	11,455		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		17,380	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		8,190	
Current Gaps:			25,570

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

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 880 homeless individuals identified in the Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC. Of those people experiencing homelessness, 471 (54%) were black, 315 (36%) were white, and the remaining 10% were Asian (4), were American Indian or Alaska Native (4), were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (2), and 84 identified as having multiple races. Additionally, 550 (62.5%) were male, 326 (37.0%) were female, and 4 (0.04%) identified as transgender or gender non-conforming.

Among the population of those experiencing homelessness, there was a large portion that were identified as severely mentally ill (351 individuals, or 40% of the surveyed population) or having chronic substance abuse issues (252 individuals or 28.6% of the surveyed population).

In addition, the City of Pittsburgh through the ESG funds assisted 1,212 persons and 805 households through emergency shelters, 21 persons and 21 households through street outreach, 60 persons and 51 households through rapid re-housing, and 13 persons and 9

households through homelessness prevention, according to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the FY 2021 program year.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

24 CFR 91.5 defines At Risk of Homelessness as an individual or family that has an annual income below 30% of the HUD area median family income, does not have sufficient resources or support networks and meets one of several other conditions. According to the most recently available CHAS data, 31,840 households (or 23.1% of the total population) live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income and of those 31,840 households: 22,915 have one or more housing problems, which includes either incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, or have a cost burden greater than 30%. There are also currently 5,281 households on the public housing waiting list.

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, there are 40 homes for every 100 at or below extremely low-income renters in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area in 2021. There is also a deficiency of 28,433 affordable rental units for those at or below 50% AMI.

There are also currently 3,171 households on the public housing waiting list and 5,281 households on the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list has been closed since December 23, 2018. There were also 21,804 applicants for Project-Based Vouchers, and that waiting list was opened at some locations and closed at the rest.

Since March 2020 (the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic), there were 21,405 filings for eviction in Allegheny County. According to Eviction Lab, a nonprofit that measures the rate and prevalence of evictions in major cities, Allegheny County is nearly back to the average number of filings for eviction from before the beginning of Covid-19. The Federal Eviction Moratorium ended on July 31, 2021 and the number of evictions in the county have mostly risen since then.

In a YMCA-owned building, 85 SRO's need to be rehabbed. Since the SRO's in that building represent approximately 20% of the SRO units in Pittsburgh, the living situation for those in SRO housing may be at risk. In addition, 259 SRO's at Wood Street Commons need to be rehabbed. More resources may be needed to prevent currently existing housing options in the City from becoming unsuitable.

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

During the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 114 homeless individuals who were identified as victims of domestic violence in the Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC. Additionally, according to 2021 data from the Housing Management Inventory System, there were 246 people fleeing domestic violence, of which 142 were fleeing with children.

According to an interview with the staff of Bethlehem Haven (a local women's shelter) an average of 3 to 5 women are turned away every night because there are not enough beds, indicating that the current shelter inventory for people fleeing domestic violence is not sufficient to meet the need.

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in their 2021 annual statistical report counted 9,330 domestic related 911 calls and 1,549 Intimate Partner Violence incidents in the City of Pittsburgh in 2021. The total number of Intimate Partner Violence incidents rose 7% from the previous year. Of those incidents, 1,257 of the victims were female and 292 were male. 735 Intimate Partner Violence victims were assessed as being in high danger as part of Lethality Assessment Screening (the method through which the level of danger to Intimate Partner Violence victims is determined). The breakdown of Intimate Partner Violence incidents by Lethality Assessment Screening are as follows:

Lethality Assessment Screens	Total Number
High Danger	735
Non-High Danger	191
High Danger-Police Officer Belief	274
Victim Declined/Refused Screen	131
Unable to Administer Screen	213
Homicide	5
Total:	**1,549**

According to the Human Trafficking Institute, in the Western District of Pennsylvania which includes the City of Pittsburgh, there were 13 criminal sex trafficking cases between 2000 and 2021 (the year with the most recent data available). This shows that there is a human trafficking presence close to the Pittsburgh region and that victims may be in need of help or assistance.

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

Those with disabilities are at greatest risk of housing instability. According to the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data from 2017-2021, there were 44,045 residents (14.9% of the total civilian non-institutionalized population) of the City of Pittsburgh who have a disability. This shows that a significant portion of the City's population is at a high risk of housing instability. In Allegheny County, there are currently 1,047 developmentally disabled persons on the waiting list for services from the PA Office of Developmental Programs.

According to Overdose Free PA, an organization concerned with measuring the prevalence of overdoses in the State, there were 1,305 reported accidental overdose deaths in Allegheny County from 2021-2022.

Among others that are at greatest risk of housing instability, those who are at or below 30% of the HUD Area Median Income who are burdened by their monthly housing costs are at a higher risk of becoming homeless. According to the most recent CHAS data, 31,840 (23.1%) households in the City have incomes at or below 30% of the HUD AMI. 42,030 (30.4%) households in the City have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income.

For persons and households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, there were 60 persons (51 households) assisted in rapid re-housing, and 13 persons (9 households) assisted in homeless prevention services according to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the FY 2021 program year.

The City of Pittsburgh also has a significant population of ALICE families. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed and represents families that are employed and earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but cannot otherwise keep up with the basic costs of living. According to the most recent ALICE Report data from 2018, 26% of households in Allegheny County have incomes that fall below the ALICE threshold but above the Federal Poverty Level.

A large number of households in the region have also received payments for rental assistance. According to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, 18,944 households that have applied for assistance between March 2021 and December 2022 have received emergency rental assistance program (ERAP) payments. 6,822 households in Pittsburgh applied for rental assistance through the program, this is 36% of the households assisted by Allegheny County Department of Human Services. The average household monthly income for applicants was $1,479. 47% of household applicants did not have any earned income.

In the most recent data available for 2022, there were 3,171 households on the public housing waiting list for the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP). 5,281 households are on the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers waiting list. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list has been closed since December 23, 2018. There were also 21,804 applicants for Project-Based Vouchers, and that waiting list was opened at some locations.

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

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

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

  The City of Pittsburgh is a federal entitlement grantee. In FY 2022 the City received $13,733,662 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These funds are used for public service activities, demolition, housing activities, public facility and infrastructure improvements, and economic development activities. Funding is provided to agencies for services to the homeless and those who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

  HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Pittsburgh will receive $13,597,804 in CDBG funds.

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

  The City of Pittsburgh as a federal entitlement grantee, received $2,533,403 in FY 2022 of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. These funds are used for gap financing to non-profit and for-profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing primary for low- and moderate-income households and/or special needs populations. In addition, funds were used for gap financing for the development of new or substantially rehabilitated for-sale housing units to be sold to households with incomes at or below 80% area median income. Funds support the development of affordable housing to the very low-income to combat those households who are at risk of becoming homeless.

HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Pittsburgh will receive $2,557,679 in HOME funds.

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program:**

  The City of Pittsburgh is also a federal entitlement grantee, for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. In FY 2022 the City received $1,198,946 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. These funds are being used for street outreach, emergency shelters, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and HMIS. In addition, funds are being used for the renovations, operating expenses, and essential services such as childcare, drug and alcohol abuse education, job training, and counseling for homeless individuals and organizations that serve the homeless population.

  HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Pittsburgh will receive $1,207,044 in ESG funds.

- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program:**

  The City of Pittsburgh is a federal entitlement grantee for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program. In FY 2022 the City received $1,198,946 of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds. These funds are being used to provide funding for housing related services for those with HIV/AIDS in the City of Pittsburgh. In addition, funds are being used to provide for tenant-based rental assistance, emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals to address the needs of the homeless and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless.

  HUD has released the FY 2023 allocations and the City of Pittsburgh will receive $1,410,014 in HOPWA funds.

- **Affordable Housing Task Force and the Housing Opportunity Fund:**

  In 2015 and 2016 the City of Pittsburgh established an Affordable Housing Task Force to study the availability of and the need for affordable housing in the City and to make recommendations concerning how to create and preserve affordable housing. The Task Force identified that there is a shortage of approximately 17,000 units for households that earn less than 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) in the City of Pittsburgh.

  In 2016 (via City Council Ordinance #37), the City established a Housing Opportunity Fund to support the development and preservation of affordable and accessible housing within

the City. The Ordinance designated the Board of Directors of the URA as the Governing Board of the HOF and contemplated that employees of the URA will administer the fund.

HOF funds are allocated to assist households between 30% – 80% AMI, with the exception of the Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program, which may assist households with incomes up to 115% AMI. The HOF funds can only be used for the purposes outlined in its legislation:

- Create and preserve affordable housing for rent and for sale
- Focus on deed restricted and/or permanently affordable housing
- Expand access for seniors and people with disabilities
- Increase number of affordable homes with supportive services to prevent homelessness
- Stabilize neighborhoods
- To secure more and identify other opportunities

50% of all HOF funding must be used to help households with incomes at or below 30% AMI. 25% of all HOF funding must be used to help households with incomes at or below 50% AMI. The remaining 25% of HOF funds can be used to help households with incomes at or below 80% AMI (with the exception of homeowners participating in the DPCC Program whose incomes may be between up to 115% AMI).

For the 2022 funding year, HOF administered seven (7) programs.

- **The Rental Gap Program (RGP)** – The RGP funds the development and/or the preservation of rental housing for households with incomes at or below 50% AMI. In 2020, seven projects closed utilizing RFP funds, which resulted in the creation and/or preservation of 166 affordable rental units.
- **Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) -** HSP provides financial assistance to income eligible renters who struggle with housing costs. HSP provides a grant of up to $3,000, which may be used for rent and utilities in arrears or for first month's rent, last month's rent, and/or a security deposit. The goal of HSP to provide immediate financial support to stabilize households and to prevent eviction and homelessness. In 2020, HSP assisted over 727 households in preventing eviction and homelessness.
- **Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program (DPCC)** - DPCC provides up to $7,500 for down payment and closing cost assistance for buyers with incomes at or below 80% AMI or up to $5,000 for buyers with incomes above 81% AMI (but below 115% AMI). In 2020, DPCC assisted 103 first-time homebuyers with purchasing their first home in the City of Pittsburgh.
- **Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)** - HAP provides up to $35,000 of home rehabilitation assistance to homeowners with incomes at or below 50% AMI. The

first $5,000 is in the form of a grant; the remaining $30,000 is in the form of a 0% interest deferred loan. In 2020, HAP assisted 98 homeowners with necessary home repairs.

- **For-Sale Development Program (FSDP)** - The FSDP funds the development of for-sale housing to be sold to homebuyers with incomes at or below 80% AMI. In 2020, FSDP closed 7 projects utilizing FSDP funds, which resulted in the creation and/or preservation of 10 affordable for-sale units.
- **Small Landlord Fund (SLF)** - The SLF provides funding to landlords with ten (10) of fewer units for the preservation of existing affordable rental housing and/or the conversion of market/vacant housing to affordable housing in the City of Pittsburgh.
- **Legal Assistance Program (LAP)** - The LAP provides a variety of free housing legal services to eligible tenants and homeowners who live in the City of Pittsburgh.

FY 2022 Allocation:

The 2022 Allocation Plan is detailed below:

Activity	30% AMI Target	50% AMI Target	80% AMI Target	Total Funding
Down Payment / Closing Cost Assistance Program (DPCCAP)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 700,000	$ 700,000
For Sale Development Program (FSDP)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 950,000	$ 950,000
Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)	$ 1,050,000	$ 700,000	$ 400,000	$ 2,150,000
Housing Stabilization Program (HSP)	$ 150,000	$ 375,000	$ 0	$ 525,000
Rental Gap Program (RGP)	$ 3,000,000	$ 800,000	$ 0	$ 3,800,000
Small Landlord Fund	$ 0	$ 275,000	$ 150,000	$ 425,000
Legal Assistance Program	$ 300,000	$ 100,000	$ 50,000	$ 450,000
Administration	$ 500,000	$ 250,000	$ 250,000	$ 1,000,000
Total:	**$ 5,000,000**	**$ 2,250,000**	**$ 2,250,000**	**$ 10,000,000**

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

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

	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Total Year Round Beds	Seasonal	Overflow/ Vouchers	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
								Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing:	**156**	**331**	**481**	**0**	**812**	**83**	**22**	**N/A**	**106**	**18**
Emergency Shelter	152	317	322	0	639	83	22	N/A	19	18
Safe Haven	0	0	12	0	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	0
Transitional Housing	4	14	147	0	161	N/A	N/A	N/A	75	0
Permanent Housing:	**579**	**1,634**	**1,435**	**0**	**3,069**	**N/A**	N/A	**N/A**	**502**	**159**
Permanent Supportive Housing	392	1,108	1,036	0	2,144	N/A	N/A	1,113	444	5
Rapid Re-Housing	187	526	359	0	885	N/A	N/A	N/A	58	154
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	40	0	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Grand Total:	**735**	**1,965**	**1,916**	**0**	**3,646**	**83**	22	**1,113**	**608**	**177**

The Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC has a total 812 emergency, safe haven, and transitional housing beds and 3,069 units of permanent housing. Of those number of units, the CoC has 106 beds for veterans and 18 beds for youth under emergency, safe haven, and transitional housing. The CoC has 502 permanent housing beds for veterans and 159 for youth. 1,113 permanent supportive housing beds are for the chronic homeless.

Based off the 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), there are 639 year-round, emergency shelter beds; 12 year-round, safe haven beds; 161 year-round, transitional housing beds; 2,144 year-round permanent housing beds; 885 year-round, rapid re-housing beds; and 40 year-round other permanent housing beds. These resources and supportive services are as follows:

- **EMERGENCY SHELTER:**
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - McKeesport Emergency Shelter** - 25 beds
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - McKeesport Emergency Shelter SWES** - 15 beds
  - **Alle Kiski Hope Center - Hope Domestic Violence Shelter -** 23 beds
  - **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches - AVAC Emergency Shelter** - 14 beds
  - **Auberle - Family Shelter Duquesne -** 20 beds
  - **Auberle - Family Shelter McKeesport** - 40 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - Emergency Shelter -** 28 beds
  - **Center for Victims - Emergency Shelter -** 24 beds

- **Community Human Services Corporation - Family Emergency Shelter -** 36 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - Winter Emergency Shelter -** 30 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - Wood Street Commons Emergency Shelter -** 32 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - HAP Crisis Beds -** 25 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - Safe Haven Hotel -** 33 beds
- **East End Cooperative Ministry - Emergency Shelter -** 21 beds
- **FamilyLinks - Emergency Shelter** - 18 beds
- **Goodwill of Southwestern PA - Pleasant Valley Emergency Shelter** - 25 beds
- **L2 Community Support - Light of Life Emergency Shelter** - 34 beds
- **L2 Community Support - Light of Life Winter Shelter** - 15 beds
- **Mercy Life Center - SWES Severe Weather Emergency Shelter** - 90 beds
- **Salvation Army - Family Caring Center Shelter** - 36 beds
- **Shepherd's Heart Fellowship - VA Residential Emergency Beds** - 3 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - HOME 2020** - 20 beds
- **Veterans Leadership Program of WPA - Project Journey for Women** - 16 beds
- **Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard** - VA Low-Demand Safe haven - 12 beds
- **Womanspace East - Emergency Shelter** - 73 beds
- **Women's Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh - Emergency Shelter** - 48 beds

- **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:**
  - **ACTION Housing - ACTION Centre Ave** - 10 beds
  - **ACTION Housing - McKeesport Bridge Housing -** 14 beds
  - **Primary Care Health Services - First Step Recovery Homes Bridge Housing -** 23 beds
  - **Shepherd's Heart Fellowship - VA Hospital to Home** - 5 beds
  - **Shepherd's Heart Fellowship - VA Service Intensive** - 7 beds
  - **Veterans Leadership Program of WPA - VA GPD Bridge Program** - 25 beds
  - **Veterans Leadership Program of WPA - VA GPD Special Needs Grant (Women Veterans)** - 5 beds

- **Veterans Place of Washington Blvd. - GPD Bridge Program** - 1 beds
- **Veterans Place of Washington Blvd. - GPD Service Intensive** - 32 beds
- **YMCA - Allegheny Bridge Housing** - 10 beds
- **YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh - Bridge Housing Program** - 29 beds

- **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:**
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - Housing Plus II** - 11 beds
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - My Place PSH** - 5 beds
  - **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches, Inc. - Hospitality Homes I** - 49 beds
  - **Allies for Health +Wellbeing - Choice I** - 60 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - CMI Bridge Housing** - 10 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - Haven Homes** - 16 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - Haven Housing Dedicated Plus** - 20 beds
  - **Chartiers MHMR Center, Inc. - Atlas PSH** - 15 beds
  - **Chartiers MHMR Center, Inc. - Hestia Project** - 138 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Family United** - 124 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Work Towards Sustainability from Crisis** - 67 beds
  - **East End Cooperative Ministry, Inc. - Faith** - 137 beds
  - **FamilyLinks - Community Housing Program** - 21 beds
  - **Gaudenzia, Inc. - Village Phase I** - 42 beds
  - **Goodwill of Southwestern PA - NCSMPERM** - 11 beds
  - **L2 Community Support - Light of Life - CMI Housing** - 8 beds
  - **Mercy Life Center Corporation - A River Home** - 41 beds
  - **Mercy Life Center Corporation - Bridging the Gap** - 22 beds
  - **Mercy Life Center Corporation - Path to New Life** - 74 beds
  - **Sisters Place, Inc. - Sunrise -** 60 beds
  - **Sojourner Moms II - Moms II -** 103 beds
  - **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Flex 50** - 356 beds

- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Flex 51** - 147 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Neighborhood Living Program -** 149 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Next Chapter** - 14 beds
- **VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System - HUD VASH** - 350 beds
- **Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA - Victory** - 94 beds

- **OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING:**
  - **ACTION Housing - ACTION Housing SRO in McKeesport (former YMCA)** - 40 beds

- **RAPID RE-HOUSING:**
  - **ACTION Housing - My Place RRH** - 74 beds
  - **Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center, Inc. - DV unified Project** - 100 beds
  - **Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center, Inc. - Safe At Home** - 49 beds
  - **Auberle - At Home** - 10 beds
  - **Auberle - ESG CV RRH - City** - 33 beds
  - **Auberle - Rapid Rehousing ESG - City** - 13 beds
  - **Auberle - Peace of Home** - 59 beds
  - **Center for Victims - CV housing Plus RRH** - 31 beds
  - **Center that CARES - A Caring Reach** - 11 beds
  - **Chartiers MHMR Center, Inc. - Vesta Penn Free** - 42 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG CV Landlord Incentives** - 4 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG CV Rapid Rehousing - County** - 62 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG CV State RRH** - 14 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG Rapid Re-Housing - County** - 36 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Housing Solutions** - 79 beds
  - **Goodwell of Southwestern PA - Good Start** - 38 beds
  - **Goodwell of Southwestern PA - Harbor II RRH** - 31 beds
  - **Mercy Life Center - ESG Rapid Re-housing - City** - 9 beds
  - **Mercy Life Center - ESG Rapid Re-housing - County** - 6 beds

- **Mercy Life Center Corporation - A Step Forward** - 25 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Soteria Rapid Re-Housing** - 30 beds
- **Urban League of Pittsburgh - ESG CV County RRH** - 10 beds
- **Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA - Constitution RRH** - 15 beds
- **Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA - SSVF Rapid Re-Housing** - 43 beds
- **YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh - YW Bridges RRH** - 61 beds

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count there were 880 households that was currently experiencing homelessness, 775 households were sheltered and 105 households were unsheltered. The unmet housing need for this qualified population is to increase the number of shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units. Based on consultations with homeless providers, the greatest need is a place for persons who are staying in shelters to move on the permanent supportive housing. This has created a "bottle neck" in the system. Therefore, agencies are requesting the need for the development of more permanent supportive housing units.

