



Substantial Amendment to HOME-ARP Action Plan (FY2021)

October 13, 2024

Public Comment Period: October 13, 2024 - November 11, 2024

Amendment Summary:

The purpose of this amendment is to update the City of North Little Rock's HOME-ARP Plan, to carry out an activity not previously described in the plan. The City's HOME-ARP Plan was approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in October 2022. A Request for Proposals was issued in February 2023 and through this process, the City determined the individual activities and amounts for each category of funding listed in the HOME-ARP Allocation Table on page 21 of the City's HOME-ARP Plan. The proposed substantially amended HOME-ARP Plan includes the specific changes listed below:

- Remove Supportive Services in the amount of \$240,115
- Remove Development of Affordable Rental Housing in the amount of \$780,541
- Add Acquisition and Development of Affordable Rental Housing in the amount of \$300,000
- Add Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) in the amount of \$720,656

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$		
Non-Congregate Shelters	\$		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 720,656		
Acquisition and Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 300,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 180,115	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,200,771		

***See pages 21-22 for updates**

CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS HOME - ARP ALLOCATION PLAN



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Introduction

The City of North Little Rock is a federal entitlement community that receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As an entitlement community, the City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan detailing the uses of CDBG funds to meet its affordable housing and community development goals as outlined in its Consolidated Plan.

For Program Year 2021-2022, the city is proposing to make substantial amendments to its submitted Annual Plan. The purpose for the substantial amendment is to include \$1,200,771 HOME-ARP grant funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the allocation is to serve households who are at greatest risk of housing instability, including individuals and families experiencing homelessness and/or who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Meeting this requirement, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is the substantial amendment to the adopted Action Plan FY 2021-22.

HOME-ARP funds can only be expended on eligible activities:

- Provision of Supportive Services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance)
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters: Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter (these structures can remain in use as a non-congregate shelter or can be converted to 1) emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program; 2) permanent housing under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; or 3) affordable housing under the HOME Program)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing (such as acquisition and rehabilitation)
- Non-Profit Operating (5% maximum allocation) (may not exceed the greater of 50 percent of the general operating expenses of the organization for that fiscal year)
- Non-Profit Capacity Building (5% maximum allocation) (may not exceed the greater of 50 percent of the general operating expenses of the organization for that fiscal year)
- Administration and Planning for the HOME ARP Program (15% maximum allocation)

HOME-ARP funds must be used primarily to benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at the risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other families requiring services, housing assistance, or to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

Below are definitions for terms that are used frequently in relation to HOME-ARP funds.

NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER: As opposed to congregate settings, such as traditional homeless shelters, non-congregate shelter provides more private accommodations (individual rooms). During the COVID-19 pandemic, people living in congregate facilities have been at higher risk of contracting or having complications from the virus because physical distancing is difficult.

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS: For HOME-ARP funds, this means people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: Services that help households maintain housing stability and quality of life. These may include support with finding and applying for housing, financial assistance for moving costs, childcare, legal services, mental health and substance use services, and more.

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE: A rent subsidy to help households afford housing costs, such as rent and security deposits. "Tenant-based" means the subsidy is attached to the household, and they can use it to rent any rental unit that meets program guidelines and whose landlord is willing to accept the subsidy payment.

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan with Guidance

Instructions: All guidance in this template, including questions and tables, reflect requirements for the HOME-ARP allocation plan, as described in Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, unless noted as optional. As the requirements highlighted in this template are not exhaustive, please refer to the Notice for a full description of the allocation plan requirements as well as instructions for submitting the plan, the SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and the certifications.

References to “the ARP” mean the HOME-ARP statute at section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2).

Consultation

In accordance with Section V.A of the Notice (page 13), before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, at a minimum, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must consult with:

- 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 qualifying populations, and
- public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

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

Before developing the plan, North Little Rock consulted with the CoC(s) serving the city’s geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans’ groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
North Little Rock Housing Authority	Housing Authority	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided RAD units available to low to moderate income households; number of people currently on waiting list for rental assistance and currently utilizing HCV and VASH voucher; Identified families, veterans and persons with disabilities.
City of Little Rock	City Departments	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided the current resources and programs available to address the needs of qualifying populations
River City Ministry	Services-Homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Identified men currently enrolled in recovery as a priority need. Suggested funding be used to increase supportive services for this group.
Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless CATCH	Continuum of Care	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	The lead agency for Continuum of Care provided 2022 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count data. CATCH stated the need for new construction and rehabilitated homes whether that be building additional shelters that target the chronically homeless or more rental properties that are income based with low barriers to entry. Affordable housing stock is at a low currently.
Arkansas Homeless Coalition	Services-Homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Suggested funding be used for health care services of homeless. Stated faith-based community currently provides the most services in the city.
Habitat for Humanity	Housing Assistance	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Stated high cost to build homes is making it more difficult to provide affordable homes too low to moderate income homebuyers.
Veterans Villages of America	Services-Homeless	Invited to participate in the	Stated there is a lack of available housing options for veterans due to past issues such as rental history,

		Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	credit, incarceration and homelessness.
North Little Rock School District	Services-Education	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Stated youth homeless should be highest priority considering the city does not have shelters available to accommodate this group. Recommended funding be used to build shelters or transportation to transport kids to nearby shelters
North Little Rock Police Department	Services – Law Enforcement	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided domestic violence case data
Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Services – Health Agency	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
Arkansas State Veterans Home	Services - Veterans	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
Central Arkansas Development Council	Economic Development	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System	Services - Veterans	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
OUR HOUSE, INC.	Housing - Homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided details of housing programs and resources available to residents of North Little Rock
Pulaski County Neighborhood Alliance for Habit	Housing – Affordable Housing	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided details of housing programs and resources available to residents of North Little Rock
Recovery Centers of Arkansas	Health Services	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
The Salvation Army	Homeless – Services	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided details of housing programs and resources available to residents of North Little Rock

Women and Children First	Services – Family Services	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided details of housing programs and resources available to residents of North Little Rock
Dorcas House/Union Rescue Mission	Health Agency – Domestic Violence	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
Friendly Chapel	Services - Homeless	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided details of housing programs and resources available to residents of North Little Rock
Jericho Way Little Rock	Housing – Affordable Housing	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided details on joint housing program with the city of North Little Rock
Arkansas Women's Outreach	Services – Health Agency	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting.	Provided details of housing programs and resources available to residents of North Little Rock
Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled	Services – Disability	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting	Provided summary of resources available to individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities and the number of individuals served.
Arkansas Advisory Committee to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	Services – State Agency	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
Arkansas Fair Housing Commission	Services – State Agency	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting	Solicited input via telephone and email to request feedback and data
Legal Aid of Arkansas	Services – Legal Services	Invited to participate in the Home ARP Plan agency meeting	Provided Legal Needs Assessment conducted in 2021 identifying the Civil Right and Housing needs of residents in 31 Arkansas counties.

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

During the June 1, 2022, community forum with North Little Rock stakeholders, the eight participants conducted presentations to share their experiences working with their clients and details on the specific programs their organization offers. The group also had a discussion on what they believe to be the priority needs as well as any barriers to address those needs. Additionally, the group completed an in-person survey to provide specific details on the populations they are currently serving. The results are below.

Public Participation

In accordance with Section V.B of the Notice (page 13), PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

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

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

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: July 5, 2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date – July 11, 2022 end date – July 25, 2022***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: July 25, 2022***

Describe the public participation process:

The city held a workshop session for agencies on June 1, 2022, and a public engagement meeting on June 21, 2022, in person attendance at North Little Rock Community Center and via zoom where the public was given the opportunity to discuss the following issues: What are the needs and problems? How can the barriers be addressed? What are alternatives for addressing the problem, given the anticipated barriers? Why should funding be prioritized for programs in this subject area (s)? Additionally, a Priority Needs Survey was made available on the City’s website for completion and submission online.

The Public Comment period for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment began on Monday, July 11, 2022 and concluded on Monday, July 25th, 2022. A Public Notice was published in the local newspaper and include information regarding the proposed plan as well as the scheduled Public Hearing. Comments were allowed to be submitted by mail, phone, fax, email or during the public hearing.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

In addition to the Public Notice being published in the local newspaper and the city's website, consultation letters were sent via email to community stakeholders requesting comment on the allocation plan. This included social service organizations, homeless service providers, advisory boards, neighborhood associations, and other nonprofit organizations. A list of these organizations and the letter are attached to this plan.

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

North Little Rock considered all comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan and Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

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

No comments or recommendations were rejected

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.

The following table (Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table) includes data from the HUD 2022 Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Count Report for Pulaski County and unsheltered homelessness data for North Little Rock.

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	188	56	453	0	31								
Transitional Housing	30	10	149	0	47								
Permanent Supportive Housing	293	107	258	0	#								
Other Permanent Housing	77	22	160	0	87								
Sheltered Homeless						7	328	41	25				
Unsheltered Homeless						10	64	16	4				
Current Gap										588	195	1,020	0

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

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	14,859		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	1,355		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	3,769		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		2,915	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,250	
Current Gaps			28,350

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

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

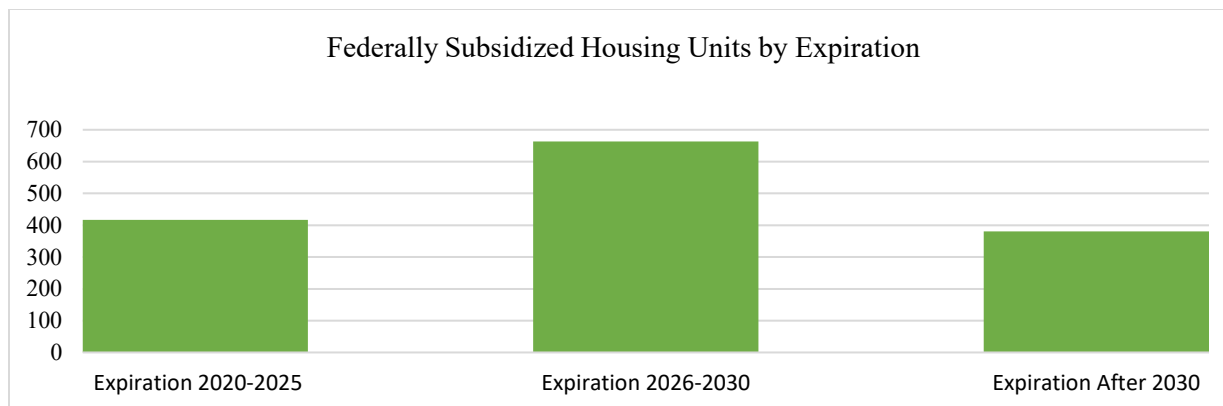
According to the 2022 North Little Rock Point-In-Time (PIT) count, there are 175 people who are experiencing homelessness in North Little Rock. The count does not include people that are staying in shelters as the PIT count only contains those that are unsheltered. The 2022 North Little Rock PIT count reports that out of the 175 people who are experiencing homelessness in the city 55 are under 18 years old and 7 are age 18 to 24. The data shows that 28 are females, 53 are males. Regarding race, most of the people from the PIT count indicated that they are White (42), Black or African American (19) and American Indian (12), while the remaining 82 persons did not provide racial information. The North Little Rock 2022 PIT count identifies that the 175 people experiencing homelessness, 69 are chronically homeless in which all of them are unsheltered. The PIT count also shows that there are 30 Veterans experiencing homelessness accounting for 16 total unsheltered veterans' households.