The supportive services that are needed, include the following: childcare, educational services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The unmet housing needs of the at risk of homeless population is the lack of affordable housing units in the City. This refers to that qualifying population who live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income and have one or more housing problems. This qualifying population needs both short- and long-term rental and utility assistance, along with affordable permanent housing options. Developing affordable permanent supportive housing units will keep households that are cost burden from becoming homeless.

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

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

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were 114 homeless individuals who were identified as victims of domestic violence. Additionally, according to 2021 data from the HMIS, there were 246 people fleeing domestic violence, of which 142 were fleeing with children. According to an interview with the staff of Bethlehem Haven, an average of 3 to 5 women are turned away every night because there are not enough beds, indicating that the current shelter inventory for people fleeing domestic violence is not sufficient to meet the need. The unmet housing need for this qualified population is to increase the number of domestic violence shelter beds and permanent supportive housing units.

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

The Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in their 2021 annual statistical report counted 9,330 domestic related 911 calls and 1,549 Intimate Partner Violence incidents in the City of Pittsburgh in 2021. The number of Intimate Partner Violence incidents rose 7% from the previous year. 735 Intimate Partner Violence victims were assessed as being in high danger as part of Lethality Assessment Screening (the method through which the level of danger to Intimate Partner Violence victims is determined). In 2021, there were also five (5) Intimate Partner Violence homicides in the City. Given the complex nature of domestic violence, there were many more incidents than was reported. This shows that domestic violence and related issues are prevalent in the City of Pittsburgh and have the potential to continue growing. Assistance is needed to help those who can flee from domestic violence and other intimate partner violence.

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

The unmet housing and service needs for other populations who are at greatest risk of housing instability's supportive services to help decrease their risk of housing instability by providing wrap-around services. These individuals may have substance abuse issues, mental health issues, and physical disabilities. To prevent housing instability, they need long term permanent housing assistance with case management and wrap-around support services. In addition, another population that is experiencing instability is the physically disabled and the developmentally challenge. There is a need for long-term permanent housing that is accessible for these persons with disabilities.

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

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

The City of Pittsburgh's limited supply of affordable housing is the largest gap in the system. This gap is much larger than the available resources that the City has, but the City will use these funds to leverage other funds to spread these funds out as much as possible to develop as many affordable housing options as possible.

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT), the CoC has 105 unsheltered homeless persons and 775 sheltered homeless. With the emergency shelter beds near capacity, this leaves 105 homeless persons living on the streets and waiting to access shelter beds. In addition, the CoC has its permanent supportive housing beds over 100% utilization rate.

To assist in meeting the need to provide permanent housing, the CoC works with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for housing assistance through either public housing units or through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh has 2,520 units of public housing and a waiting list of 3,171 persons. In 2022, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh administered 5,175 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list has 5,281 persons on it and it has been closed since December 23, 2018. There were also 21,804 applicants for Project-Based

Vouchers, and that waiting list was opened at some locations and closed at other locations in the City.

The Housing Authority have applicants that return Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers because they are not able to find affordable housing options in the City.

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

The City of Pittsburgh is not providing additional characteristics associated with instability and increase risk of homelessness in the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

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

- Need for more affordable rental housing
- Need for permanent supportive housing
- Need for transitional housing as a relief to the shelters
- Need for more accessible housing for the disabled
- Need for housing accommodations
- Need for supportive services and life skills training
- Need for increase shelter capacity
- Need for proximity to public transportation
- Need to improve the quality of the rental housing stock
- Need to eliminate the shelter bottleneck caused by the lack of permanent housing
- Need to reduce the rising costs of rents and housing costs in general
- Need for rental and utility assistance
- Need for supportive services such as counseling, case management, childcare, transportation, legal services, and job training

- Need for supportive service to assist persons with mental illness and substance abuse
- Need for funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO's, transitional, and permanent housing

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

The City of Pittsburgh determined the level of need and gaps in the shelter inventory, housing inventory, and service delivery system from the following sources:

- Stakeholders' Consultations
- 2022 Point-In-Time Count (PIT)
- 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- SAGE HMIS Reporting Repository
- Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE)
- 2017-2021 American Community Survey Data (ACS Data)
- 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
- Pittsburgh Bureau of Police - Statistics
- Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) - Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Statistics
- Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) - Statistics
- Light of Life Rescue Mission - Statistics
- Human Trafficking Institute
- Eviction Lab - Statistics
- Overdose Free PA - Statistics

Based on the above sources the City of Pittsburgh determined the level of need and gaps in its shelter inventory, housing inventory, and service delivery systems.

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 Pittsburgh and the URA proposes to solicit HOME-ARP applications from non-profit and for-profit agencies, private developers and/or social service providers to undertake eligible HOME-ARP projects/activities. The City and the URA will release a Notice of the Funding Available (NOFA) under the HOME-ARP Program in the "Tribune-Review" and "New Pittsburgh Courier". Potential applicants will be forward to Engage Pittsburgh (https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov) to fill out a funding request for their project/activity. The City's OMB Community Development staff will send out an email to its Community Development List Serve of over 700 email addresses of names and organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list. This will notify agencies, organizations, and interested parties of the availability of the HOME-ARP funds. In addition, the City will post the availability of the HOME-ARP funds on the City's OMB Community Development CDBG Notice webpage.

Posted on the Engage Pittsburgh website, potential applicants will be directed to the HOME-ARP Program to complete a Funding Application. In addition, the site will have links to the HOME-ARP Guidelines, Application Review Process, and instructions on how to complete the application.

The City and the URA will review the HOME-ARP Applications and rank them to see which applications address the needs identified in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. A review of how the applicant will help to develop and preserve the affordable housing stock in the City. In addition, the City and the URA will review how the funds will help support the needs of the homeless population by providing funds for the development of non-congregate emergency shelter beds and supportive services. The City and the URA will evaluate if the applicant will leverage the HOME-ARP funds with private and other public funding sources.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Pittsburgh, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division will manage the HOME-ARP program's administration, monitoring, and planning components. In addition, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA), through a cooperative agreement between the two (2) agencies will assist the City with implementing components of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The projects/activities will be carried out by subrecipients which are awarded the HOME-ARP funds.

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

Not Applicable. The City has not provided any HOME-ARP funds to subrecipient(s) or contractors prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

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

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	$ 500,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	$ 1,500,000.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	$ 5,507,825.00		
Non-Profit Operating	$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	$ 834,203.00	10 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation:	**$ 8,342,028.00**		

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

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

The City proposes to allocate 6% of the funds for Supportive Services, 18% of the funds for Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters, 66% of the funds for the Development of Affordable Rental Housing, and 10% of the funds for Administration and Planning.

The following is a breakdown of what each category covers:

- **Supportive Services** - may include some of the following eligible services: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation,

case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance.

- **Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter** - is for the development of private units or rooms for temporary shelter for persons and/or households that meet one or more of the definitions of qualifying populations. Funds can be used for the acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation of an existing structure, development costs, and replacement reserves.

- **Development of Affordable Rental Housing** - is for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating costs and reserves.

- **Administration and Planning** - will be set aside to cover the cost to administer the HOME-ARP program by the City of Pittsburgh and the URA of Pittsburgh.

These allocations were derived from the data analysis and the key points that were articulated in the community stakeholders' meetings and interviews. It was overwhelmingly mentioned at the stakeholder meetings and interviews that there is a need for new development and preservation of affordable housing stock in the City. Followed by the needs for supportive services.

The City is not allocating HOME-ARP funds to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Non-Profit Operating, and Non-Profit Capacity Building based on the analysis of the needs and consultations with stakeholders for the City. It was decided that the top priorities for the HOME-ARP funds is supportive services, acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters, and the development of affordable housing to meet the needs identified through the consultation process.

During the community stakeholders consultations, it was mentioned that the largest need is affordable housing. The reason affordable housing options are so important to the system is because without this option the system is bottle necked. The key to the system working smoothly is transitioning the homeless person or homeless households from the emergency shelter into housing permanent supportive housing as quickly as possible. To ensure success, wraparound supportive services to the household are crucial. When affordable housing options are not available there is a bottle neck in the system, which then backs up emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing. This is the reason why more affordable housing is needed because it will then reduce the number of person or households staying in emergency shelters, safe havens, and transitional housing. This in turn will then open space for other homeless persons or households in shelters.

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

The 2022 Point-In-Time Count has 631 persons or 447 households in Emergency Shelters and 105 persons/households has unsheltered. The City of Pittsburgh housing market is seeing housing options being reduced because of the increase in housing sales prices, increase in monthly rents, low vacancy rates, and increases in utility costs. These trends are leading to the lack of affordable housing options and the increase of households becoming cost overburden. Based on the statistics and the community consultation the number one point that everyone mentioned was the need for more affordable housing in the City. The second item that was continuedly mentioned, was the need to provide supportive services. These funds will be used to help the homeless and the persons at-rick of homelessness be able to stay in housing. The City has also allocated funds for the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters to help meet the needs of the population that is homeless.

The HOME-ARP funds will be used to assist the extremely low-income City residents.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The City of Pittsburgh estimates twenty-five (25) new affordable housing units will be created and/or rehabilitated using the HOME-ARP funds. This number was developed by the City, based off an estimated cost of $220,000 per unit, which would cover the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating cost assistance/reserves. Additional units can be developed if applicants are able to leverage other funds as part of the HOME-ARP Application. The City in its application process will encourage applicants to leverage other funds as part of their application.

In addition, the City is proposing to assist in the development of thirty (30) non-congregate shelter beds using the HOME-ARP funds. This number was developed by the City, based off an estimated cost of $50,000 per unit, which would cover the cost for the acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation of an existing structure, development costs, and replacement reserves. Additional units can be developed if applicants are able to leverage other funds as part of the HOME-ARP Application. The City in its application process will encourage applicants to leverage other funds as part of their application.

These new affordable rental units and non-congregate shelter units will be available for all HOME-ARP qualifying populations because the needs of all four (4) qualifying populations are greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds allocated to the City.

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

The City of Pittsburgh is looking to leverage the HOME-ARP funds with other Federal, State, local, Foundation, private, etc. funding sources. The goal is to use these other funding sources to develop at least twenty-five (25) new affordable housing units or more and at least thirty (30) new non-congregate shelter units or more. If other funds are not available, the City will look to just fund these projects with HOME-ARP funds only.

Preferences

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

The City of Pittsburgh would like to create a preference for homeless families including those fleeing domestic violence for a HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter projects/activities. The preference gives homeless/DV family applicants priority for admission to the HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter project. Allegheny County's Department Human Services definition of a family is a household with one or more minor children and one or more adult. All other eligible QP applicants (including homeless QP applicants who do not qualify as families) are selected in chronological order for any units not occupied by homeless family applicants. Homeless QP applicants who are families are prioritized for admission for occupancy based on the length of time they have been homeless.

For the other HOME-ARP projects/activities: Supportive Services and Development of Affordable Rental Housing, the City does not intend to give preference to one qualifying population versus another because there is a need for aid among all four (4) qualifying populations. The needs for all four (4) qualifying populations is greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds the City has been allocated.

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

As the City of Pittsburgh HOME-ARP Allocation Plan states, the 2022 Point-In-Time Count has 631 persons or 447 households in Emergency Shelters and 105 persons/households unsheltered. The proposed preference will only pertain to HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter projects/activities and will assist homeless families with housing. According to our Affordable Housing Gap Analysis, there is a current gap of 25,570 overall housing units in the City of Pittsburgh. Based on data from the Allegheny County's Department of Human Services, the County has assisted up to fifty (50) families with hotel vouchers. At one time. On average, the County assists thirty (30) families with hotel vouchers. The County's policy is to not have families with children on the streets. Before the pandemic Allegheny County only assisted between 5 to 10 families in the hotel voucher program. The cost is approximately $100 a night to shelter these families.

The graph below shows client counts over the past two (2) years as well as the need for beds over the number of beds available.

The proposed HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter project would allow for 19 units: 17 2-bedroom units and two 1-bedroom units. The 1-bedroom units can accommodate an adult and a child and will have an interlocking door that can be unlocked to combine units to accommodate larger families. This would allow for a capacity of 72 if needed.

As stated, previously Allegheny County's Department Human Services definition of a family is a household with one or more minor child and one or more adult.

The Allegheny County Continuum of Care (CoC) is committed to ensuring that eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness have fair and equal access to services for which they are eligible. The CoC does not discriminate against any individual or family experiencing homelessness based on race, gender, age, ancestry, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, familial status, or any other protected class currently listed in federal, state, or local ordinances in the provision of services within the CoC. At this time, the Allegheny County CoC only makes referrals to housing programs within the Continuum of Care for any individual or family experience literal homelessness (unsheltered, in an emergency shelter, safe haven, or place not meant for human habitation), is facing the immediate (today or tonight) loss of their current housing or is coming from transitional housing as described below.

The Allegheny County CoC has adopted CPD-16-11, HUD's Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as CPD-17-01, HUD's Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Further, the CoC has expanded the prioritization practices to the Rapid Rehousing, Bridge and Transitional Housing programs. Therefore, households designated as Chronically Homeless are prioritized throughout the entire system. As such, the waiting list for housing programs within the CoC follows the prioritization outlined below, which incorporates the Orders of Priority in HUD Notice CPD-16-11. Utilizing the process described above, Coordinated Entry prioritizes households experiencing homelessness within the CoC's geographic area for referral to housing and services. Priorities are consistent with CoC and ESG written standards approved by the Homeless Advisory Board (HAB).

Households are prioritized by AHA score, HUD CH status, and time of placement on waitlist. All referrals to ESG and CoC funded programs flow through Coordinated Entry. There is a prioritized by-name list called the "Homeless Housing Program Wait List" that is kept within CE.

Vacancy Management Process Coordinated Entry process

- When a provider has a vacancy in a program, they will contact one of the Homeless Resource Coordinators (HRC) via HMIS to request a referral.
- Once the HRC receives the request for a referral, the HRC will begin working down the prioritized list of eligible households. Each household will have a minimum of 3 attempts by each contact method. The HRC will at least attempt this contact through 3 business days.
    - The HRC works closely with the CoC street outreach providers and other community stakeholders to help in the connection.
- If the Household accepts the program offer, the HRC assigns the household in HMIS and notifies the program provider, street outreach, and other CoC supports of the new referral and how to contact via email.
    - There are detailed referral notes included in the electronic HMIS referral that can be referenced throughout the engagement process. These notes include specifics around the individual's CH timeline, engagement strategies, documentation concerns, etc.

For the other HOME-ARP projects/activities: Supportive Services and Development of Affordable Rental Housing, the City does not intend to give preference to one qualifying population versus another because there is a need for aid among all four (4) qualifying populations. The need for all four (4) qualifying populations is greater than the amount of HOME-ARP funds the City has been allocated.

Referral Methods

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

The City of Pittsburgh intends to use the Coordinated Entry System (CE) and other referrals for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. Allegheny County CoC has a mature Coordinated Entry System (CES) that covers Allegheny County in its entirety and is the referral method that will be used for HOME ARP-funded non-congregate shelter projects/activities. The objective of the CES is to ensure streamlined access to the Allegheny County Continuum of Care's (CoC) homeless response system for all households that are facing housing instability or experiencing homelessness and ensure they are matched to an appropriate intervention to end their crisis or homelessness. Subjective barriers to housing have been removed from all programs participating in Allegheny County's CES, as there is a Housing First focus, that is inclusive of those funded through the CoC Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The CoC has adopted HUD CPD 16-11, HUD's Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as the accompanying update HUD CPD-17-01, Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System.

The Allegheny Link & Office of Community Services (OCS) Field Unit functions as the single access point for the CE in Allegheny County. All households seeking service are provided fair and equal access regardless of their location or method by which they access the system. All CoC Program and ESG Program-funded projects are required to participate in Allegheny County's Coordinated Entry. When accessing Coordinated Entry persons experiencing homelessness can expect:

- to be treated with dignity and respect
- to receive fair and equal access to information and guidance about housing assistance for which they are eligible
- to be screened for integrated services through all CoC participating providers and programs

<u>Coordinated Entry Access & Coverage</u>

The Allegheny County CoC is a consistent, streamlined approach to Coordinated Entry. The CE is comprised of the Allegheny Link and the OCS Field Unit. The Allegheny Link is the one stop access point for Coordinated Entry and serves the entire geographic region of Allegheny County and Allegheny County Continuum of Care. The Allegheny Link Service Coordinators are available weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The Allegheny Link can be accessed in multiple ways:

- By Phone: 1-866-730-2368

- In Person: Allegheny Link, One Smithfield Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (8 am to 4 pm)
- By Email: alleghenylink@alleghenycounty.us

Through partnership and collaboration, other call centers and community service providers e.g., 211, AAA SeniorLine, resolve, food pantries, 412 Youth Zone, engagement centers, etc., assist households in connecting to Allegheny Link. This occurs through warm transfers of the households to the phone line, emails directly to Allegheny Link or connection to the OCS Field Unit.