Although the PIT count includes some homeless data for youth under the age of 18 and between the ages of 18-24 more data was provided by the North Little Rock School District showing a count of 891 youth experiencing homelessness as of last day of the 2022 school year.

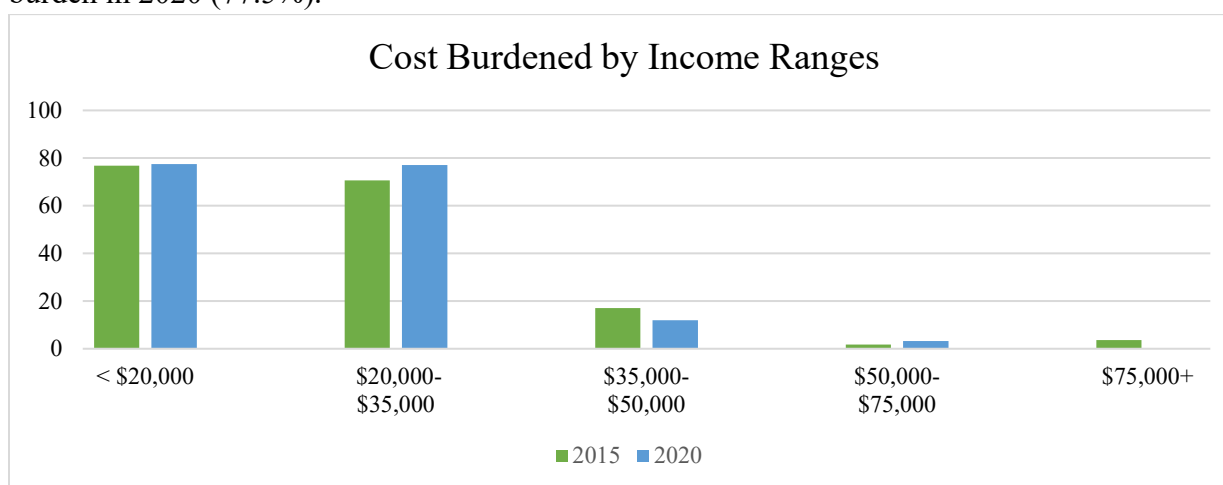
At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Extremely low- and low-income individuals and families with children who are currently housed are often living from one check to the next with no savings or safety net to fall back on should an unexpected event or emergency occur. These households include all types, single person, small family, large family, and elderly. Characteristics include lack of education, lack of transportation, lack of adequate daycare, inadequate health insurance, drug or alcohol abuse or serious illness. These persons are at risk of losing their homes through foreclosure or eviction, and unless they have extended family or other support, they are at risk of needing to reside in a shelter or becoming unsheltered.

By 2025, the affordability restrictions on 417 units of federally subsidized housing in North Little Rock are set to expire. Restrictions on an additional 663 units are set to expire by 2030. Some of these units will remain within the subsidized inventory as owners elect to renew their rent subsidy contracts or recapitalize the properties using new federal subsidies.



In North Little Rock, the share of renter households that are moderately or severely cost burdened decreased from 49.5% in 2015 to 45.8% in 2020. The incidence of housing cost burdens is highest for unassisted renter households with the lowest incomes. In North Little Rock, renter households with incomes of less than \$20,000 had the highest incidence of cost burden in 2020 (77.5%).



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

Data from North Little Rock Police Department in 2021 shows over 285 persons were victims of family violence in North Little Rock including Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

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

Individuals incarcerated in North Little Rock jails as well as those receiving behavioral health services, including substance abuse disorder services, may also be at risk of homelessness upon discharge.

Disabled Persons

Among the 65,087 residents living in North Little Rock, 11,151 or 17.1 percent are living with a disability. Within each race category report 18.8 percent of Black or African American are disabled followed by Whites with 17.4 percent. The age group with the highest percentage of persons disabled are those over the age of 75 with 50.9 and the age group with the largest population of disabled persons is 35 – 64 with 4,648 persons living with a disability.

RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN	North Little Rock	Disabled	Percent Disabled
White alone	31,129	5,404	17.4
Black or African American alone	28,555	5,375	18.8
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	132	7	5.3
Asian alone	603	1	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	-	-	-
Some other race alone	1,621	230	14.2
Two or more races	3,047	134	4.4
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	4,053	471	11.6

Source: 2020 American Community Survey

Analyzing disability by type, 10 percent of North Little Rock's disabled population are experiencing ambulatory difficulty followed by 8.6 percent experiencing Independent Living difficulty and 8.0 percent experiencing Cognitive living difficulty.