For the other HOME-ARP projects/activities: Supportive Services and Development of Affordable Rental Housing, the City realizes that the CES does not accept all of the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. Therefore, in addition to the CES, the City intends to use other forms of referrals from outside organizations. These may include 211, waiting lists from shelter providers, as well as other entities which serve the various Qualifying Populations. The multiple referral method will be finalized in the implementation process as part of the Policies and Procedures Manual for the administration of the HOME-ARP activity.

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

Equal Access

The Allegheny County CoC, the CES, and providers do not discriminate against any individual or household, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status. All people, regardless of their inclusion in different populations and subpopulations, including people experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, and survivors of domestic violence (DV), have fair and equal access to the coordinated entry process. All four HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations have access to Allegheny County's Coordinated Entry System.

All CoC providers must have non-discrimination policies in place and assertively outreach to people least likely to engage in the homeless system. All CoC providers must comply with all federal statutes including the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of Civil Rights Act and Title II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Accessibility Allegheny Link and OCS Field Unit utilize language translation services (including ASL) that are "on demand" for people attempting to access Coordinated Entry for whom English is not the primary or preferred language.

Accessing Emergency Shelter for Families with Minor Children (Including HOME-ARP funded family shelters)

Access to family shelters within the CoC is managed by CE through the Allegheny Link. Families with minor children are asked to call the Allegheny Link if they do not have a safe place to stay that evening. Families are then placed in a unit that matches the household makeup, as capacity is available.

During times that the Allegheny Link is not operational, there is a triage system that directs callers to a variety of options based on their situation. All the programs listed can assist people during off-hours as space is available, independently from the operational hours of Allegheny Link. As households present to single shelter during times outside of the normal hours of operation of the Allegheny Link, shelters can serve the households, as capacity allows, and connect the households to the Allegheny Link for further assessment and screening. Families that call in during this time are triaged to an after-hours answer service that will discuss further options for diversion and connect to one of our family shelters for a potential temporary stay in an overflow space until traditional shelter space is available.

For families with minor children who have enrolled in one of the CoC Family Emergency shelters they are given a period of 10 days to become stable in shelter, self-resolve their housing crisis, meet with shelter staff and the Homeless Services & Supports Coordinator (HSSC) prior to completing an assessment with Coordinated Entry. After the 10th day in emergency shelter CE staff reach out to the family to complete the assessment, which generally takes an additional 2 weeks for people find other options.

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

<u>Prioritization for CoC Funded Non-Congregate Shelter –</u>

The Allegheny County Continuum of Care is committed to ensuring that eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness have fair and equal access to services for which they are eligible. The CoC does not discriminate against any individual or family experiencing homelessness based on race, gender, age, ancestry, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, familial status, or any other protected class currently listed in federal, state, or local ordinances in the provision of services within the CoC. At this time, the Allegheny County

CoC only makes referrals to housing programs within the Continuum of Care for any individual or family experience literal homelessness (unsheltered, in an emergency shelter, safe haven, or place not meant for human habitation), is facing the immediate (today or tonight) loss of their current housing or is coming from transitional housing as described below.

The Allegheny County CoC has adopted CPD-16-11, HUD's Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as CPD-17-01, HUD's Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System. Further, the CoC has expanded the prioritization practices to the Rapid Rehousing, Bridge and Transitional Housing programs. Therefore, households designated as Chronically Homeless are prioritized throughout the entire system. As such, the waiting list for housing programs within the CoC follows the prioritization outlined below, which incorporates the Orders of Priority in HUD Notice CPD-16-11. Utilizing the process described above, Coordinated Entry prioritizes households experiencing homelessness within the CoC's geographic area for referral to housing and services. Priorities are consistent with CoC and ESG written standards approved by the Homeless Advisory Board (HAB). Households are prioritized by AHA score, HUD CH status, and time of placement on waitlist. All referrals to ESG and CoC funded programs flow through Coordinated Entry. There is a prioritized by-name list called the "Homeless Housing Program Wait List" that is kept within CE.

Vacancy Management Process Coordinated Entry process:

- When a provider has a vacancy in a program, they will contact one of the Homeless Resource Coordinators (HRC) via HMIS to request a referral.
- Once the HRC receives the request for a referral, the HRC will begin working down the prioritized list of eligible households. Each household will have a minimum of 3 attempts by each contact method. The HRC will at least attempt this contact through 3 business days.
    - The HRC works closely with the CoC street outreach providers and other community stakeholders to help in the connection.
- If the Household accepts the program offer, the HRC assigns the household in HMIS and notifies the program provider, street outreach, and other CoC supports of the new referral and how to contact via email.
    - There are detailed referral notes included in the electronic HMIS referral that can be referenced throughout the engagement process. These notes include specifics around the individual's CH timeline, engagement strategies, documentation concerns, etc.

The City of Pittsburgh will be using multiple sources for referrals, not just the CES for the other HOME-ARP projects/activities: Supportive Services and Development of Affordable Rental Housing. Since the CES does not cover all of the Qualifying Populations, the City will use the data

from 211, street outreach, waiting lists from shelter providers, etc. This will be a "first come, first served" basis.

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

The City will use the CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) for only the HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter Project/Activities.

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Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

The City of Pittsburgh is not intending to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing nor non-congregate shelter projects to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation. The need for affordable rental housing and non-congregate shelter is needed across all qualifying populations. The City will solicit proposals for rental housing and non-congregate shelter projects in general. Evaluations of applications will be made and selection will be based on the best proposal submitted.

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

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

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

Not Applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

The City of Pittsburgh does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds. Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

Appendix

Attached are the following items:

- SF 424 Form
- SF 424-B Form
- SF 424-D Form
- Certifications
- Citizen Participation Documentation
    - Public Hearing
    - Surveys and Consultations
    - Substantial Amendment Public Hearing

HUD SF 424 Form

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:
- [ ] Preapplication
- [x] Application
- [ ] Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:
- [x] New
- [ ] Continuation
- [ ] Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier: M-21-MP-42-0501

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Pittsburgh

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 25-6000879

* c. UEI: M9C7WJVR8HE8

d. Address:

* Street1: 414 Grant Street
Street2: Room 501
* City: Pittsburgh
County/Parish: Allegheny County
* State: PA: Pennsylvania
Province:
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code: 15219-2409

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Office of Management and Budget

Division Name: Community Development

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

Prefix: Mr.
* First Name: Kelly
Middle Name: L.
* Last Name: Russell
Suffix:

Title: Assistant Director/Labor Compliance Officer

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: (412) 255-2667
Fax Number: (412) 393-0151

* Email: kelly.russell@pittsburghpa.gov

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

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

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

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

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

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

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

Not Applicable.

* Title:

Not Applicable.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable.

Title:

Not Applicable.

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

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

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: 18th
* b. Program/Project: 18th

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 09/20/2021
* b. End Date: 09/30/2030

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	8,342,028.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	8,342,028.00

*** 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.
- [x] 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
- [x] No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

- [x] ** 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: Mr.
* First Name: Ed
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Gainey
Suffix:

* Title: Mayor

* Telephone Number: (412)255-2626
Fax Number: (412)393-0151

* Email: ed.gainey@pittsburghpa.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative: DocuSigned by: Ed Gainey AA1F070B04C14EA...
* Date Signed: 03/24/2023

HUD SF 424-B Form

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DocuSigned by: Ed Gainey AA1F670B64C14EA...	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Pittsburgh, PA	03/24/2023

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	**DATE SUBMITTED**
City of Pittsburgh, PA	03/24/2023

Certifications

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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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Ed Gainey
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Signature of Authorized Official

03/24/2023
Date

Mayor
Title

Citizen Participation Documentation

Public Hearing

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Legal Notices

Estate of **RUTH WYNN, Deceased** of 107 Grove Road, Verona, PA 15147, **NO. 02-23-00581**, Arlener Hicks, Executrix, 8029 Mount Carmel Road, Verona, PA 15147 or to **William C. Price Jr. Price & Associates, P.C., 2005 Noble Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218**

Estate of **MARJORIE WILLIAMS, Deceased** of Pittsburgh, **No. 4891 of 2022** ,Lawrence Collins, Administrator appointed February 1, 2023, **Attorney Peter B. Lewis, Neighborhood Legal Services, 928 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222, Counsel.**

Estate of **WILLIAM A. LOWRY, Deceased** of Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235, **Estate No. 022207511 of 2022,** Shavonne L. Lowry, 219 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235 or to **Rebecca J. Maziarz, Esq., Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., Two PPG Place. Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

Estate of **JOHN SMONSKI, Deceased** of McKeesport,**No.02-13-01550., Kenneth Smith, Executor**, 323 S. Home Ave., Apt. 208, Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Estate of **MS. DOROTHY CLAIRE KOHUT, Deceased** of 7121 Grand Avenue, Neville Island, PA 15225, **Estate No. 02-23-01034** Ms. Maureen E. Puskar, Executrix, **c/o Max C. Feldman, Esqure and the Law Office of Max C. Feldman, 1322 Fifth Avneue, Coraopolis, PA 15108**

Estate of **CHRISTOPHER ZBIGNIEW DE MONTFORT, Deceased** of Pleasant Hills, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, **Estate No. 02-23-01043** Bernadette Haverty, Executor, 145 Revere Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 or to **Aubrey H. Glover, Atty; BRENLOVE & FULLER, LLC. 401 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017**

Estate of **PAUL JOSEPH M. PELLECCHIA, Deceased** of Liberty Boro, Pennsylvania, **Estate No. 02-23-01251** Kenneth B. Hornfeck, Executor, or to **Ryan W. Brode, Atty, 6 Clairton Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15236**

Estate of **BRIGITTA WEBER A/K/A BRIGETTE WEBER, Deceased** of Coraopolis Borough, **Estate No. 00579 of 2023** George F. Weber, Executor, 2019 Ewings Mill Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108; or to **Christina E. McKaveney-Malkin, Esquire, P.O. Box 353, Ingomar, PA 15127**

Estate of **ELIZABETH M. BELFIORE** deceased of Neville Island, PA, **No. 01439 of 2023,** Paula A. Deacon extr., PO Box 394, Carnegie, PA 15106 or to **c/o Jacqueline H. Brangard, Esquire, Scolieri Law Group, P.C. Attys., 1207 Fifth Avenue, Suite 200 Bldg., Pittsburgh , Pa. 15219**

Estate of **JOSEPH MICHAEL MOZURAK, JR.** deceased of Glenshaw, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, **No. 02-23-01329,** Elizabeth B. Mozurak, Executor., 2317 Middle Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116 or to **EMILY H. HAMMEL, Atty; BRENLOVE & FULLER, LLC. 401 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017**

Estate of **VIOLA T. VESPAZIANI** deceased of Collier Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, **No. 02-23-01330,** Beth L. Bonzo, Executor., 1149 Cardinal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 or to **ROBIN L. RARIE, Atty; BRENLOVE & FULLER, LLC. 401 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017**

Estate of **PATRICIA L. BUTLER a/k/a PATRICIA LOUISE BUTLER**, deceased of Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania **(No. 022301007)**. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned at probate number **022301007**, to whom all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to the undersigned or their attorney.
Laura M. Butler, Administratrix, 127 Holy Cross Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146
ROBERT A. CINPINSKI, Attorney, 200 N. Jefferson St., Kittanning, PA 16201

Estate of **VERONICA J. PROVENZANO** deceased of 718 Willowcrest Drive Gibsonia, PA 15044, **No. 02-23-01126,** Mark A. Provenzano, 802 Lakeview Court, Mars, PA 16046, Michael A. Provenzano, 202 Eagleview Court, Gibsonia, PA 15044 Co-Executor., or to **William C. Price Jr. Price & Associates, P.C. 2005 Noble Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218**

Estate of **MICHELLE JOHNSON-HOPSON** deceased of Pittsburgh, PA 15208, **No. 06073 of 2022,** Juluis Hopson Jr. extr, 7227 Monticello Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 or to **Marvin Abrams, Esquire, Allegheny Law Group, LLC. 816 5th Avenue, Ste. 600, Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meetings

PUBLIC NOTICE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
The Green Committee of the **Allegheny County Sanitary Authority** will hold a special meeting for general purposes on **Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.** prevailing time in the Trefz Board Room at its offices located at 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15233. Official action on the Committee's recommendations will take place at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at a later date. The public may view the meeting via livestream by visiting **www.alcosan.org.**

TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NUMBER 1114
The Wilkins Township Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of the following ordinance at a public meeting to be held on the **27th day of March 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Municipal Building, 110 Peffer Road, Wilkins Township, Pennsylvania. The complete text of the Ordinance is on file and may be inspected in the Office of the Township Secretary at the aforesaid Municipal Building during normal business hours.
The title and a summary of the ordinance is as follows.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE #1114

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1095, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

SUMMARY

The Ordinance adds a definition for **"perimeter buffer"** and provides certain landscaping requirements for Planned Residential Developments in both residential and commercial zoning districts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING
The Wilkins Township Board of Commissioners shall hold a public meeting on **Monday, March 27, 2023** at the Municipal Building, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145 beginning at **6:45 PM.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would require certain landscaping in the perimeter buffer of a Planned Residential Development. All interested persons are welcome to attend and speak publicly. A copy of the ordinance amendment will be available on the Township website **https://www.wilkinstownship.com** by close of business, **Friday, March 24, 2023.** Virtual access to the public meeting is available through Zoom at the following link: **https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84619625991**

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CITY OF PITTSBURGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN FOR HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM
FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
This notice is hereby given by the **City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA** that it will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, March 20, 2023, at 12:00 PM, prevailing time**, in the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget **(OMB)**, Community Development Division, Conference Room located at 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please email community.**development@pittsburghpa.gov** or via phone at **(412) 255-2667** or the TDD number is **(412) 255-2222** by **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**.

Persons wishing to participate virtually may join via:

Microsoft Teams meeting
Meeting ID: 237 560 550 500
Passcode: tHDQZK
Or call in (audio only)
+1 412-851-3584,,271097390#
United States, Pittsburgh
Phone Conference ID: 271 097 390#

Please note: If you don't have access to Teams, please email **community.development@pittsburghpa.gov.**
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In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, the City of Pittsburgh has placed its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on public display starting **Thursday, March 9, 2023**, and ending on **Thursday, March 23, 2023**. The Draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan may be examined at the City's website: **http://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents.** All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. To provide comments, please email **community.development@pittsburghpa.gov** or via phone at **(412) 255- 2667**. Written comments may be addressed to the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget **(OMB)**, Community Development Division, attention Mr. Kelly L. Russell, Assistant Director/Labor Compliance Officer, 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Mr. Kelly L. Russell
Assistant Director/Labor Compliance Officer
Community Development Division, OMB

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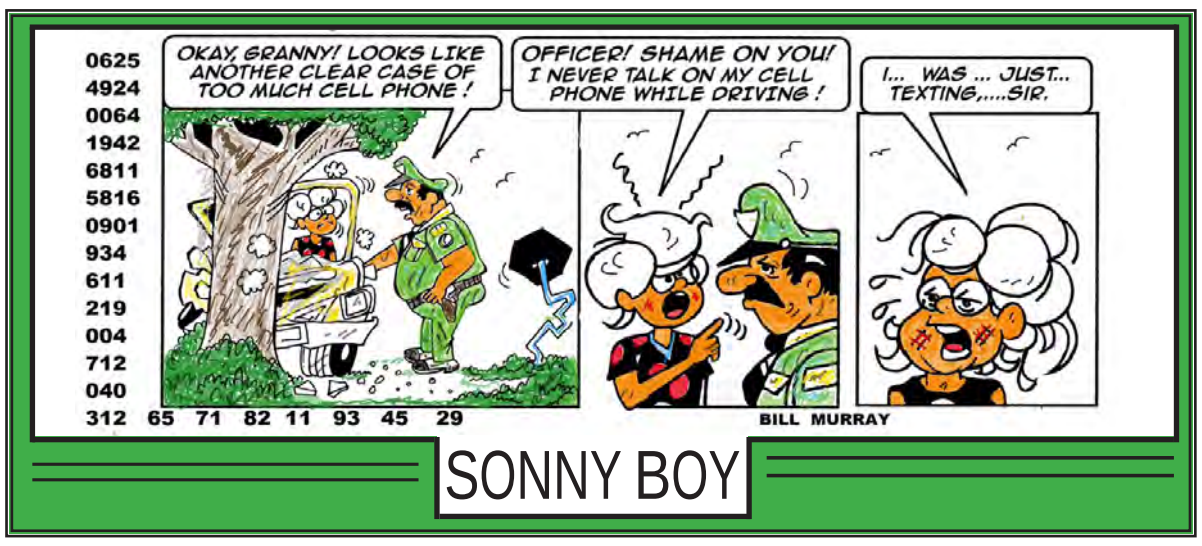

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TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF CODE
Please take notice that the following **ordinance of the Township of Wilkins**, notice of the introduction of which had previously been given, was finally enacted at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Wilkins, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the **27th day of February, 2023.**

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 1111

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT AN ORDINANCE CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS PROVISIONS; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ADOPTING CERTAIN CHANGES MADE TO PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE PENALITES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE CODE OR CHAPTERS THEREOF.

The **"Code of the Township of Wilkins"** will be in full force and effect on the **1st day of March, 2023.** A copy of the Code Adoption Ordinance and the Code are on file in the office of the Township Manager, where they are available for use and examination during regular office hours.

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Bids / Proposals

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR FINANCIAL AUDITING SEVICES AUTHORITY WIDE
RFP#150-10-23
The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) hereby request proposals from qualified Firms or Individuals capable of providing the following service(s):

Financial Auditing Services Authority Wide

The documents will be available no later than **February 27, 2023**, and signed, sealed proposals will be accepted until: **9:00 A.M. on March 23,2023**. The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh will only be accepting **physical proposals dropped off in person from 8:00 AM until the closing time of 9:00 AM on March 23,2023** in the lobby of 100 Ross St. Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Proposals may be uploaded to the Authority's online submission site, the link is accessible via the HACP website and within the RFP. Sealed proposals may still be mailed via USPS at which time they will be Time and Date Stamped at 100 Ross Street 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.
Parties or individuals interested in responding may download a copy of the Solicitation from the Business Opportunities page of **www.HACP.org.**

Questions or inquires should be directed to:

Mr. James Harris
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh
Procurement Department
100 Ross Street
2nd Floor, Suite 200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-643-2832

A pre-submission meeting will be held via Zoom meeting; on **March 9,2023 at 9:00 A.M.** Please see meeting information below:

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 838 2861 6751
Passcode: 981986
+1 301 715 8592 US
(Washington D.C)

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh strongly encourages certified minority business enterprises and women business enterprises to respond to this solicitation.
HACP has revised their website. As part of those revisions, vendors must now register and log-in, in order to view and download IFB/RFPs documentation.