DISABILITY TYPE	Disabled Population	Percent Disabled
Hearing difficulty	2,093	3.2
Vision difficulty	2,162	3.3
Cognitive difficulty	4,834	8
Ambulatory difficulty	6,069	10
Self-care difficulty	2,493	4.1
Independent living difficulty	4,188	8.6

Source: 2020 American Community Survey

The Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is continuing its ongoing study of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Compliance and

Implementation in Arkansas Schools. The Committee seeks to better understand the extent to which students with disabilities are receiving the services to which they are entitled under relevant law and how the achievement of students with disabilities compares to the achievement of their non-disabled peers. The Committee is also reviewing the extent to which the provision of services to students with disabilities in Arkansas schools has resulted in disparities in both access to educational accommodations and their effectiveness based on race, color, sex, national origin, or religion

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 Jericho Way Day Resource Center opened in 2013, as a joint venture between the City of Little Rock and the City of North Little Rock. DePaul USA administers the center's daily operations. The center is open, Monday thru Friday and offers a wide range of services including: case management; food; restrooms and shower services; retreat from the elements; transportation; housing referrals; job counseling and training; access to phone, computer and internet; identity document replacement; health care; laundry service, and mail services.

The city partners with Pulaski County Neighborhood Alliance for Habitat (PCNAH), a supporting organization of Habitat for Humanity of Central Arkansas, on the development of new affordable housing in North Little Rock. PCNAH constructs attractive, energy efficient homes and offers zero percent interest financing to eligible low-income homebuyers.

The city allocated local funding to the Ozark Mission Group, a nonprofit organization who provides needed repairs to homes in the North Little Rock area.

BCD, Inc. – permanent and permanent supportive housing, special needs residential facility, substance abuse and mental health treatment, access to HIV treatment and AIDS service organizations, prevention and intervention programs, life skills and career training

Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System – permanent supported housing; assistance with referrals for emergency shelter, benefits counseling, and job placement; case management, residential treatment, crisis intervention, food and clothing

Centers for Youth and Families – parenting classes, outpatient counseling, day treatment, residential treatment, therapeutic foster care, services for human trafficking victims, mental health services

Family Promise of Pulaski County - transitional housing for homeless families with children, meals, transportation, case management, food, shower and laundry facilities

Gaines House - transitional housing for homeless women with mental, physical, or emotional disabilities, supervised environment

Get Yourself Together (GYST) Housing Program – services to facilitate transition to permanent housing, substance abuse treatment programs, legal assistance, life skills, anger management, self-esteem support, HIV/AIDS awareness and testing, outpatient treatment

Immerse Arkansas - transitional living program for foster youth, support and guidance programs for transition to adulthood

Little Rock Compassion Center - emergency shelter, meals, food pantry, clothing, educational program, drug and alcohol recovery, spiritual guidance

Lucie's Place – support for LGBT youth experiencing homelessness

Our House – shelter for men, women, children, transitional housing, children's programs, workforce and education programs, group therapy, transportation, clothing, assistance with healthcare and insurance needs

River City Ministry – assistance with housing programs, food pantry, hot meals, spiritual counseling, drug/alcohol rehab, medical, dental, vision, and pharmacy services, day resources

Salvation Army - emergency shelter, soup kitchen, clothes

St. Francis House - transitional housing for veterans, counseling, food, clothing, prescription drug assistance, health clinic, utility assistance

The Van – mobile resource for the homeless, providing food, clothing, hygiene products; assistance with emergency shelter during extreme cold weather

Women and Children First - emergency shelter for domestic violence victims, transitional housing, food, clothing, linens, hygiene items, adult education, court advocacy, support for victims' children

North Little Rock School District received grant funds from the Education for Homeless Children and Youths program (EH CY, also known as McKinney-Vento) to fund any expense necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth.

Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled (AEDD) offers mental health services for its consumers. Individuals dealing with developmental disabilities, as well as emotional and behavioral disorders have on-site resources to help manage their day-to-day lives. Licensed Mental Health Professionals provide individual therapy, group therapy, and psychiatric services. Disabled children ages six weeks to 5 years old are served at the Sammie Gail Sanders Children's Learning Center preschool in North Little Rock. This past year 525 individuals were served.

The North Little Rock Housing Authority (NLRHA) programs consist of:

- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)

- HUD-VASH vouchers
- Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers (PBV)
- Public Housing
- NSP2 housing.

The NLRHA administers the **2nd largest Section 8 Program** in the **state** with a **combined allocation of 2,200 vouchers**. Of those 2,200 vouchers

- **1,428 are Housing Choice Vouchers**
- Which include **200 vouchers for disabled veterans** referred through the HUD-VASH program
- **The remaining 772 vouchers are Project Based Vouchers**

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)

- is funded by HUD
- and provides assistance to extremely low and very low-income individuals and families
- Through the HCV Program, participants can **select housing of their choice from a participating landlord** and the **voucher allows them to pay a reasonable share of their rent while the program makes up the difference.**

The project-based voucher (PBV) program

- is a part of the Housing Choice Voucher program that **assist with rental payments for specific buildings or units.**
- The PBV program is **similar to the HCV program** in that **provides assistance for low and very low-income individuals and families.**

Upon assessing the **growing physical needs of our properties**, the **housing authority began processes to reposition its aging housing stock** through the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) and Section 18 Program. Through those programs, **Project Based Vouchers were applied and disbursed among 6 projects:**

Under the public housing program

- **HUD administers aid to local housing agencies that manage the housing for low-income residents at rents they can afford.**
- The **housing authority determines eligibility** based on family composition, past rental history, and income guidelines determined by HUD.
- The North Little Rock Housing Authority currently has **one public housing development known as Hemlock Courts.**

For the HCV, PBV, and public housing program

- the **applicant submits an application** and their name will go on the **waitlist**
- In **accordance with the Authority's Administrative Plan** and the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), **applicants are then considered from the waitlist based on the suitability of the unit available in relation to the applicant's need and secondly, in the order that the application was received.**

As a part of a consortium with NLR Community Development, the North Little Rock Housing Authority **purchased and redeveloped 8 foreclosed or abandoned residential properties** through a NSP2 grant.