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Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

HACP conducts business in accordance with all federal, state, and local civil rights laws, including but not limited to Title VII, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, The PA Human Relations Act, etc. and does not discriminate against any individuals protected by these statute

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Port Authority of Allegheny County
d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 23-01
Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) is requesting proposals for the performance of the following service **("Contract Services"):**

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SERVICES

The work under the proposed Agreement consists of administration of PRT's unemployment compensation program in general areas, to include unemployment tax management; claims administration; benefit audits; and account management.
The Agreement will be for a three-year period with the option to extend the term of the Agreement up to two additional years at the sole discretion of PRT.
A copy of the Request for Proposal **(RFP)** will be available on or after **March 3, 2023** and can be obtained by registering at the PRT's ebusiness and following the directions listed on the website. Please note that Proposers must register under the ebusiness categories of **PSBSPA – Pro Benefits/Wages/Pension and PSFAIB – Pro Fin Advisory/Invest/Banking** for this RFP. Proposers may also register in other categories for any future RFPs issued by PRT. If you have specific questions regarding this RFP, please contact **Fred Buckner at (412) 566-5467 or via email fbuckner@rideprt.org.**
An Information Meeting for interested parties will be held at **9:30 a.m., prevailing time, March 23, 2023** via Microsoft Teams video conference and/or conference call to answer any questions regarding this RFP.

To join by Microsoft Team video conference:
https://bit.ly/3YfY1sI
To join by Microsoft Teams call-in number:
- **(412) 927-0245 United States, Pittsburgh (Toll)**
- **Conference ID: 684934629#**

Electronic proposals must be both received, and time stamped by a representative of the Procurement Department through PRT's Ebusiness website at or before **2:00 p.m., prevailing time, April 13, 2023, at http://ebusiness.rideprt.org**. Proposals received or time stamped by a Procurement Department representative through PRT's Ebusiness website after the advertised time for the submission of proposals shall be non-responsive and therefore ineligible for award. Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for assuring that its proposal is timely received and time stamped in accordance with the requirements herein.
This Contract Services may be funded, in part, by, and subject to certain requirements of, the County of Allegheny and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Federal Transit Administration **(FTA)** of the U.S. Department of Transportation **(DOT)**. The proposal process and the performance of the requested services will be in accordance with guidelines and regulations of the FTA **"Third Party Contracting Guidelines"**, FTA Circular 4220.1F, as amended, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit, in compliance with 49 C.F.R., Part 26, as amended, implements positive affirmative action procedures to ensure that all Disadvantaged Business Enterprises **("DBEs")** have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed, in whole or in part, with federal funds, if any, provided under or for the proposed Agreement. In this regard, all recipients or contractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 C.F.R., Part 26, to ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontracts for, the Contract Services.
Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit, in compliance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 303, as may be amended, also requires that certified Diverse Businesses, **("DBs")** have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontract for, the Contract Services. In this regard, all Proposers, and the Contractor, shall make good faith efforts, in accordance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 303, to ensure that DBs have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontracts for, the Contract Services.
Further, proposers and the Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, disability, national origin, sex, sexual origin, gender identity or status as a parent in the award and performance of contracts or subcontracts for these Contract Services
Port Authority of Allegheny County d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional Transit reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH
Sealed proposals shall be deposited at the Administration Building, Bellefield Entrance Lobby, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15213, on **March 28, 2023, until 2:00 P.M., local prevailing time** for:

Pgh. Langley K-8
Finish Floor Replacements and Miscellaneous Work (REBID)
Asbestos Abatement Primes

Service & Maintenance Contract at Various Schools, Facilities and Properties:
- Fire Extinguisher and Fire Hoses Service and Maintenance (REBID)

Pgh. Carrick High School
Whiteboard Installations
General Primes

PPS Service Center
Service Center Fuel Dispenser Island Replacement
Mechanical Primes

Project Manual and Drawings will be available for purchase on **March 6, 2023**, at Modern Reproductions **(412-488-7700)**, 127 McKean Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219 between **9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.** The cost of the Project Manual Documents is non-refundable. Project details and dates are described in each project manual.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) is accepting Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications from Professional Companies who wish to be considered for the following:

Professional Engineering Services for the Retained Consulting Engineer

Eight **(8)** hard copies of sealed Qualifications Submittals and one **(1)** electronic copy are required.:

Allegheny County Sanitary Authority
3300 Preble Avenue
Admin Annex, Room 106
Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1092
Attn: Suzanne Thomas, Procurement Officer
procurement@alcosan.org

All questions should also be submitted, ***in writing***, to Suzanne Thomas.
ALCOSAN intends to award the services to one firm to perform all of the services. All submittals must be received no later than **2:00 p.m. (EST), April 21, 2023**. It is Consultant's responsibility to ensure the documents have been received. Late submittals will not be considered. Additional information and instructions may be obtained by visiting: **https://www.alcosan.org/work-with-us/planned-and-active-bids** ALCOSAN encourages businesses owned and operated by minorities, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises to submit qualification statements or to participate as subcontractors or suppliers to the selected Consultant/Firm. The Party selected shall be required to utilize minority, disadvantaged, and women's business enterprises to the fullest extent possible. The goals of the ALCOSAN's Minority and Women Business Policy are listed on the ALCOSAN website at **www.alcosan.org.**

Kimberly Kennedy, PE
Director, Engineering and Construction

Date: **March 8, 2023**

PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN THE NEW PITTSBURGH COURIER PUBLISHING COMPANY

Under Act No. 587, Approved May 16, 1929, P.L. 1784

State of Pennsylvania)
County of Allegheny)

Name Rod Doss .....Title Editor & Publisher of the New Pittsburgh Courier Publishing Company, a corporation of the County and State aforesaid being duly sworn, deposes and says that the *New Pittsburgh Courier* is a newspaper published once a week at 315 East Carson Street, City of Pittsburgh, County and State aforesaid, which was established in the year 1966, since which date said newspaper has been regularly issued in said county, and that a copy of the printed notice or publication is attached hereto exactly as the same was printed and published in the regular editions and issues of the said weekly newspaper

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan -FY 2021 Annual Action Plan

On March 8, 2023

Affiant further deposes that he/she is an officer duly authorized by the New Pittsburgh Courier Publishing Company, a corporation, publisher of the *New Pittsburgh Courier*, a newspaper published weekly, to verify the foregoing statement under oath and also declares that the affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the aforesaid notice or publication, and that all allegations in the foregoing statement as to time, place and character of publication are true.

Copy of notice or publication:

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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FOR HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM
FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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Or call in (audio only)
+1 412-851-3584,,271097390#
United States, Pittsburgh
Phone Conference ID: 271 097 390#

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

This notice is hereby given by the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA that it will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, March 20, 2023, at 12:00 PM**, prevailing time, in the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division, Conference Room located at 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please email community.development@pittsburghpa.gov or via phone at (412) 255-2667 or the TDD number is (412) 255-2222 by Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Persons wishing to participate virtually may join via
Microsoft Teams meeting
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Or call in (audio only)
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Please note: If you don't have access to Teams, please email community.development@pittsburghpa.gov.

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The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required by HUD in order for the City of Pittsburgh to receive federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the process the City will use to allocate funds to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of becoming homeless, and other vulnerable populations, by providing affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, the City of Pittsburgh has placed its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on public display starting Thursday, March 9, 2023, and ending on Thursday, March 23, 2023. The Draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan may be examined at the City's website.
http://pittsburgpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. To provide comments, please email community.development@pittsburghpa.gov or via phone at (412) 255-2667. Written comments may be addressed to the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division, attention Mr. Kelly L. Russell, Assistant Director/Labor Compliance Officer, 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Mr. Kelly L. Russell
Assistant Director/Labor Compliance Officer
Community Development Division, OMB
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To: Scherer, Hilary <Hilary.Scherer@AlleghenyCounty.US>

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Good afternoon CoC members,
The HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) provides funding to HOME participating jurisdictions (PJs) to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. Prior to receiving and administering the funds, the PJ must develop a plan for effective allocation of the funds, to be approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Count (through Allegheny County Economic Development) both engaged with the Allegheny County CoC last fall (2022) for input to inform the development of their plans.

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Thank you,
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To: Kail-Smith, Theresa; Wilson, Bobby; Kraus, Bruce; Coghill, Anthony; Warwick, Barbara **+14 others**

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Cc: McDevitt, Peter; Price, Rea; Russell, Kelly; Rolon, Joshua; Cornell, Patrick; Knight, Michael

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Please pass this information to anyone in your network who would be interested in this information.

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Public Participation

This page is for individuals interested in contributing to Community Development decision making. These opportunities are for residents of the City of Pittsburgh, as the funds are used within the City.

If you are an individual in need of services, please see our Resources for Individuals document.

Current Public Participation Opportunities

Public Notice	Public Hearing	Public Comment
Public Notice regarding the Public Hearing for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment.	There will be a public hearing on **Monday, March 20, 2023** at **12:00 PM**. The hearing will be located at 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Participants can attend via Microsoft Teams by clicking this link. Further details available in the Public Notice.	The Draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Alocation Plan will be available for comment from Thursday, March 9 - Thursday, March 23 2023.

Public Notices provide information regarding upcoming or current public hearings, documents, and comment periods.

Public Hearings provide opportunities for City residents to voice concerns and advocate for funding priorities.

Community Development documents such as the annual and 5-year plans, as well as reports and analyses, are made available for public comment for 14 to 30 days before official publication.

To view published documents, visit the Community Development Documents page.

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HOME-ARP Program Public Hearing on Allocation Plan

Office of Management and Budget, Community Development Division

Kelly Russell, Assistant Director

Karl Haglund, Consultant, Urban Design Ventures

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Introduction:

Who are we and why are we here?

- Overview of Funding
- Qualifying Populations (QPs)
- Eligible Uses
- Results of Stakeholder Engagement
- Draft Allocation Plan

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What are "QPs"?

The Plan must define the needs for Qualifying Populations (or "**QPs**"):

Homeless (McKinney-Vento definition)

At-risk of homelessness (McKinney-Vento definition)

Fleeing/attempting to flee:
- Domestic violence
- Dating violence
- Sexual violence
- Trafficking

Other populations for whom supportive services would prevent homelessness or serve those at greatest risk of housing instability

Veterans and families with a veteran member that meet one of the other criteria

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Eligible Uses:

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Purchase and/or Development of Non-Congregate Shelter
- Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling

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PRODUCTION/PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

- Construction of new rental housing units
- Acquisition of existing housing units

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TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA):

- Assist qualifying households with payments for housing related costs.
- A Participating Jurisdiction may provide assistance to cover the entire cost or insufficient amounts that the qualifying household cannot pay.
- This assistance is attached to the household and not a particular rental unit.
- The unit must meet applicable property standards.

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Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS): private units or rooms for temporary shelter

- Acquisition of structures to be used as NCS (such as hotels)
- Rehabilitation not required because structure is in standard condition
- New Construction of structures to be used as NCS
- Rehabilitation of existing structures (such as motels, nursing homes, or other facilities) to be used as NCS

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Supportive Services:

Funding used to assist households and individuals experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of homelessness through various means beyond housing.

Examples:
- Case management
- Short-term rental assistance
- Childcare costs
- Housing search and counseling services

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Time Schedule:

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Schedule is as follows:

- **Stakeholder Consultation –** September 2022 through March 2023
- **Publish Newspaper Notice –** Wednesday, March 8, 2023
- **Plan goes on Public Display –** Thursday, March 9, 2023
- **Public Hearing –** Monday, March 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM
- **End of 15-day Public Comment Period –** Thursday, March 23, 2023
- **Submission of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD –** on or before Friday, March 31, 2023

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Stakeholder Consultation:

There were numerous reoccurring needs mentioned by stakeholders. These include the following:

- permanent supportive housing
- transitional housing as a relief to the shelters
- more accessible housing for the disabled
- supportive services and life skills training
- increase shelter capacity
- proximity to public transportation

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Stakeholder Consultation - Continued:

- improve the quality of the rental housing stock
- eliminate the shelter bottleneck caused by the lack of permanent housing
- reduce the increase in rents and housing costs
- rental and utility assistance
- supportive service to assist persons with mental illness and substance abuse
- funds to rehabilitate emergency shelters, SRO's, transitional, and permanent housing

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Statistics:

Based on the 2022 Point-In-Time Count, there were:

- 880 homeless individuals identified in the Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC
  - 775 homeless individuals are sheltered
  - 105 homeless individuals are unsheltered
  - 54% were Black/African American
  - 36% were White
  - 62.5% were male
  - 37.0% were female
  - 40% of the population stated they were suffering from severely mental illness
  - 28.6% of the population stated they have substance abuse issues

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Statistics - Continued:

Domestic Violence:

- 114 homeless individuals were identified as victims of domestic violence
- HMIS reported, there were 246 people fleeing domestic violence, 142 were fleeing with children

According to the CHAS data:

- 31,840 of City households (23.1%) live at 30% or below the HUD Area Median Income of those households: 22,915 have one or more housing problems, which includes either incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, or have a cost burden greater than 30%.

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Proposed Funding Distribution:

	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	$ 500,000.00	6%	N/A
Acquisition and Development of Non-congregate shelter	$1,500,000.00	18%	N/A
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$ 0.00	0%	N/A
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	$5,507,825.00	66%	N/A
Administration and Planning	$ 834,203.00	10%	15%
TOTAL HOME ARP ALLOCATION:	**$8,342,028.00**		

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Proposed Funding Distribution:

The following is a breakdown of what each category covers:

- **Supportive services** may include some of the following eligible services: childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing search and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, landlord/tenant liaison, services for special populations, and financial assistance costs.

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Proposed Funding Distribution – Continued:

- **Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter** is for the development of private units or rooms for temporary shelter for persons and/or households that meet one or more of the definitions of qualifying populations. Funds can be used for the acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation of an existing structure, development costs, and replacement reserves.
- **Development of affordable rental housing** is for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, development costs, relocation, and operating costs and reserves.
- **Administration and planning** will be set aside to cover the cost to administer the HOME-ARP program by the City of Pittsburgh.

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Questions

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Contact Information:

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Office of Management and Budget-Community Development

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Draft HOME-ARP Plan can be viewed at:

https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/20640_Draft_HOME-ARP_Allocation_Plan_-_Pittsburgh.pdf

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CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
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SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT – HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN
OMB, Community Development Division, Conference Room
414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Monday, March 20, 2023 at 12:00 PM

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Karl Hoglund	Urban Design Ventures	(412) 461-6916	Karl@urbandesignventures.com
Blake Mullennix	City of Pgh	(412) 255-0740	blake.mullennix@pittsburghpa.gov
Evan Miller	URA	Attended	Virtually
Marcus Robinson	URA	Attended	Virtually
Tom Cummings	Action Housing	Attended	Virtually
Sophie Smith	Granded Strategies	Attended	Virtually
Jodi Lincoln	Action Housing	Attended	Virtually
David DiBernardo	URA	Attended	Virtually

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Name	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Shawlane Heffern	Open Door	Attended	Virtually
Shinora Johnson	Center that Cares	Attended	Virtually
Damara Carter	URA	Attended	Virtually
Gavin White	Riverlife	Attended	Virtually
Susheela Nemani-Stanger	URA	Attended	Virtually
Brian Knight	Homeless Children's EduFund	Attended	Virtually
Sharlee Ellison Knoxville	Community Council President	Attended	Virtually
Kemi Odumosu	Resident	Attended	Virtually
Barbara Warwick	City of PGH/City Council	Attended	Virtually
Tiffany Merriman-Preston	Emmaus Cmty of PGH	Attended	Virtually

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Name	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Colleen Cain	Allegheny County - DHS	Attended Virtually	
Amanda Rineer	City of PGH	Attended Virtually	

FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT – HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

PUBLIC HEARING

SUMMARY MINUTES

City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

When: Monday, March 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Location: City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
Community Development Division, Conference Room
414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Meeting Summary – Mr. Kelly Russell opened the public hearing and introduced those present on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh. He introduced City staff in attendance along with the City's Community Development Consultant, Mr. Karl Haglund of Urban Design Ventures. Mr. Russel and Mr. Haglund presented the PowerPoint Presentation on the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment – HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. (See attached PowerPoint slides.)

Once the presentation was completed Mr. Russell asked for public comments and questions on the “Draft” HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The City of Pittsburgh received the following comments:

- **Kemi Odumosv –** She only saw $500,000 in funds for supportive housing activities. Why are the percentage of Black/African Americans homeless individuals larger than the other target populations? What services are needed for this targeted population?

  Response: *At this time only $500,000 is allocated to supportive services based on consultations with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS stated during their consultation with stakeholders, they currently have existing funds and have previously had to return funds back to HUD because there is a lack of staff at the agency/organization level that is able to provide the supportive services. These organizations are having a lot of turn over and are understaffed. The City has not analyzed the reason why there is a difference in numbers between the races, but instead calculated the total number of homeless individuals and families, which determined the needs for this Qualifying Populations.*

- **Brian Knight –** Do you have specifics; you can share about how the City will develop affordable rental housing?

  Response: *The City will release a Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) for the HOME-ARP Program once HUD has approved the City’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The NOFA for the HOME-ARP applications is for non-profit and for-profit agencies, private developers and/or social service providers to submit eligible HOME-ARP projects/activities. The City will prepare a HOME-ARP Application that will outline what are the HOME-ARP eligible type of projects, what amount of funds are available for each category, what the review process will be, along with how they will be reviewed and ranked. The application and instructions will be released after HUD approves the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.*

Mr. Russell asked if anyone else had any additional comments. No one else wished to speak. Mr. Russell asked again. No one responded, so he closed the Public Hearing at 12:29 PM, prevailing time.