- The **Neighborhood Stabilization 2 Program (NSP2)** assists low, moderate, and middle-income households whose **household income is at or below 120%** of the area median income
 - To purchase or rent homes at an **affordable** price
- 4 of the properties purchased were **sold**
- and 6, including two duplexes were **kept** as rental properties.

The Public Housing Authority does not expect any units to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for reasons, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

Legal Aid of Arkansas provides legal services for Arkansas residents based on Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. The priority case types residents can apply for assistance with include:

- Orders of Protection;
- Domestic Abuse;
- Landlord/Tenant disputes;
- Housing discrimination;
- Contract disputes;
- Debt relief;
- Consumer matters;
- Disability rights;
- Problems with public benefits, including Medicaid, Food Stamps, TEA, Medicare, SSI, child care, and subsidized housing;
- Evictions

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Within the city of North Little Rock, the greatest unmet housing need is for shelters targeting the chronically homeless as this population accounts for almost 40 percent of the city's homeless population. Additionally, consultations with CATCH, the Continuum of Care lead agency identified supportive services as the immediate unmet service need because the chronically homeless population may be dealing with issues such as past incarceration, mental illness, substance abuse and other dually diagnosed concerns.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The North Little Rock Housing Authority manages 1,478 Housing Choice Vouchers, including 200 vouchers for disabled veterans referred through the HUD-VASH program and 772 Project Based Vouchers. Over 1,300 units have been developed in North Little Rock through Low Income Housing Tax Credits. There are 1,056 applicants on the current public housing waiting list and 811 applicants on the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list. A long waiting list for rental assistance indicates a housing instability and a strong need to produce rental housing units. By 2025, the affordability restrictions on 417 units of federally subsidized housing in North Little Rock are set to expire. Restrictions on an additional 663 units are set to expire by 2030. Some of these units will remain within the subsidized

inventory as owners elect to renew their rent subsidy contracts or recapitalize the properties using new federal subsidies. Lifting of the affordability restrictions will allow for rents to rise substantially, reducing the stock of units renting at an affordable level.

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

Lack of housing units available to survivors in need of transitional housing.

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

Households with household income less than or equal to 30% AMI with a cost burden greater than 50% are also at risk of homelessness. Based on the CHAS data, there are 2,540 renter households and 675 owner households in this category of potential risk.

With 17.1 percent of the population disabled there is a need for more services targeting the development and housing needs of the population. Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled is the primary resource available in the city of North Little Rock.

Legal Aid of Arkansas reported 62 percent of it's cases within the 31 counties it serves were Landlord/Tenant cases due to the rise of impending evictions and landlord violation. Additionally, the priority needs identified in a survey conducted by Legal Aid of Arkansas were "Help with paying mortgage/rent", "unable to pay utilities" and "living in an unhealthy environment (mold, no running water, etc)"

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

The need for continued organizational efforts to identify, document and regularly update available resources in order to strengthen the network.

Considering 8.6 percent of the city's disable population has Independent living difficulties there no housing unit's utilizing funding from Federal Programs such as Section 202/811 which provides supportive housing for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

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 number one indicator of households falling into homelessness from a place of housing instability is a previous history of homelessness. Homeless assistance is the last resort for households in extreme poverty with few resources of their own and limited connections to others who could offer temporary, emergency support. Additionally, when other systems of care,

like hospitals, behavioral health settings, child welfare, and criminal justice systems, are unable to address the reasons why people cannot stay housed, people have no alternative than turning to the homeless response system.

To prevent people from falling into homelessness, public systems for justice, anti-poverty, prevention, health (including behavioral health), child welfare and affordable housing must use data to identify how people are falling into homelessness and target prevention strategies and policies to address these areas.

Additionally, families with children, or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state, including those people who are doubled up in other people's homes because they lack a home of their own, are not considered to be experiencing homelessness by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are not eligible for its homeless assistance. These same families are, however, considered to be experiencing homelessness by the U.S. Department of Education and are eligible for additional educational services and supports. People are "at risk of homelessness" if they are losing their primary nighttime residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within the next 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

HOME-ARP qualifying populations often have many competing needs. Consultation Survey planned meetings with stakeholders are expected to indicate a variety of needs for qualifying populations, including 1) housing, such as shelter, short-term housing, permanent supportive housing, and rental and utility assistance, and 2) supportive services, such as medical care, counseling, substance abuse service, case management, childcare, transportation, legal services, and job training.