From: Jerrel T. Gilliam <jgilliam@lightoflife.org>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 7:38 PM
To: Community Development <Community.Development@PittsburghPA.gov>
Cc: Doug Smith <dougsmith@lightoflife.org>; Ilse Bovard <ibovard@lightoflife.org>
Subject: HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Hearing Response-Light of Life Rescue Mission

Good Evening,

Please accept the attached document as the public hearing response from Light of Life Rescue Mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to give input. If you need any addition information from me. Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jerrel T. Gilliam

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Jerrel T. Gilliam
Executive Director

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the li ht of life." John 8:12
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MASTER STATS LIST

Public Hearing: HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Monday, March 20th, 2023

Homelessness is complicated and nuanced. The profile of those experiencing homelessness is as diverse as the beautiful souls who comprise the group. To understand the needed solutions, one must be willing to adopt the mindset of a learner and be willing to listen to the stories of those experiencing homelessness to understand how they want to be helped to wholeness. The pitfall of the point-in-time survey results is that it does not count for those who are homeless who are hidden in plain sight. Point-In-Time surveyors pass college students, women with children, well-dressed men, and women on their way to a homeless encampment and are clueless about the hundred they may pass by because they do not appear homeless. Each person experiencing homelessness has a story, before we can discover solutions, we must understand their path. However, one thing must be absolutely clear from the outset; there is no magic pill. There is not one solution that will solve the problem. Housing first is not the answer, a low barrier is not the answer, and Medically Assisted Treatment is not the answer. We need an all-of-the-above approach plus many more options to meet the diverse needs of those experiencing homelessness.

I describe observing homelessness as observing Niagara Falls and deciding to make it stop. It is impossible to stop it. Yet in the 1800s Niagara falls slowed to a trickle. This happen when ice dams formed along the tributaries of Lake Erie. To impact homelessness, we must develop strategies and organizational partnerships to address each tributary to homelessness.

Here are a few tributaries and needed solutions:

- Persons experiencing severe mental health instability who pose a risk to themselves and others;
    - Require an increase in Behavioral Health units
        - in-patient treatment,
        - Extended inpatient care options that treat the patients with dignity and respect
        - Outpatient with responsive therapists
        - Invest in wholistic care for supported housing,
- College Student Housing
    - Utilize open campus housing across the region
- Fund transitional housing beds
    - Replace 400 beds eliminated due to housing priority
    - Social service and faith-based communities are equipped but they need resources
- Women with children
    - More emergency housing beds with case management
    - Family therapy
    - Children and youth trauma counseling
- Emergency shelter beds
    - Trauma-informed assessment and support, therapy
- Prison Pipeline
    - Allow prisoners near release to be eligible for homeless services and referrals
- 200+ Evictions every week
    - Landlord resources to pay rental arrears to allow time to discover an alternative placement

    - Qualify those in the final stages of eviction to be eligible for homeless services and placement
- Community development strategy to increase affordable housing units throughout our region
- Create safe humane temporary housing to replace unhealthy, unsafe, and inhumane homeless camps.
    - Create temporary emergency housing using FEMA trailers to form a trailer park with social service support or Army Corps of engineers, Sprung Tent facilities
- Reinforce no tolerance for illegal activity while not criminalizing homelessness
- Urban campers who do not have underlining reasons for homelessness
    - Need to be directed to legal campgrounds for camping

Relevant Statistics

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- There are 37 homes for every 100 low-income renters
    - The city of Pittsburgh has a deficiency of 30,000 affordable housing units at or below 50% of the average median income index for those needing low-income housing. There is nowhere to live. (NLIHC)

EVICTIONS

- 267 Evictions per week in Allegheny County on average in 2022 (Eviction Lab)
- 226 Eviction filings last week (as of 3/16/2023) (Eviction Lab)
- 21,405 Eviction Filings since March 2020 (as of 3/16/2023) (Eviction Lab)
- 13,000-14,000 residential eviction cases are filed each year in Allegheny County. In 2019, the average amount claimed by landlords was $2,029. (Source: Allegheny County)

HOMELESS WOMEN + CHILDREN STATS

- 2,836 Homeless Children in Allegheny County reported for the 2021-2022 School Year (HCEF)
- Chances of experiencing adult homelessness increase by 346% for students who do not graduate from high school (HCEF)
- Women + Children are considered the fastest-growing homeless population (Women = 37% of homeless in Allegheny County | Children = 20% of homeless in Allegheny County) Source: Allegheny County
- 7 out of 10 women who enter Light of Life's Emergency Shelter have been sexually or domestically abused (Light of Life)
- 38% of Domestic Violence Victims become homeless at some point in their lives (Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pgh.)

MENTAL HEALTH

- 32% of Allegheny County's homeless have been diagnosed with a mental health condition. (Allegheny County)

- 19.7% or 1,963,000 Pennsylvanians struggled with mental illness in 2022 according to MHA National (Mental Health America)
- 51.90% or 1,012,000 Pennsylvanians experience mental illness and DO NOT seek treatment. (Mental Health America)
- 7.31% or 728,000 Pennsylvanians struggle with substance abuse disorder according to MHA National (Mental Health America)

COUNTY STATS

- On February 23, 2022, in Allegheny County, 880 individuals experiencing homelessness were identified. (692 in 2021. A 27.2% increase in homelessness in 2022) Source: Allegheny County
    - From Allegheny County's P-I-T Count, 284 individuals were considered chronically homeless
    - 492% increase in Allegheny County's chronically homeless population
- In 2022, 326 homeless individuals were identified as female (37% of the overall count) Source: Allegheny County
- 20% (or 175) of the 2022 Overall Count were children under the age of 18 in Allegheny County. Source: Allegheny County
- 85 were veterans (10% of the overall total) 114 were adult survivors of domestic violence (13% of the overall total) 284 were chronically homeless (32% of the overall total)- Allegheny County
- 719 Overdose deaths in Allegheny County in 2021- 25% of all deaths under the jurisdiction of the Medical Examiner's office
- 689 Overdose deaths in Allegheny County in 2020

FOOD INSECURITY

- 1 in 7 individuals in southwestern PA is food insecure. (Pgh Community Food Bank)
- 15 percent of seniors in PA are food insecure. (Pgh Community Food Bank)
- According to Feeding America's May 2020 release of "Map the Meal Gap", there are more than 266,000 individuals just in Greater Pgh Community Food Bank's service area who experience food insecurity. (Pgh Community Food Bank)

ADDICTION

- 1030 Reported Accidental Overdose Deaths from 2021-2022 in Allegheny county (As of 7/30/22) (Overdosefreepa.org)
- There was a 12.2% Increase in overdose deaths in Allegheny county from the full year 2019-2020 to the full year 2020-2021 (1,261 in '19-'20 and 1,415 in '20-'21). (Overdosefreepa.org)
- Fentanyl, Cocaine, FRSs & NPSOs were the most frequently identified substances in decedents (88% of deaths) (Overdosefreepa.org)
- PA is among the 10 states with the highest opioid use and overdose rates (Overdosefreepa.org)

- Approximately half of the individuals who died of an overdose received publicly funded mental health treatment or substance use disorder treatment during the year prior to their death. (Allegheny County)

LIGHT OF LIFE STATS: 2022 RECAP

- Light of Life served 3,000+ unique guests in 2022
- Light of Life served 500,000+ meals in 2022 between our kitchen and food pantry
- Light of Life had 26 Shelter and Program Graduates in 2022

LIGHT OF LIFE BUILDING STATS:

- **Voeghtly Building**
  - **50 Beds**
    - 18 beds for Women and Children
    - 20 beds for men
      - (Currently 12+ Overflow Beds)
    - 12 beds for Shelter+ (Men)
    - Chapel
    - Dining Facility/ Kitchen
    - Women + Children Dayroom
    - Children's Playroom
    - Outreach Services
    - 24,000 Sq. Ft.

- **Ridge Place Building:**
  - **40 beds**
    - 28 beds for Men's Recovery Program
    - 12 Emergency Shelter beds
    - Chapel
    - New Dining facility
    - Hygiene Care (Salon + Dental)
    - Gym (Physical Health)
    - New space for men, women, and children programming
    - Office space for staff
  - Phase 1 Construction Completed in July
  - Currently beginning Phase 2 (interior construction)
  - Move-In Plan: Spring/Summer 2023
  - 56,000 Sq. Ft.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jerrel T. Gilliam
Executive Director
Light of Life Rescue Mission

Consultations

CoC Bi-Monthly Meeting

July 26, 2022; 10:00AM to 12:00PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting *and*
1 Smithfield St, Pittsburgh, 15222 (HSB, Lower Level)

Purpose: The Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) is a public/private partnership formed to assist and recommend to Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the City of McKeesport and the Municipality of Penn Hills on public policy, programs, activities, data and all other efforts that will eliminate homelessness and improve the wellbeing of persons and families who are homeless.

HAB Members[1]

Nicole Anderson
Breanna Benjamin (P)
Damian Butler-Buccilli (P)
Laura Drogowski (P)
Chase Archer Evans (P)
Stuart Fisk
Pete Giacalone (P)
Devon Goetze (P)
Andy Halfhill
Knowledge Build Hudson (P)
Brian Knight (P)
Christy Pietryga (P)
Kevin Progar (P)
Susie Puskar
Diana Reichenbach (P)
Gale Schwartz (P)
Katie Stohlberg (P)
Jeffrey Upson
Kyona White
Bethany Wingerson (P)
Michael Yonas (P)

In addition to the below notes, the meeting recording can be accessed here.

Minutes

- **Welcome—Gale Schwartz**
  Gale Schwartz welcomed all HAB members and CoC participants. The May meeting minutes were approved, with one member abstaining from the vote.

- **IO Update—Hilary Scherer**
  FY2022 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
  Every year the CoC needs to apply for r HUD CoC Program Funds (about $23 million for Allegheny County CoC). At the time of the meeting the NOFO had not yet been released, but is for the CoC Program funds that would begin July 1, 2023. The NOFO application consists of narrative responses regarding the governance, administration, and performance of the CoC; project applications for each of the individual projects we are seeking funding for, and a ranking of all the projects we are seeking CoC Program funding for. The HAB has already approved the performance outcome tool used to inform our ranking of projects. DHS populates the tools with system data, fiscal information and monitoring results. As monitoring is wrapping up, DHS is finishing those tools now. They will go through a final internal review and then be shared with each project for review. Providers review the results, note any issues they see, and can provide justification/context for any areas not meeting the targeted benchmarks. A evaluation Committee then reviews and puts forward a ranking recommendation to the HAB. HAB and CoC members will be asked to serve on the Evaluation Committee.

  Supplemental CoC Program NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness
  While we wait for the annual NOFO, HUD has released a supplemental NOFO targeted towards unsheltered and rural homelessness. The Allegheny County CoC is able to seek funds under the unsheltered competition. Initial awards through this NOFO will be for 3 years, and then become part of the annual renewal competition. The CoC has an opportunity to apply for up to $8million more a year in CoC Program funds.

[1] (P) indicates HAB members who were present for the meeting.

DHS is recommending the CoC apply under this NOFO, but are cognizant of the intention to hone in on unsheltered homelessness, and the awarding of bonus points to CoC's with much higher PIT counts than ours. New projects (meaning projects not already funded by CoC or ESG program funds), can be sought, in the areas of PSH, RRH and SSO. Currently the annual NOFO only allows us to apply for HMIS and CE related SSO projects, but this opportunity allows for the full scope of SSO projects. The application requires a Comprehensive CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs. We will begin getting started on this, and think such a plan will support the CoC's work regardless of the HUD funding. A Request for Proposals will be developed and released to help identify projects to include in the application.

Home4Good
PHFA has informed us Home4Good funds will be available this year, and will done as a block grant to CoC's, but we are still waiting for the full information.

- **HOME ARP**
  City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (via Allegheny County Economic Development) have both received HOME-ARP funding. They each must develop a plan for effective allocation of the funds and will seek CoC input to inform the development of their plans. Representatives from both the City and the County joined the meeting to provide a brief introduction to the work and start the coordination for gathering input.

  American Rescue Plan provides $5 billion dollars to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and non-profit operating and capacity building, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. City of Pittsburgh allocation: $ 8,342,028 Allegheny County allocation: $ 10,799,656. What City and County are looking for feedback on to inform what their allocation plan to HUD includes:
  - Unmet needs of each qualifying populations
  - Gaps in housing and shelter inventory
  - Summary of planned use of funds based on unmet needs
  - Estimate of number of housing units to be produced or preserved
  - Preferences for HOME-ARP allocations

  Once Allocation Plan gets approved by HUD, then the City and County will began processes to fund specific projects. As next steps for feedback from the CoC, the City and County will attend HAB Committee meetings/coordinate with Committees and get input:

  Questions raised:
  - Amount of Admin costs versus direct benefit to individuals
    - Cap on 15% of total allocation
    - Funds awarded to service providers can be towards implementation and administration of services the benefit the qualifying populations
  - Special Needs Populations—clarify what they include, and consideration to not use "special needs" as such needs are only "special" if they are not normalized for service response
  - How to ensure CE is only used for eligibility and not for "ranking"
  - Timeline for development the plan?
    - September meetings with HAB Committees
    - Oct-November data
    - December-January draft for City, and end of year goal for County

- **Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program**
  Approaching a year into the EHV program and wanted to take an opportunity to review the status of the

program, including processess and experiences around the vouchers, and also discuss lessons learned and potential opportunities moving forward. Housing Vouchers are a critical resource within the CoC, and the EHV program has not only brought vouchers into the community but has also provided flexibilities not previously allowed with vouchers. Taking a look at how things are going, what successes can be leveraged, and where we might work together to navigate systemic barriers is a great opportunity for the CoC to continue progressing forward.

Chuck Keenan, DHS, provided summary overview (see slides)

Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) was not present but messaged the following EHV utilization rates:

- HACP has 142 Vouchers
- 225 referrals received form DHS
- 63 applicants were made eligible and received vouchers
- 35 applicants have been housed
- HACP has a successful contract with Ursuline Services which is a company that assists residents secure housing and complete their applications.

Kim Longwell, Allegheny County Housing Authority (ACHA), reported the following:

- ACHA has 141 vouchers
- 201 referrals received from DHS
- 163 vouchers received by individuals
- Leased 90
    - Leasing in place verse new is 50-50
- 19 vouchers ported out and 15 ported in
- Have given about 30% of people extension
    - But do give 6 months on initial voucher
- Utilizing landlord bonus incentives regularly; repair fund is explained to all landlords at time of inspection result, but seeing lower utilization of that

Ms. Longwell and meeting participants then discussed experiences, challenges, best practices and lessons learned for future planning consideration.

Challenges:

- Finding landlords
    - Competing with regular HCV program
    - Payment standard, as landlords can sometimes get more than we can pay
        - Bonus payment very helpful here
    - Do have Landlord Liaisons that are helpful in finding units, coordinating with landlords and highlighting benefits of inclusion
- Benefits that are helpful and Best Practices
    - Giving extra time on vouchers
    - Strong communication and costumer service with landlords
- Dedicated ACHA staff for EHV program so they can move through applications efficiently

Question and Discussions:

- Effectiveness of the landlord incentives?
    - No one turning down the bonuses.
    - Have bought in a few new landlords (potentially 5-10), some of which do have larger portfolios
- Consideration of $5k limit on the repair fund (citing $15k for the URA's repair fund)
    - Paying for that via a $75k grant from foundation so sought to make it stretch across landlords but still be meaningful

        - Opportunity to bolster availability of repair dollars via HOME ARP?
    - Also a need for fuller damage mitigation fund to support landlords staying engaged
    - Running and use of criminal background checks?
        - ACHA is running them, as Megan's List and Methamphetamine charges, but we are not omitting people for criminal history.
        - Consideration for evaluation component to include stability of success for those with criminal histories to inform our approach to more successfully supporting those with the history
    - Consideration of social services to wrap around voucher holders
    - Interest in further understanding and exploring barriers to the approval and then lease up of vouchers within the City

- **Housing Mobility Demonstration Program—Colleen Cain**
  Allegheny County DHS partnered with ACHA and HACP for HUD's Community Choice Demonstration Program**;** a 5 year program to examine the ability to improve geographic mobility for people who have HCV and have children. Research shows that children who grow up in higher opportunity areas benefit, so this demonstration program is to test if certain services can improve geographic mobility.
  People with children who are currently enrolled in HCV will be invited to participate in the study. There will be an information session to review the details, and a 1-minute video is available to describe it as well. Once a household enrolls in the study they will be randomized into one of two groups. One group will continue to receive their HCV and existing services available. The second group will be offered mobility counseling through YWCA, and the study is conducted to assess the effectiveness of mobility counseling services resulting in families moving to higher opportunity areas.

  In presenting this update, concerns were raised about the distribution of services, and HCV holders with children going into the study and not getting services that can help them.

- **Consortium of Recognizing Experience (CORE)—Chase Archer Evans**
  Chase Archer Evans reminded meeting participants that CORE is the new initiative to help center those who have utilized homeless crisis services in the CoC planning, administration and evaluation processess. CORE has established a regular, open forum immediately following each COC/HAB Bi-Monthly meeting. A flyer is available that speaks to what CORE is and the meeting detail information. All CoC members are encouraged to share the flyer. A Google Document outlining the input/ideas shared by CORE participants is also publicly accessible: https://bit.ly/CORElist

  Mr. Evans raised the needed commitment to make space for discussion and open planning for the information raised through CORE and addressing it. Items he highlighted from the list included:
    - Connection with PRT to address cost and reliability issues around transportation
    - Resource List for immediate needs of people who are unhoused
    - Adjusting the methodology of the PIT count in recognition of it being an under-count

  Mr. Evans and Michael Yonas, also raised:
    - Recommendation to do monthly HAB meetings, with the new meetings not needing to have prepared presentations, but rather be space for open discussion and planning
    - Collective Responsibility for Community Engagement—discuss in future meetings a strategy for everyone in the CoC to participate in engaging those they serve, the experts on the ground.

- **Public Comments/Announcements**

Next CoC Meeting
September 27, 2022 from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting *and*
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Meeting Slides

HOME ARP Planning Coordination Meeting

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH

JULY 26, 2022

What is HOME-ARP?

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Why is the CoC Involved?