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 gaps in services and programs need to provide shelter, housing, and services were determined using data from multiple sources, including stakeholder and public engagement. The level of need for unsheltered and shelter households experiencing homelessness was determined by evaluating the number of unsheltered households and the level of resources available to adequately house the families or individuals with permanent supportive housing and critical long-term supportive services to achieve housing stability. For households that are currently housed but have challenges maintaining their home, the level of need was measured by the amount of inventory that had affordable, safe, and adequate living conditions and the number of renter households that are experiencing severe housing cost burdens. These households need housing outcomes that help them stay housed without incumbering them with the cost of their home

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:

After receiving HUD approval of its HOME-ARP allocation plan, the City of North Little Rock issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for interested and experienced operators and developers of permanent supportive housing and/or affordable housing; tenant based rental assistance; and qualifying supportive services. Preceding the issuing of the RFP, the City hosted an advertised pre-solicitation workshop to advise prospective applicants of the process, HOME and HOME ARP Guidelines and Regulations, and documentations and supportive bid materials that will be required as part of the solicitation. The city then solicited proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The agencies selected through the request for proposal (RFP) were contracted to move forward with development of affordable housing and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for qualified populations and the city will provide oversight, monitoring, and reporting.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The city will administer the administration and planning activities under the grant. However, administering the remaining eligible activities was subject to the results of the request for proposal process to identify and contract with agencies, developers, and organizations to submit proposals and those selected for funding will administer activities and projects. Selected projects include: development of Affordable Rental Housing with River City Ministry, and issuance of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) with the North Little Rock Housing Authority.

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

The City of North Little Rock received \$1,200,771 from HUD for HOME ARP. The city through a competitive RFP process determined the individual activity and amount for each category of funding listed in the HOME ARP Allocation Table below.

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.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$		
Non-Congregate Shelters	\$		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 720,656		
Acquisition and Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 300,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ #	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 180,115	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,200,771		

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

Designated funding amounts in the allocation table were finalized based on responses to the City's Request for Proposal and are aligned with needs demonstrated in the plan. The City at its discretion and subject to the selected projects in the Request for proposal process determined final allocation of funds, which include Affordable Rental Housing and Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

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:

North Little Rock has been able to identify, with the development of the gap analysis and stakeholder meetings, activities that will assist the qualified populations in North Little Rock. The results of the gap analysis shows that there is a need for an expansion of Affordable Rental Housing as cost burdened renters was 45.8% in 2021. Emergency Shelters and the capacity of the Nonprofit network who respond to families and individuals of the most vulnerable qualified populations

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 has decided to use its HOME-ARP allocation to produce or support between 5-10 affordable rental housing units. \$300,000.00 will be used to acquire or develop affordable rental

housing units specifically to provide shelter for qualifying populations, particularly those experiencing homelessness.

The remaining \$720,656.00 will be allocated to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). This funding will provide direct rental assistance to help qualifying populations afford housing costs, such as rent and security deposits, ensuring housing stability for at-risk individuals and families. The primary focus of this allocation is to provide rental assistance and long-term affordable rental unit production.

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:

Because the city lacks sufficient housing for its homeless population and those at risk of homelessness, the creation of between 5 and 10 non-congregate or affordable rental housing units will address the unmet housing needs and support the CoC ultimate goal of ending chronic homelessness and prevention of additional at-risk persons and families from becoming homeless. The City of North Little Rock has a goal to produce or support between 5 to 10 units of non-congregate or affordable rental housing.

River City Ministry was consulted to help identify priority populations and focus areas for housing. Specifically, River City Ministry has highlighted the needs of men in recovery, suggesting that supportive services and housing be increased for these populations. The city allocates \$300,000.00 for the acquisition and development of affordable rental housing. River City Ministry could produce or support 5 to 10 beds/units annually based on production from previous years.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): North Little Rock Housing Authority will administer the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program under the city's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

Please note that HUD has also described a method of prioritization in other HUD guidance. Section I.C.4 of Notice CPD-17-01 describes Prioritization in CoC CE as follows:

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

If a PJ is using a CE that has a method of prioritization described in CPD-17-01, then a PJ has preferences and a method of prioritizing those preferences. These must be described in the HOME-ARP allocation plan in order to comply with the requirements of Section IV.C.2 (page 10) of the HOME-ARP Notice.

In accordance with Section V.C.4 of the Notice (page 15), the HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give a preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- The PJ must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While PJs are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, the PJ must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if the PJ intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If a PJ fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until the PJ amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.**

For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

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:
None

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:
None

Referral Methods

PJs are not required to describe referral methods in the plan. However, if a PJ intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the PJ must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

A PJ may use only the CE for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects and activities (as opposed to CE and other referral agencies or a waitlist) if the CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and implements the preferences and prioritization established by the PJ in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. A direct referral is where the CE provides the eligible applicant directly to the PJ, subrecipient, or owner to receive HOME-ARP TBRA, supportive services, admittance to a HOME-ARP rental unit, or occupancy of a NCS unit. In comparison, an indirect referral is where a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project or activity waitlist. Eligible applicants are then selected for a HOME-ARP project or activity from the waitlist.

The PJ must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in Section IV.C.2.ii) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in Section IV.C.2.iii) if:

1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to the PJ for the project or activity;
2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE

If a PJ uses a CE that prioritizes one or more qualifying populations or segments of qualifying populations (e.g., prioritizing assistance or units for chronically homeless individuals first, then prioritizing homeless youth second, followed by any other individuals qualifying as homeless, etc.) then this constitutes the use of preferences and a method of prioritization. To implement a CE with these preferences and priorities, the PJ **must** include the preferences and method of prioritization that the CE will use in the preferences section of their HOME-ARP allocation plan. Use of a CE with embedded preferences or methods of prioritization that are not contained in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation does not comply with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

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 does not intend to use any referral method

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

The city does not intend to use the coordinated entry process for referrals.

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):

N/A

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):

N/A

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Limiting eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project is only permitted under certain circumstances.

- PJs must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.
- A PJ may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.
- Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.
- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.
- PJs may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

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 does intend to set any preference

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

The city does not intend to any limitation

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):

N/A

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

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

North Little rock does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt

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

N/A

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

The city intends to invest HOME ARP funds to maintain current affordable units and create additional units.

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

N/A

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

The city will not use HOME ARP funds to refinance any multifamily loans

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

N/A

Appendices

APPENDIX A: HOME-ARP NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

1. What best describes the organization you are affiliated with? (Select all that apply)	
Homeless Service Provider	
Domestic Violence Service Provider	
Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	
Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider	
Veterans Group	
Civil Rights	
Fair Housing	
People with Disabilities	
Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability	
Public Housing Authority	
Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	
Other (please specify):	

2. What types of housing assistance or supportive services does your organization provide for the "qualifying populations?"	
Day shelters	
Temporary shelters	
Emergency shelters	
Transitional housing	
Permanent supportive housing	
Other permanent housing	
Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments	
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments).	
Supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, etc.)	
Diversion/Homeless Prevention	
Rapid Rehousing	
Services for persons with disabilities	
Fair housing or civil rights	
Other (please specify)	

3. Which of the following "qualifying populations" does your organization serve? (Select all that apply).	
Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	

Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	
Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI	
Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability	
Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness	
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	

4. Please identify the population with the highest need for services based on your organization's experience (check all that apply).

Families	
Single adults	
Veterans	
Unaccompanied Youth	
Victims of Domestic Violence	
Persons with Disabilities	
Other (please specify):	

5. From your organization's perspective, what are the most pressing needs to address homelessness in North Little Rock? Please rank the following ARP Funding Categories based on community homeless need, with 1 being your highest homeless priority need and 5 being the lowest homeless priority need.
Make sure that each rank (1 to 5) is associated with only one funding category.

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

6. Of the "qualifying populations" what percent race/ethnicity do you serve? (Please feel free to estimate)					
	0 - 19%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80% or more
White (non-Hispanic)					
Black (non-Hispanic)					
Asian (non-Hispanic)					
Hispanic (any race)					
Other Race (s) (non-Hispanic)					

7. Provide a brief comment on any other areas related to the eligible use of HOME-APR that should be considered for funding priority.

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APPENDIX B: HOME-ARP NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

1. What best describes the organization you are affiliated with? (Select all that apply)					
Homeless Service Provider	2				
Domestic Violence Service Provider					
Services Supporting People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking	2				
Housing Advocate/Developer/Provider	2				
Veterans Group					
Civil Rights					
Fair Housing	1				
People with Disabilities	2				
Serving People with High Risk of Housing Instability	2				
Public Housing Authority	2				
Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or at At-Risk Homelessness	2				
Other (please specify):	2				
2. What types of housing assistance or supportive services does your organization provide for the "qualifying populations?"					
Day shelters	1				
Temporary shelters					
Emergency shelters					
Transitional housing	1				
Permanent supportive housing					
Other permanent housing					
Affordable rental housing, Housing Tax Credit Developments	2				
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (such as rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility payments).	2				
Supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, etc.)	4				
Diversion/Homeless Prevention	1				
Rapid Rehousing	2				
Services for persons with disabilities	3				
Fair housing or civil rights	1				
Other (please specify)	3				
3. Which of the following "qualifying populations" does your organization serve? (Select all that apply).					
Temporary or emergency sheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	3				
Unsheltered individuals/families experiencing homelessness	5				
Individuals/families at risk of homelessness at or below 30% AMI	4				
Individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking	3				
Individuals/families who serve those at greatest risk of housing instability	5				
Individuals/families requiring supportive services or housing assistance that would prevent homelessness	5				
Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria	1				
4. Please identify the population with the highest need for services based on your organization's experience (check all that apply).					
Families	4				
Single adults	2				
Veterans	2				
Unaccompanied Youth	1				
Victims of Domestic Violence	1				
Persons with Disabilities	2				
Other (please specify):	2				
5. From your organization's perspective, what are the most pressing needs to address homelessness in North Little Rock? Please rank the following					
<i>Make sure that each rank (1 to 5) is associated with only one funding category.</i>					
Production of Affordable Housing	5				
Preservation of Affordable Housing	1				
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	2				
Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services and Housing Counseling	3				
Purchase and/or Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	2				
6. Of the "qualifying populations" what percent race/ethnicity do you serve? (Please feel free to estimate)					
	0 - 19%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80% or more
White (non-Hispanic)	1	1	2		
Black (non-Hispanic)			3	1	
Asian (non-Hispanic)	3				
Hispanic (any race)	3	1			
Other Race (s) (non-Hispanic)	2	1			
7. Provide a brief comment on any other areas related to the eligible use of HOME-APR that should be considered for funding priority.					

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There are a few other programs to mention that assist which are Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program with the local Public Housing Agencies, and the CLR has the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME funds and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA), to name a few.

Our current **Municipality Support** is from the Cities of LR, NLR, and Jacksonville, Department of Human Services, Pulaski County Government and there is a Geographical concentration within the Cities of Benton/Bryant, Lonoke, and Cabot due to the increase of homelessness in those areas in the past several years discovered during the point in time count efforts.