Input from the local Continuum of Care (CoC) is a critical part of developing an effective Allocation Plan:

The Plan must define the needs for Qualifying Populations (or "**QPs**"):

1. Homeless
2. At risk of homelessness
3. Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
4. Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family's homelessness

What We Need to Know

- Unmet needs of each qualifying populations
- Gaps in housing and shelter inventory
- Summary of planned use of funds based on unmet needs
- Estimate of number of housing units to be produced or preserved
- Preferences for HOME-ARP allocations

How are the Preferences Determined?

A participating jurisdiction (PJ) may establish preferences among the qualifying populations to prioritize applicants

- For TBRA a PJ may establish a preference for individuals with special needs or persons with disabilities
- Can be limited to persons with a specific disability or can be limited to a specific category (ex: persons with HIV/AIDS, chronic mental illness) if it is identified as an unmet need in the allocation plan

PJ is responsible for determining and documenting that the beneficiaries meet the definition of a qualifying population

- A CoC coordinated entry system can collect eligibility documents as long as the information is not used to rank a person for assistance

What is Eligible?

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	100% of funds must benefit households in qualifying populations
Development and support of affordable housing	At least 70% of affordable housing units acquired, rehabbed, or constructed with HOME ARP must be occupied by a qualifying household
Supportive Services	100% of funds must benefit households in qualifying populations
Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter	100% of funds must benefit households in qualifying populations

A PJ may not adopt limitations that make any of the four QPs ineligible for assistance.

Next Steps

Coordinate with the following:

- Continuum of Care Analysis and Planning Committee (CoCAPC)
- Provider Committee
- Homeless Outreach Coordinating Committee (HOCC)
- Consortium of Recognizing Experience (CORE)

Resources: Need More Information

HOME ARP HUD Exchange Page https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/

HOME ARP Fact Sheets https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6480/home-arp-implementation-notice-fact-sheets/

Contact: Hilary Scherer

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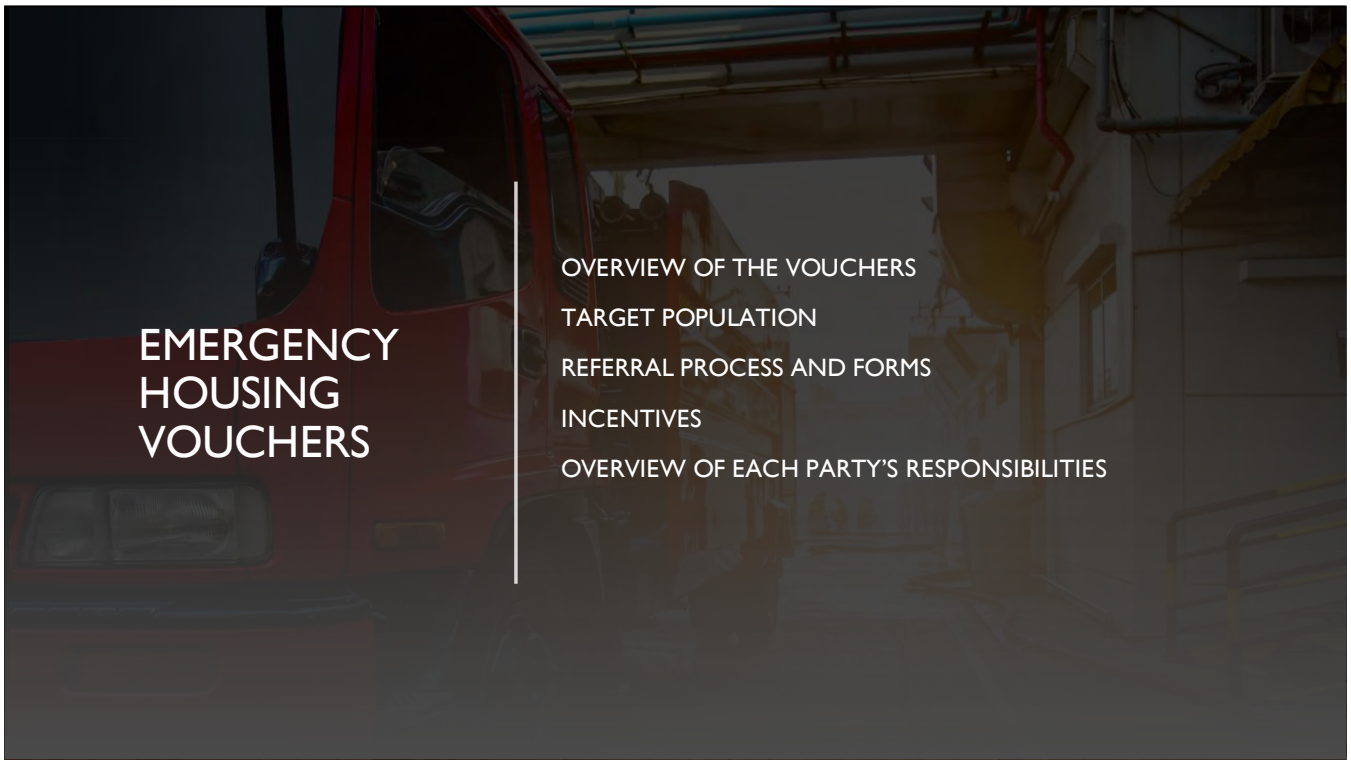
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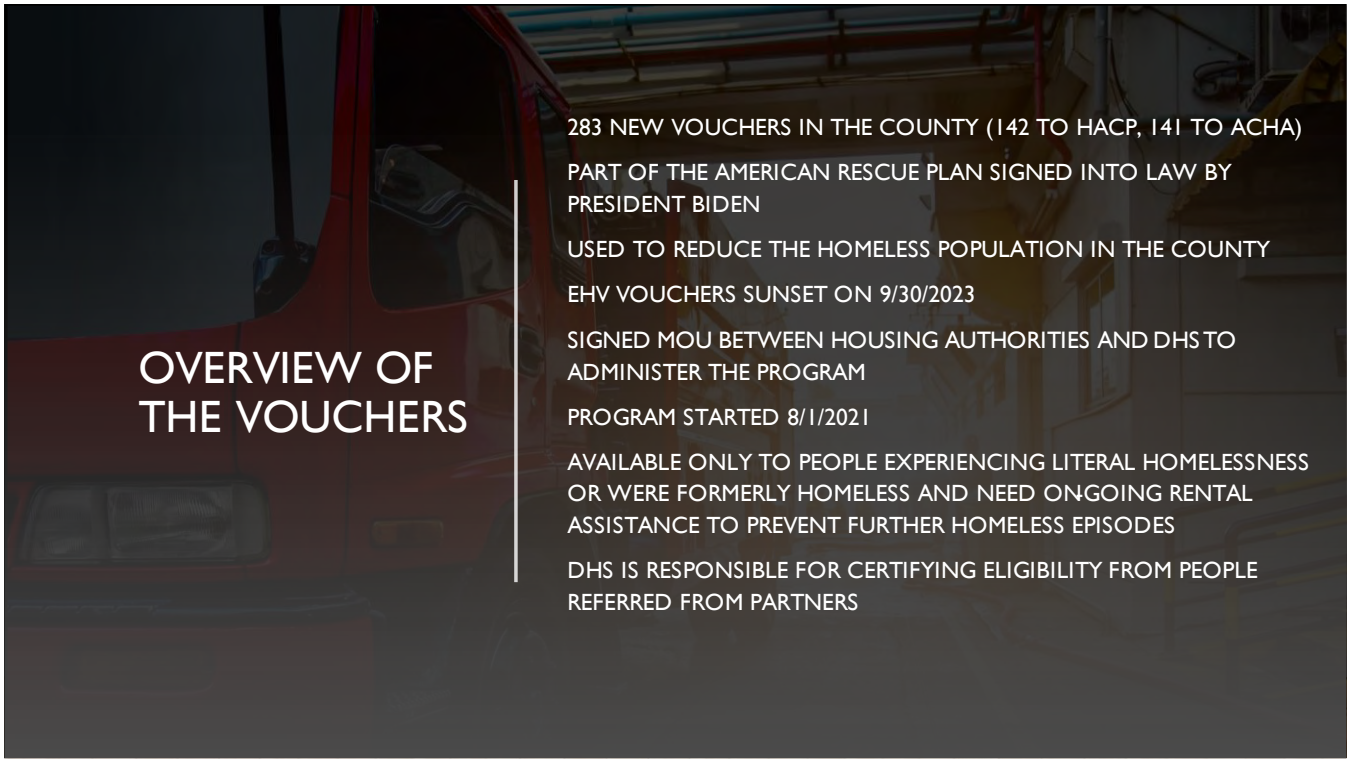
OVERVIEW OF THE VOUCHERS
283 NEW VOUCHERS IN THE COUNTY (142 TO HACP, 141 TO ACHA)
PART OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT BIDEN
USED TO REDUCE THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE COUNTY
EHV VOUCHERS SUNSET ON 9/30/2023
SIGNED MOU BETWEEN HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND DHS TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM
PROGRAM STARTED 8/1/2021
AVAILABLE ONLY TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING LITERAL HOMELESSNESS OR WERE FORMERLY HOMELESS AND NEED ONGOING RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT FURTHER HOMELESS EPISODES
DHS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTIFYING ELIGIBILITY FROM PEOPLE REFERRED FROM PARTNERS

TARGET POPULATION

- **ACTIVE** RAPID REHOUSING (RRH), TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH), AND BRIDGE HOUSING (BH) **PARTICIPANTS THAT HAVE EXCEEDED THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LENGTH OF STAY** IN THEIR PROGRAM
- **ACTIVE RRH, TH, AND BH PARTICIPANTS THAT HAVE LESS THAN THREE MONTHS OF ELIGIBILITY REMAINING IN THEIR PROGRAM**
- **ACTIVE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE READY TO MOVE ON**
- **ACTIVE RRH, TH, AND BH PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE READY TO MOVE ON**
- HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN **EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR OVER SIX MONTHS**

TARGET POPULATION

- HUD HAS WAIVED CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING:
  - Owing a balance to another PHA
  - Criminal backgrounds except those prohibited by statute (Megans Law, Meth production)
  - Some third party documentation requirements can be received after the voucher issuance
  - Previous evictions from housing authorities for drug offenses
  - Current drug or alcohol related criminal activity
- HOUSING AUTHORITIES MAY STILL DENY FOR CURRENT OR RECENT VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, FRAUD OR BRIBERY IN SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, OR VIOLENT OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARD PHA STAFF
- COC STAFF MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATIONS TO SOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CLIENTS BEING REFERRED

REFERRAL PROCESS AND FORMS

- DHS HAS CREATED A NEW REFERRAL FORM JUST FOR THE EHV PROGRAM. YOU **MUST USE THIS FORM TO MAKE A REFERRAL**
- SEND ALL REFERRALS TO DHS-EHV@ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US
- REFERRED CLIENTS MUST BE IN THE TARGET POPULATION (RRH, TH, PSH, OR BRIDGE HOUSING PARTICIPANTS WHO NEED ON-GOING RENTAL ASSISTANCE OR SINGLE ADULTS/FAMILIES IN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS WHO WOULD ACHIEVE PERMANENT HOUSING WITH THE VOUCHER)
- YOU **MUST** HAVE ALL HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AT THE TIME OF REFERRAL
- YOU **MUST** BE ABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ON THE FRONT OF THE REFERRAL FORM (SEE NEXT SLIDE)

LANDLORD INCENTIVES

- WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE A PATH TOWARD EFFECTIVE USE OF THE VOUCHERS AND HAVE DESIGNED INCENTIVES WITH THIS IN MIND
- SPEED, SUCCESS, AND READINESS
- USE THE VOUCHERS AND INCENTIVES IN A TARGETED WAY TO END HOMELESSNESS, BUT ALSO ENSURE THAT WE ACHIEVE SUCCESS WITH THE REFERRALS
- DISCUSSIONS WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF AND OTHER COC ACROSS THE STATE, BUT AN EYE TOWARD OUR RENTAL MARKET IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

LANDLORD INCENTIVES

- RETENTION BONUS -- $2000
- RECRUITMENT BONUS -- $1000
- SMALL REPAIR FUND – UP TO $5000 TO PASS HQS INSPECTION

TENANT INCENTIVES

- HOUSING SEARCH ASSISTANCE
- APPLICATION FEES
- UTILITY DEPOSITS
- SECURITY DEPOSITS (ONLY IF NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH COC)
- RENTERS INSURANCE IF REQUIRED BY LEASE
- MOVING EXPENSES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (ONLY IF NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH COC)

SERVICE PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

- IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS
- SUBMIT REFERRAL TO DHS
- ASSEMBLE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION (BIRTH CERTS, SS CARDS, ID, PROOF OF INCOME)
- ASSIST WITH APPLICATION, HOUSING SEARCH, OUTREACH TO EXISTING LANDLORD ABOUT INCENTIVES
- REQUEST MONIES THROUGH THE SERVICES FEE FOR LANDLORD BONUSES, APPLICATION FEES, FURNITURE, UTILITY DEPOSITS, RENTER'S INSURANCE, ETC.

DHS RESPONSIBILITIES

- MARKET THE PROGRAM TO SERVICE PROVIDERS AND EXPLAIN TARGET POPULATIONS
- ACCEPT REFERRALS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS
- CERTIFY REFERRALS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS (DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY)
- ENTER REFERRALS ON MASTER LIST
- SEND ELIGIBLE REFERRALS TO HOUSING AUTHORITIES

HOUSING AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITIES

- PROCESS THE REFERRALS TO START VOUCHER ISSUANCE
- SEND APPLICATIONS TO APPLICANTS, SERVICE PROVIDER, AND DHS
- COMMUNICATE WITH APPLICANTS, DHS, AND SERVICE PROVIDER ON STATUS OF APPLICANTS/REFERRALS
- PROCESS RFTA, DO INSPECTIONS, CALCULATE RENTAL SUBSIDY, AND PERFORM OTHER DUTIES RELATED TO ISSUANCE OF VOUCHER
- PROVIDE HOUSING SEARCH ASSISTANCE (HACP TO CONTRACT THIS OUT)

HOUSING AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITIES

- UPDATE MASTER LIST WHEN APPLICANT REACHES MILESTONES ON THE LIST (VOUCHER ISSUANCE, INSPECTION DATE, RFTA RETURNED, ETC.)
- TRACK REFERRALS, UPDATE MASTER LIST, COORDINATE THE PARTNERS
- STAY ON TOP OF DENIALS
- ENSURE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
- COORDINATE AND ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE PARTNERS (HA, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND DHS)
- PROCESS PAYMENTS UNDER THE SERVICES FEE (LANDLORD BONUSES, APPLICATION FEES, UTILITY DEPOSITS, MOVING EXPENSES, ETC.)

CoC Planning: Feedback to date
June 2021-September 7, 2022

To inform:

- CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs (due October 20, 2022)
- City and County HOME ARP Planning (seeking December 2022 submission)

Feedback Sources

- CoC survey and July HAB meeting discussion regarding CoC Strategic Plan Initiatives Achievements and Next Steps (June, July 2021)
- CORE (March-July 2022)
- Call for public input for application to DCED for ESG funds (June 2022)
- CoC Analysis and Planning Committee (August 2022)
- Provider Committee (September 2022)

Feedback:

- Supporting timely, reliable, affordable transportation
- Public restroom and shower spaces around town
- Accessible and effective resource list for immediate needs
- Education and work programs
- Continuum of services that offer options in terms of peoples varying needs for structure and format
- Safety for people living outside
- Stop moving people around when experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Better and fuller engagement of people with lived experiencing to inform planning, evaluation, administration
- Shelter stay lengths are increasing, with increasing scope of need and the level of needs among those staying at shelters
- Balancing housing first and BH service/support processess and requirements
- Affordable housing—FMR and HQS together, in desirable locations with transportation options
    - 1 bedroom units particularly short supply
    - Landlords willing to accept vouchers
    - Landlords willing to accept criminal record
- How to effectively support households who need ongoing subsidies for housing
- Simplify FRM calculations and information
- Expanding/increasing accessible units
- Enhance linkages across physical and behavioral health care
- Ability to hire, train and support staff around supporting BH needs—Bridging BH and housing supports
- Alternative supports to help people with behavioral health needs, who are hesitate to engage with formal behavioral health services and supports
    - E.g., people who did not actively engage with BH supports, but engaged with a spiritual leader who was available.
- Support and services for hoarding disorder

- Eviction prevention
- Service and supports post housing placement
- Additional support services needed:
    - Child care
    - Financial literacy
    - Parenting supports, particularly around impacts of stressors on parents, parenting and family relations
    - Basic life skills
- Further enhancing the scope of case management or specialist supports to supplement case management:
    - Supplemental support around being document ready, and communicate housing applications
    - Enhanced engagement for the households next in line for housing services to prepare and be ready for placement when space is available
- Application support specialists for housing outside of homelessness system
- Services for the households with the lowest vulnerability levels, who likely won't get housing supports through the homelessness system, to keep them from becoming chronically homeless
- Shelter and housing programs that can accommodate families as they define themselves
- The SROs that will be available in Second Avenue Commons not only provide affordable housing space, but do so in a way that enables continuity of community for people who use the shelter and then move into the SRO—are there additional opportunities to support continuity of community and consider potential impacts on Outreach?
    - Regarding SROs: Variation in the desire/demand for them. On one side, providers experiencing people not wanting SROs because they want their own space, or SROs considered a hard fit for individuals who benefit from not sharing spaces; while other providers have experienced scattered site, 1 bedroom units as isolating for the individuals
- Consideration for where transitional housing, or facility based housing options can be beneficial for some individuals and households
- Shared Housing approaches
- Potential role for housing navigation unit (HNU) regarding engaging landlords around move-on strategies, including aligning landlord incentives and relationship building with Housing Authorities
- Opportunities to better keep people stable in their homes when transitioning from homelessness housing system into using vouchers
    - Rental support while waiting for voucher payments to begin
    - Funds to keep/bring housing up to code
- Explore opportunities for process improvements to reduce hardship of accessing affordable housing
- Seek more flexibility between systems to leverage and effectively braid resources and supports, for example with healthcare and housing
- Enhance services and supports connections for individuals and families living in public housing to help maintain their housing stability
- Prevention support to help avoid entering into homelessness crisis

HAB Provider Committee Meeting
AGENDA – 9/7/22

- **DHS Announcements/Updates – IO Co-Chair, Mr Robert Eamigh**

- **Discussion and Provider feedback on the HOME ARP funding and the Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness – Hilary Scherer, City and county Rep.s**

- **Presentation on the upcoming Shared Housing training initiative – Jamie Soak/Devon**

- **Provider Committee elections – Hilary Scherer**

- **Subcommittee updates**
    - **Housing – Lucy Schoyer, CHS**
        - **LL Forum debrief**
    - **Training/Resources – Devon Goetz, Auberle**
    - **Community Relations – Nicole Harrington, EECM**

- **Provider announcements**

Next meeting: 10/5/22 Virtual
(Meetings are held the 1st Wed of every month, 2:30-4:00, unless otherwise noted)

Committee Descriptions	Co-Chairs	IO Representative (Administrative Organizer)	Meeting Schedule
Continuum of Care Analysis and Planning Committee (CoCAPC). The CoC Analysis and Planning Committee provides ongoing analysis to support the planning of the CoC, at both the provider and system level. This includes analysis of policies and performance measures in order to recommend strategies to the HAB so the PA-600 Continuum of Care's funding applications remain competitive, as well as studying changes to policy specific to project types and shifts in emphasis within the CoC related to projects and policies. In addition, the Committee regularly reviews available data, proposes data collection needs and performance metrics to the HAB, and identifies trends, gaps and needs presenting from the data. It establishes clear guidelines for data requests to the IO and annually determines the HAB's main data needs for the coming year so the IO can meet those needs in a timely fashion. In conjunction with these ongoing analysis efforts, the Committee will review and develop ranking tools and recommend housing priorities for our homeless continuum of care. The Committee establishes the Evaluation Subcommittee for the review and ranking of all applications submitted to HUD. The Evaluation Subcommittee then submits their recommended ranking to the HAB for final review and approval.	Pete Giacalone Kelly Russel	Hilary Scherer Hilary.Scherer@AlleghenyCounty.US	2nd Wednesday, 10–11:30am 9/14/2022
Homeless Outreach Coordinating Committee (HOCC). The purpose of the HOCC is to address the complex issues and challenges faced by people experiencing housing crisis living in places not meant for human habitation, which includes being on the streets and under bridges or using the emergency shelter network in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Annually, the HOCC assists with implementation of the Point-in-Time study. The committee also ensures that street outreach agencies are notified of any targeted homeless encampments before evictions. They also help to develop strategies to education and inform law enforcement officials and other stakeholders about the needs of unsheltered population..	Laura Drogowski Dan Palka	Gabe Krivosh Gabriel.Krivosh@AlleghenyCounty.US	*3rd Wednesday, 9:30 am*

Allegheny County Homeless Advisory Board

Committee Descriptions	Co-Chairs	IO Representative (Administrative Organizer)	Meeting Schedule
Communication and Education Committee (formerly Advocacy). The purpose of the Communication and Education Committee is to develop and distribute messaging about the needs of homeless persons in Allegheny County. Based on the conviction that the organized, strategic, and effective engagement of stakeholders in relevant policies and funding is critical to creating an effective homeless system, this committee also coordinates advocacy efforts at the county, state and federal levels.	Brian Knight	Peter Harvey Peter.Harvey@AlleghenyCounty.US	4th Monday
Provider Committee The Provider Committee captures the experiences and perspectives of providers in order to inform CoC planning and processes. The committee provides an avenue for strengthening communication across the CoC by facilitating systematic information sharing among service providers and between providers and the HAB. Finally, this Committee will support system and service improvements by utilizing the provider lens to identify gaps/needs and recommend responses	Kyona White Diane Reichenbach Alyssa Sciulli	Rob Eamigh Robert.Eamigh@AlleghenyCounty.US	1st Wednesday 2:30-4:00pm 9/7/2022

FEEDBACK FOR COC PLANNING

CoC Analysis and Planning| September 14, 2022

CURRENT PLANNING OPPORTUNITIES

HOME ARP

American Rescue Plan provides $5 billion dollars to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and non-profit operating and capacity building, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

City of Pittsburgh allocation: $ 8,342,028

Allegheny County allocation: $ 10,799,656

CoC Plan for Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness

Supplemental CoC Program Funding to Address Unsheltered Homelessness; requires a CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs.

- enhance the CoC's ability to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness
- improve services engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families

Allegheny County CoC able to apply for up to $26,532,508 for 3-year period

While there are differences in the specifics of the two funding opportunities, planning for their use is founded on identifying and understanding the needs and potential strategies to address needs across the Allegheny County CoC

- What are the gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory system?
- What are the gaps within the current service delivery system?
- What are the unmet needs for households experiencing or at risk of homelessness?
- Have there been any recent changes to the population you serve? In what ways have they changed?
- What factors are you seeing attribute to households becoming homeless?
- Are there specific populations, life experiences, or stressors that the homeless and housing systems are struggling to be responsive to?
- What strategies would help address the needs/gaps?

NEXT STEPS

- Additional feedback via online form: https://alleghenycounty.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1LK7PB1LcmzWIGW
- CoC/HAB Bi-Monthly Meeting: September 27, 2022, 10am
- CoC Plan for Unsheltered Homelessness due October 20, 2022
- HOME ARP drafting through fall

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PERFORMANCE OUTCOME TOOL FEEDBACK

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

URBAN DESIGN VENTURES

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What is HOME-ARP?

$5 billion in total funds provided by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) intended to assist the homeless and those at risk of homelessness

$8,342,028 awarded to City of Pittsburgh for the program

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Qualifying Populations (QP)

- Homeless
- At Risk of Homelessness
- Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
- Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:
  - Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness
  - Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

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Eligible Activities

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

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Discussion Questions

- Brief overview of the programs and services your organization offer?
- What are the unmet housing and service needs of the clients you serve?
- Do you know of any gaps in the shelter system, housing inventory, or service delivery system?
- What factors would contribute to households becoming homeless?
- Any barriers in the City's housing market?
- Among the four QPs, what is the level of priority for each population? (i.e. high, medium, low)
  - Homeless
  - At Risk of Homelessness
  - Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
  - Other populations
- What are priority needs for each QP?

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FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT – HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

CONSULTATION MEETINGS

SUMMARY MINUTES

City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CoC Providers - 9/7/2022 at 3:00 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Diana, Devon (Auberle), and Shelly Farabaugh (Salvation Army)

<u>Gaps in the current shelter and housing inventory:</u>

Diana

- Shortage of 1-bedroom units and landlords accepting vouchers and records. County pays more than the providers can pay for rent

Devon

- Landords in the past are being more selective on who they rent to. Tenants do not want 2 bedrooms (no roommates)
- They only want 1-bedrooms

Diana

- Used a lot of SROs. Clients are refusing the SROs
- Why? SRO's are not a good fit because of shared space/actively using/personality disorders/mental and emotional issues

Devon

- Another issue is move people off the streets in a community to a single unit away from the community
- Location – are farther out from where they previously lived
- Seeing a lot of people not wanting to leave the shelter
- They don't want to leave the community

Shelly

- Average stay is over 90 days
- 30 to 60 is not realistic
- Some are staying 6 months to a year

<u>Gaps in Services:</u>

Devon

- Need additional support services
- Need access to behavioral health and things for people to do all day

Shelly

- Cannot find Section 8 housing options. People cannot find units
- More services need to go back into the shelters

Diana

- Need for ongoing subsidies
- The challenges working with the Housing Authority is an issue

Hilary

- Mental Health Services
- Career Services

<u>Programming needs:</u>

Shelly

- Childcare
- GED
- Help finding jobs

Devon

- Child care that is closer to the shelters
- Struggling finding daycares
- Need parenting services
- Basic life skills services

Factors that are seeing people become homeless:

Shelly

- Housing First did not always work for all persons

Devon

- People are not able to budget during changes
- Need help with budgeting

Shelly

- The clients are just getting along and get their income tax refund and then blow the budget on something

Devon

- Car repair etc. then they miss rent

Other issues:

- Rapid Rehousing
    - Having issue with active using and mental health issues
    - These clients need more permanent supportive housing
    - Cannot get past issues and move forward on their own
- A need for permanent supportive housing units so they are being sent to Rapid Rehousing.
    - Adding a lot of stress to staff

CoC Analysis and Planning Committee - 9/14/2022

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Loleda Mowan, Brian Matous, Pete Giacalone, Andy Halfhill, Lisa Trunick, D. Gabrielson, Jackie Hunter, Mary Frances P., and Jerrel Gilliam

Gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory system:

Loleda

- Largest gap is housing for families
- Individual housing is already there

Brian

- Need for family shelters

Pete

- The transition from shelter to independent living space

- Education and support services are needed
- The shelter and streets is living in a community, then they move into an apartment and become isolated from their old community
- See an increase of overdoses because of the loneliness
- Need more permanent supportive housing
- Seeing an increase of larger groups buying properties and fewer small landlords
- 1-bedrooms are in high demand

Andy

- Need assistant to find the appropriate housing
- Do not see vacancies for shelter beds on a daily basis. Not common in the past

<u>Gaps within the current services delivery system:</u>

Lisa

- Sees longer stays at the youth shelter
- Harder and harder to find housing
- In the past, they've received vouchers but not anymore

D. Gabrielson

- Gaps are childcare and transportation
- Bus routes are farther away from apartments they can find

Jackie

- Backlog it takes when permanent supportive housing stays permanently
- Need to roll people through the system

Mary

- Gap when a client needs more assistance than they can help with
- More affordable assisted housing

Brian

- Shelter into housing programs need extra little support
- Need more hands on supportive services, but the client denies services

Jerrel

- Lost 400-500 transitional housing beds
    - That extra level of care was met at that level
- Mental health – having a place for them to go when in crisis

Peter

- NLP has a psychiatrist
- Need mobile mental healthcare on-going

- More than just medication monitoring
- Crisis services
- Need transitional services on a mobile basis
    - For mental health and addictions
    - These populations have a hard time keeping schedules
- Lack of housing stock available
- Need for employment options

<u>Recent changes to population:</u>

Loleda

- Seeing a growing pop. of women age 60+
- Related to covid
- Seeing women coming out of jail that need housing
- Seeing different level of care needs
- Longer transition time because of medical needs, etc.

Brian

- 70% see women age 60+
- A lot in their 70s
- Need to build confidence with older pop because they've lost confidence

<u>Factors that they see are contributing to people becoming homeless:</u>

Jerrel

- Seeing more people now getting evicted since they moratorium is over
- Definition of homelessness is a problem because they are not eligible for services because they are not officially homeless yet

Pete

- Seeing a lot of clients facing eviction because of loss of job or not paying rent
- Paperwork not filled out completely

<u>Specific population or stressors that they program is struggling to respond to:</u>

Loleda

- LGBTQ+ population needs more assistance
- Growing population and gaps within assistance

Jerrell

- Cell phone program is being eliminated or will be eliminated
- The phone became a large support tool for jobs/medical/etc.
    - Andy: program is not going away

Strategies to help address the needs/gaps:

Pete

- Assessment is crucial
    - Comprehensive, not multiple times
    - The clients get frustrated answering the same questions

Loleda

- Need to have them speak to this plan

Fair Housing Partnership - 11/9/2022 at 9:00 am

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Walt Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Whitney Finnstrom (City of Pittsburgh), and Megan Confer-Hammond (Fair Housing Partnership)

Complaints and/or inquiries:

- FHP is a fair housing hotline
    - Trained on Fair Housing Laws and regulations
- Pre-covid, the largest issue was landlord/tenant conflict
- Since covid, they are now seeing eviction or not renewing leases
- Working on targeting domestic violence cases and needs
    - Seeing the survivor trying to leave the apartment because the stalker and/or abuser is trying to find them
    - Helping survivors who break lease to get away from abuser
- Need domestic violence housing for private landlords, subsidized properties, housing authority properties, etc.
- Through covid, a lot of city and local organizations have lost a lot of institutional knowledge
- Need units – especially family units
- Need 2 to 3 units. No walkups. Elevator buildings
- Eviction of LEP persons. Citizenship and language preferred as protected classes
- The City has a dozen preferred languages. Need to put the documents in the language of the tenant to assist the household
- Remote language services
- Shelter cases are difficult because the populations are very transitory. Follow-up is difficult
- Are shelters turning away non-binary or transgender individuals?
    - Do not want to isolate clients based on this
- Need to build family shelter units
- Does work with the county
- Does not deal with entry point but does see issues after they are in housing

- Since covid, are still dealing with case managers more than outreach to the clientele vs homeless persons
- Need units. Not enough units that will accept vouchers
- Key points
    - Affordable units that accept vouchers
    - Domestic violence housing
    - Language action plans
- Criminal history is still a barrier to housing
- Operation safety net – they are working with the chronically unhoused persons. 302 interventions
- Legal resources to assist landlord tenant issues

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh - 11/17/2022 at 9:30 am

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures) and Richard Morris (Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh)

Services:

- Provide rental assistance – eviction prevention and new moves (Security deposit and first month's rent) HOF funds
- Assist with mortgage foreclosure with Save Your Home
- L/M households – w/ covid funds assist homeowners that are behind on mortgage
- Homeownership
- Do workshops for pre-counseling, post-counseling, and financial literacy to purchase a home
- Do a homeownership tour
- Do emergency food pantry
- Assist households that are having issues and are between programs. Storage if evicted, health safety repairs, etc.
- Does not do housing navigation because of funds
    - Housing is not suitable
    - Facing eviction
    - Help section 8 tenants find units
    - Helps explain the way the system works and make sure everything is done

Observations:

- Need more funds for rental assistance but need to work with tenants to give the assistance
    - Rent should not be an entitlement
    - Need case management/life skills training
- Need more affordable units
- Need to educate on location and need

    - School/work/kids
- Need more financial literacy with these programs
    - Working with RNB to do a 3-class literacy program. Will have homework as part of the program
- Seeing a growing need for the disabled population
- Seeing more people not paying attention to their basic financial needs
    - Stopped focusing on basic financial budgets
- Since covid, households thought they were no longer responsible for rent because the government would pay it
- During covid, households didn't move
- Households were signing leases that was beyond what they could afford
- See households across the board
    - Single moms are the largest group they assist
- Biggest need is rent navigation and financial assistance. They need to teach them
- Homeless shelters – high priority
- At risk of homelessness – high priority
- Domestic violence has now been separated out to the groups that just serve domestic violence
- See the need for more affordable housing. Especially single-family homes. Would like to see the use of modular housing
- Need to look at creating 1 single governmental housing entity. The City and County need to be more in-line. Need to look at consolidation. It would increase choice and mobility
- Section 8 has had a major issue because of staffing capacity. Need more money to increase staff to help the Section 8 tenants. Need to look at customer satisfaction

Jewish Family and Community Services - Refugee Services - 11/30/2022 at 10:00am

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures) and Yvonne Smith-Tapia

- Barriers they see the most language access for the documents that are in English
- Very few organizations that assist people with filling out the paperwork
    - Section 8 and other programs take a lot of time
- Lose out on housing because forms are not completed
- Subsidized housing is difficult because of the language barrier
- Have put up families in hotels until they can find housing. Average 3 months
- Refugees that arrive to the US have all the legal documents but it takes months for the housing authority to review applications
- More case management funds are needed
    - No case management for housing is provided for refugees and homelessness

- ISAAC Program
- Only provided 3 months of case management per agreement with the Federal Government. The organizations try to provide more but do not have the funds. Try to provide it for a year.
- They spend a lot of time looking for housing.
- The 4 organizations in the County has helped resettle 950 individuals. (not including Ukrainians, who come in through a different process)
- Seeing an increase in domestic violence among immigrants and refugees
- Work with the women's shelter. They have a staff member who really assists these clients
- Need more housing for persons escaping domestic violence. They need more case management.
- Need more support in case management and case management to find housing for refugees.
- Oct. – Sept.
    - 230 - JFCS
    - 150 -
    - 100 - Hello Neighbor
    - 100 – Bethany
    - All are competing for affordable housing
    - Need a one stop person or organization to find affordable units for refugees
- Need more affordable housing in the City
- Need more support to assist with developing plans for the refugees

Dollar Energy Fund - 11/30/2022 at 12:30 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Cicily Mahood (Dollar Energy Fund), and Daniel Caponi (Dollar Energy Fund)

- Administers first energy program
- Duquesne Light administers their own program
- Nov. 1st is the start of the winter moratorium until April 1st
- Customer Assistance Program – has seen a large increase in the number of calls
- Also help to administer grant programs from other utility companies
- Dollar Energy is the funder of last resort
- Utility costs keep going up as energy costs keep increasing
- They tell clients first to call the utility companies
- After the winter moratorium, they are expecting a larger number than what they can assist
- Paid out
    - Duquesne Light - $1.375 million
    - Peoples Gas - $1.2 million

    - PWSA - $100,000
    - Alcosan - $250,000
- ERAP – was used to pay rent and utilities
- Seeing a greater need for utility assistance because the cost of energy keeps going up
- 90% of the Dollar Energy grants do not come back for future funds
- As part of the assistance, they are provided information on budget billing
- On average, they assist with $379 per household bast on last program year data
    - 2020-2021 - $334
    - 2021-2022 - $379
    - Currently seeing $390 through Duquesne Light
- Seeing bad consumer habits because of all the assistance programs. Consumers expected the bill to be paid by these programs. Also the cost of inflation and the cost of energy
- ERAP assistance:
    - $10 million in Allegheny County for ERAP assistance
    - 27,826 applications received
    - 7% was utility assistance
    - Last year they received 9,480 applications
        - $3.16 million spent on 8,349 grants
- See a large need for utility and rental assistance based on the numbers they are seeing this year
- Seeing the inflation of cost of energy but people are making the same as last year. It just keeps putting them behind
- In our region and in the City is old housing stock that is not energy efficient. It is more costly to heat these houses

Housing Authority - 12/1/2022 at 3:00 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Walt Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Noor Ismail, Michele Sandidge, J.W. Kim, Carolyn Krachko, Bernie McGinley, Marsha Grayson, and Anthony Ceoffe

- Have a voucher that can increase the rates of rent paid up to market levels
- Still moving to work community
- Ursuline – do eviction prevention – assisting 25 households
- Urban League – do eviction prevention assistance
- Mental Health and Behavioral health – need to assist beyond housing. This will keep people in housing
    - Looking to hire someone
    - Ursuline – go onsite a couple times per week
        - Tony Toro – CEO

- Low-Income Public Housing Division
- Housing Choice Voucher
- Need more affordable units across the board
    - Seeing persons aging with the unit and some people are over-housed
- Brought on 12 new units
- HCHV is closed for general but opened for special programs – EHV/VASH
- 7000 for project-based vouchers
- Public Housing waiting list is open
- Landlords are selling their properties
    - Persons buying do not want to be landlords
- Homeless Programs
- Have employed people living in their vehicles so they will not go to CoC and not use the coordinated entry point
- Need permanent housing with case management
- Need assistance with housing application
    - Need the case management to work through the process
- It takes about 3 months to work through the process from homelessness to public housing
- Children aging out of foster care is a growing trend of becoming homeless
- Individual who lost income
    - Elderly/disabled/young single family
- Need assist person with back rent and utilities
- Need to keep people in their current housing
- Need funds to help landlord fix up their properties then they could meet the HQS standards
    - Landlords want this as a grant vs loans
- HA has funds for housing vacancy program
- Need funds to assist landlords to stay low-income landlords
- Look at providing case management with the opportunity for persons to then receive funds to help assist them to reduce the debt
- Need for skilled labor
- Have 200 units that need to be turned
- Need funds to help turn the units
- Vacant 225 units
- 125 Section 3 participants
    - Resident employment
- Have 24 hours, 7 days a week childcare
- Domestic Violence – is a preference (VAWA)
- Previous rental history is an issue
- Also, credit check is a barrier because landlords check that
- Have seen issues with general housekeeping at the tenants uses
- Housing Authority does have some bilingual support

Acheiva - 12/7/2022 at 2:00 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Walt Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Luciana Randall, Nancy Murray, Michelle Stockunas, and Steve Suroviec

- Seeing an increase in #s of people who are homeless or families now that are homeless
- Not everyone has a case manager
- A missing link is case management to help their tenants find an apartment
- Clients do not know where to begin looking for assistance and housing options
- Need a housing navigator or specialist
- Need the position in the City to help them to work through
- Need to make sure we also keep in mind the trauma aspects
- Affordable, accessible, and accommodating housing
- Unmet need – 1st and last month rent/moving costs/utility startup/no credit or bad credit
- Protective services
- Ongoing life skills
    - With a person to check in
- Affordability with apartment sizes is an issue
- Need safe and affordable housing for moms with special needs or kids with special needs
- Safety is a concern for clients
    - Want to not be taken advantage of
- Need housing near transportation
- Have a growing group of elderly caregivers that are having a more difficult time
- Seeing more people double up and couch surfing. At risk of being evicted because of the lease
- Have not seen any fair housing issues
    - Have seen the opposite
- Greatest risk is that these individuals could then end up in jail or an institutional setting
- People with Down's Syndrome were the third largest group affected by Covid
- No issues with vouchers – haven't seen new vouchers being awarded
- Since Covid, the rents have gone up affordable units are not available
- Need housing for persons who are going through the criminal justice system that need housing and would not go to jail if they had a place to go.

Casa San Jose - 12/9/2022 at 3:30 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures) and Monica Ruiz

- Now in other counties

- Expanded the scope from before
- Now are targeting recent arriving youth
- Has a mental health program
- Continue to provide case management
- Have an autism program, even for adult children
- Case management for homelessness and domestic violence
- Have 2 houses
    - Homelessness is short-term housing
    - Difficult to rent – people stay a long time
    - Domestic violence issue
- Allow them to live there for 2 weeks with case management
- They provide first month rent and security deposit
- Pittsburgh Hispanic Development is a partner with CSJ
- Food pantry/vaccinations/etc.
- More family shelters are needed
- Shelters that can service diverse people
- No one speaks Spanish in shelters
- People serviced that do not qualify for Federal services. Need to think outside the box to serve them
- Seen a large increase in domestic violence cases
    - Have groups that meet for support
    - The women at this time do not want to leave
- Seen an increase in suicide in 17–24-year-olds
- Mental health is a cultural issues
    - Working to show
    - Service 200 per year
- Need a lot of case management
- Seeing addiction numbers have largely increased
- Affordable housing
- Housing near transportation
- Accommodations – leases in Spanish
- Have a mediator that speaks Spanish
- Transportation is really important because they do not have cars
- Clients keep moving farther away because of affordability and not because of schools, etc.
- Main item they see is when housing is tied to employment and they lose employment and are kicked out of housing
- Renting rooms instead of apartments
- Barriers are affordability/location/quality/language
- Need for life skill training
    - Basic skills
    - Budgeting
    - Write checks/pay bills/etc.

Urban Redevelopment Authority - 12/13/2022 at 4:00 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Whitney Finnstrom (City of Pittsburgh), Kelly Russell (City of Pittsburgh), Marcus Robinson, Evan Miller, Susheela Nemani-Stranger, and Jennifer Wilhelm

- Run a housing stabilization program
    - Assist with funds for rent and utilities in the rears
    - Has a waiting list because of capacity of providers
- Need for capital is always an issue with these projects
- Just In Transition – HUD terminated the vouchers and foreclosed on the property
- Bethlehem Haven – Women shelter – need $1 million to fill the budget gap
- Allegheny Y – single room occupancy is in need of $ for rehab
- Wildow Homes – Action Housing – need to rehab
- Providing home repairs for the elderly pop.
    - ADA improvements
- Oakland Pride Housing – Housing for LGBTQ senior population that is secure
- Housing Opportunity Fun – Funds Legal assistance
- Preservation Working Group – Working to figure out what units are going out of affordability to market rate
- Need for financial counseling and job creation
- Racial divide on homeownership
    - Mortgage denials
- Rental – Available units that are suitable for the market. A lot of efficiency they receive in LIHITC projects. Need larger units
- The cost increases for construction is slowing down the production of affordable units
- The cost to borrow is getting larger
- As interest rates are going up, it's affecting budgets for homeownership
- Need for funds for energy related repairs to reduce energy costs
- Need to look at organization's track record to get the funds out the door

Residential Resources - 12/15/2022 at 10:00 am

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Walt Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Whitney Finnstrom (City of Pittsburgh), Jeff Lengel (Residential Resources), and Dave Matten (Residential Resources)

- Work with UPMC/RCS/Transitional services/Mercy (Trinity) Mon Yough/Turtle Creek Valley on the behavioral health side
- Work with Mercy (Trinity)/Achieva/RHT/Step by Step/Life Steps/Passavant Homes (sp?)
- Provides long term support housing rehab and accessible units
- RR is not developing as much as they did in the past

- Assist the housing of persons with disabilities
    - Chronic mental health issues housing
    - Accessible rehab
    - Homeless shelters
- Have a 4-unit sitting vacant
    - 2 bedrooms per unit
    - Retaining wall collapsed and took steps out which made it uninhabitable
    - Also transitional housing
- Need for case management to keep people in their homes
- On the intellectual disability side, there just isn't enough available housing. Have waiting lists
- Has a large population living at home with parents that are aging
- DH waiting list
- A lot of the homelessness is on behavioral health
- Sees an issue with staffing for agencies. There is a lot of turnover because of staff burning out
- RR – has 160 properties
    - 62 behavioral health units
- Barriers – is not having the support services to assist clients
- Need dollars to rehab units

Action Housing etc. - 12/15/2022 at 1:00 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Walt Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Whitney Finnstrom (City of Pittsburgh), Kelly Russell (City of Pittsburgh), Shinora Johnston (Center that Cares), Kevin Hanley (Residences at Wood Street), Nedra Perkins (YMCA), Carolyn Grady (Allegheny YMCA), Jodi Lincoln (Action Housing), Tom Cummings (Action Housing), Annette Fetcko (Bethlehem Haven), and Alicia Romano (Community Human Services)

Jodi

- Question about TBRA for security deposit and rent

Carolyn

- Upgrading the YMCA building in a capital campaign
- SRO – Rehab 85 single occupancy rooms
- Lost heat for 48 hours and almost had to shut down
- Proposed project
- This makes up 20% of the SROs in the city

Shinora

- Center that Cares – rapid rehousing program for youth 18-24

- Purchased a 32 single room convert in Homewood. SROs

Carolyn

- 105 Rooms, 25 are offline
- 76 in residence – all males
    - 50 are minority
- 10% veterans
- 11% have mental health diagnosis
- Men 18 and older
    - 50 and above is majority of their tenants
    - 10 rooms are bridge housing
    - Weekend meals
- All get membership to the Y
- Helps them get benefits, SSI etc.

Annette

- 40 years of emergency shelter for women
- Emergency shelter - 28 beds
- Currently full
    - Turns away 3 to 5 women per night
- Provides 29 beds (currently 70-75% occupancy male or female)
- 26 SROs
    - Women because cannot live on their own
    - Some have lived there for 15+ years
- Assist 29 men/women/families across the community. Work with private landlords for section 8 tenants
- 68% need mental health treatment
- 57% take physical meds
- 71% have substance issues
- Low-barrier
- Offers meals and supportive wraparound services
- In the process of developing a LIHTC project
- Serving domestic violence victims

Kevin

- Wood Street Commons
- 259 SRO on the upper 10 floors
- Lower floors – market rate commercial units
- 7 floors for men
- 3 floors for women
- Lower barrier to entry
- Temporary shelter for those on Megan's Law list until they can find another location
- ¼ don't have any income

- 90% are extremely low income
    - Around $800/month
- CHS – master leases 76 units
- 93 Section 8 units (project-based but some can port out after a year
- 90 paid rooms – can be applied for
- Waiting list across all groups
    - Including section 8
- Building is over 100 years in age
- Need funds for rehab

Annette

- Biggest unmet service need is case management. Need wraparound support services to go along with affordable housing. Need quality

Carolyn

- Providing the supportive services to help meet the needs
- Have some people in need who stay because it's their community

Annette

- Emerging trend of men and women aging into homelessness
- Growing group
    - Mental and physical health
    - Drug/substance abuse issues
- Trauma and economics after Covid that pulled them into homelessness
- People "survive" and not "thrive"

Kevin

- Would like to be the safety net and then move them on and get them back on their feet
- Need support services
- Need bed/housing inventory

Tom

- Not enough landlords willing to rent through the SRO program
- Second Ave. Commons is full since opened

Annette

- Second Ave. Commons would help alleviate the chronic homeless problem.
- 900 individuals need shelters.
- Not enough beds and units to meet the needs

Jodi

- Sees need to provide first month rent and security deposit for an apartment
- Especially since rents are going up

Housing Groups - 12/15/2022 at 2:30 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Walt Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Whitney Finnstrom (City of Pittsburgh), Kelly Russell (City of Pittsburgh), Bob Damewood (RHLS Pittsburgh Office), and Randall Taylor (HDCG)

Bob

- Hope the rental registration rolls out next year
- The inspections may find units are uninhabitable and tenant might become homeless
- Represent community non-profits that are developing affordable housing or to assist low-income Pennsylvanians

Randall

- HDCG is providing direct service and education
- Looking into providing housing. Tenant own cooperative housing for single mothers
- Unmet housing needs:
    - Availability of affordable housing
    - Low income housing located in the city located near transportation jobs
    - The continued loss of affordable units
    - Seeing the issue with minorities not being able to get mortgages
    - SROs are a real need in a lot of areas in the city
    - See a lot of people living with others

Bob

- Unmet shelter needs:
    - Shelters are at capacity
    - Cannot place people because not enough beds
- Rents are too high, market rate is not affordable

Randall

- It’s important to note how much people are paying based on their income (over 30%)

Bob

- The share of investor-owned housing is increasing (up to 40%)

Gaps in the system

- Greed
- Tenant rent cooperative is needed
- Land banking needed
- Large bedroom units needed
- Hard to find rents for kids that are older

Barriers

- Increasing rental costs – affordability
- Housing quality

Priority needs

- More housing in general
- Domestic violence – no similar requirement for market rate housing as the have with Federal Assisted housing. Market Rate VAWA
- Continue to look at ways to have community groups be involved in assisting with the homeless.
- Rapid response team

Second Ave. Commons - 12/16/2022 at 1:00 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Whitney Finnstrom (City of Pittsburgh), Andy Halfhill (County DHS), Gabe Krivosh (County DHS), and Abby Horn

- Covering the Cost of the shelter and day program
- The SRO's – have case management
    - Need more daily bases casemanaged
    - Volunteer services, not required
- Lack of Affordable Housing
    - Have funds that are going to go unused because the providers cannot find a unit or landlord
    - Need
    - Will send data on enrolled but cannot find a unit. Will give the # of bedrooms
    - Have flow data
    - Seeing the need for rehab for existing housing for the homeless
    - Hamilton House – Center that Cares
        - 36 SRO rooms – trying to get online
    - Per outreach, they are seeing more drug usage
- Second Ave. Commons breakdown:

    - 43 SRO
    - 95 Shelter beds
    - 40 overflow capacity
- Need to build a system to get them out of the shelter into housing
- Have affordable housing in places where people want to leave. Need transportation
- Need to shore up the SRO's (short term fix)
- But then look to add until other than SROs
- It's easy to set up a temporary shelter but harder to move the persons after
- Landlords are raising rents so they are not affordable. They also do not want to work with Housing Authority and CoC funds
- Currently have scattered sites housing
    - Developing mixed communities
- Could see small housing
- Seeing older homeless population trend
- Very difficult to find larger units
- Winter shelter on Smithfield street is serving 100
- Is filling the overflow beds

Housing Providers #2 - 12/20/2022 at 2:00 pm

In attendance: Karl Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Walt Haglund (Urban Design Ventures), Kelly Russell (Pittsburgh OMB), Mike (Pittsburgh OMB), Whitney Finnstrom (Pittsburgh OMB), Rev. Sam Ware (Building United), Mark Anderson (AVC Solutions), Tiffany Preston (Emmaus), and Jarid Shipley (Neighborhood Works)

Tiffany

- Support homes with intellectual disabilities
- Waitlist driven/aging parents
- Crisis driven – long waiting lists
- 1100 people on the waiting list for services
- Their population is living longer
- Need for more accessibility units
    - Age in place

Homewood Collaborative

- Issues are affecting public safety on a couple corners
    - Working with Zone 5 police
    - They have found out that the pop. is homeless, especially the youth. They are couch surfing
    - They need wraparound services

Jarid

- Not enough affordable housing
- People are having a hard time maintaining housing
- Try to prevent

Mark

- Unmet need is veterans
- They have been forgotten about
- Quality is needed

Rev. Ware

- The quality of the housing, especially when you have chemical dependency, you are staying in substandard units

Tiffany

- Need quality units
- Lack of accessible units in the City because of old housing stock
- Currently have 14 homes and have 2 or 3 per home
- Public transportation is lacking

Rev. Ware

- The housing they have is not in areas with access to public transportation

Mark

- HUD VASH Tokens are unused because there is a lack of housing

Rev. Ware

- In the East End, new housing developments are high in rent and people are trying to find other units that they can afford

Jarid

- Technology divide is growing
- Everything is online but applicants do not have internet access
- The funds are running out or have run out
- Covid money had a lot of requirements
- Seeing a lot of hourly wage jobs to now jobs in the trades
- Seeing it in areas where there is a lack of affordable housing
- Average cost of rentals went up by 15-20% across the board
- If they received rent assistance, they also saw utility assistance

Tiffany

- Need direct support people

    - Shortage of staff that provides these services
    - Seeing all cost increase

Rev. Ware

- Need to buy to have the opportunity to build equity. Owners vs. renters
- Biggest barrier is availability and affordability
- Construction costs have made it very difficult to develop housing

Tiffany

- Affordable Housing funds are not as available as they used to be

Mark

- Veteran and disabled
- One home can increase the quality of life for more than just the homeowner
- Contractor/seller/buyer/agent etc.
- Looking at ways to reuse materials from condemned homes
- Need for affordable housing
- Looking at ways to build up list of contractors
- New construction is 70% outsourced while 30% stay in the city or region. This is because 70% is material costs. Of that group, 30% is labor that flips when rehab homes were 70% labor and 30% for materials
- Need for housing options for domestic violence housing options. Need to make them feel safe. Need to look for the signs
- Need housing that allows dogs for veterans because it prevents suicides
- Lead abatement in water lines

Tiffany

- Accessibility in the neighborhoods
- Cars are parked on the sidewalks and curb cuts

Mark

- Kids walking to school do not feel safe. Seeing ways that vets could assist them
- Need for workforce housing
- Need to look at ways to assist persons with PTSD to reduce some of their struggles

Substantial Amendment Public Hearing

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT # 1
FOR THE HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM UNDER THE
FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

This notice is hereby given by the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA that it will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 12:00 PM,** prevailing time, in the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division, Conference Room located at 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please email community.development@pittsburghpa.gov or via phone at (412) 255-2667 or the TDD number is (412) 255-2222 by Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Persons wishing to participate virtually may join via:
Microsoft Teams meeting:

Meeting ID: 220 472 637 795 1
Passcode: 2yr6pu9Y

Dial in by phone
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Phone conference ID: 681 934 208#

The purpose of the public hearing is to present the City of Pittsburgh's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment for the HOME-American Rescue Plan funds. The City intends to submit its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before Friday, May 9, 2025.

The City of Pittsburgh's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the use of HOME-ARP funds was submitted to HUD on March 30, 2023. In accordance with HOME-ARP program regulations, the City is allowed to make substantial amendments to its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

The City has determined that it is necessary to amend the approved HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This is considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The City is proposing to amend the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan's Preferences and Referral Methods.

In order to obtain the views of residents, public agencies, and other interested parties, the City of Pittsburgh has placed its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment on public display starting Monday April 21, 2025, and ending on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. The Draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment may be examined at the City's website:

https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/City-Government/Finances-Budget/Management-Budget/Community-Development/Community-Development-Documents

All interested residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and they will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment. To provide comments, please email community.development@pittsburghpa.gov or via phone at (412) 255-2667. Written comments may be addressed to the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Community Development Division, attention Mr. Kelly L. Russell, Assistant Director/Labor Compliance Officer, 414 Grant Street, Room 501, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Mr. Kelly L. Russell
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Community Development Division, OMB