Point-In-Time Count (PIT Count): is a requirement under HUD in which the CoC conducts an annual shelter count of all homeless on a selected night within the last 10 days of January across the Nation. On odd years there is also an unsheltered count conducted that consist of street outreach across counties to attempt to count every homeless citizen on the streets in one night. As a snapshot this provides the homeless assistance community with much needed data to understand the number of homeless and characteristics of a persons who are homeless during a point in time each year. This helps to drive the progress and budget request to end homelessness. On average over the past few years we have seen a decrease in our homeless on paper however the challenge is more evident to ensure that we are counting all the homeless especially after the pandemic hit. Earlier this year we conducted our annual sheltered and unsheltered counts and all data collected was sent to HUD and they are aggregating all numbers to be published later this year.

Our immediate gaps in services become evident during this time due to the overwhelming need for more shelter and affordable housing for individuals who may not meet the normal criteria (they are usually our chronically homeless who may be dealing with past incarceration, mental illness, substance abuse and other dually diagnosed concerns). We need new construction and rehabilitated homes whether that be building additional shelters that target the chronically homeless or more rental properties that are income based with low barriers to entry. Affordable housing stock is at a low currently.

Our homeless citizens also need **wrap around services (supportive services)**. Services as simple as transportation to and from an interview or getting to that

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very needed group meeting in order to stay grounded during sobriety. The wrap around services are just as important as having a roof over one's head, for these citizens. If your mental stability is not being nurtured then one will be challenged with an ability to concentrate on taking care of his or her bills in order to stay housed. Basic needs have to be met.

For 2022, central Arkansas is tasked with ensuring compliance, implementing a functioning coordinated entry system with all community partners utilizing the system, building capacity, engaging membership through intentional committee work and partnerships, preparing for upcoming 2022 CoC application, monitoring program activities, enhancing and continuing to improve data quality and engage through service provider participation within our homelessness management information system (HMIS).

As a conclusion we are assured the programs that NLR plan to roll out will blend well with existing and future plans across central Arkansas. With hope that several of you will be the pilot needed to get things off the ground and flying high to one day eliminating homelessness in Central Arkansas.

If interested in joining the CATCH/CoC membership please feel free to contact me. I have business cards and resources with me and will leave with Amy.

Thank you for your time and attention.

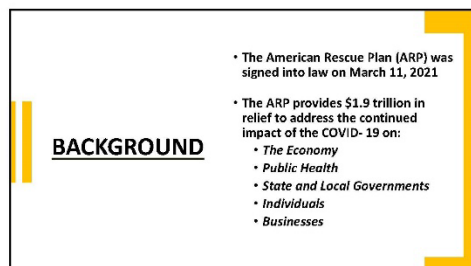
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APPENDIX C: STAKEHOLDER MEETING PRESENTATION

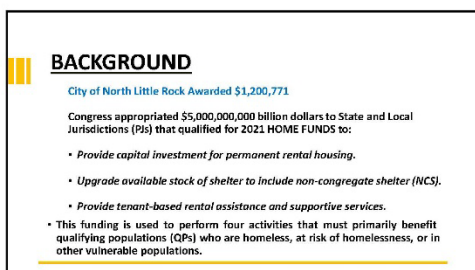
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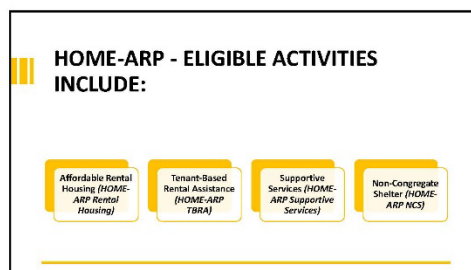
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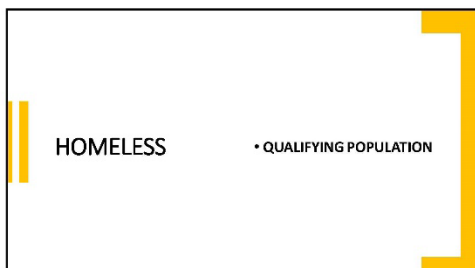
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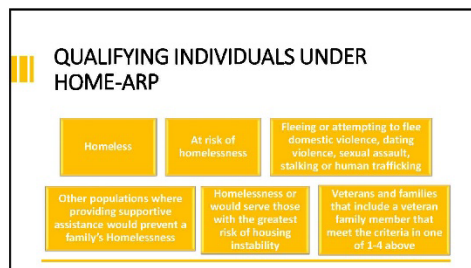
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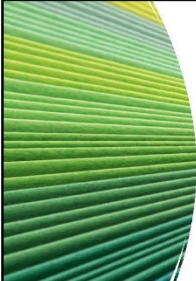
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FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

QUALIFYING POPULATION

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OTHER POPULATIONS

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OTHER POPULATIONS

- Includes households who have previously been qualified as homeless and are currently housed due to temporary or emergency rental or financial assistance and who need additional housing or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.
- Those at risk of housing instability
 - Includes households with an annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area income and is experiencing severe cost burden; or
 - Households with an annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income AND has moved two or more times during the 60 days before their application, is living in the home of another, as been given a notice that housing will be terminated within 21 days after application for assistance.
 - Lives in a hotel or motel not paid for by a charitable organization or government program.
 - Lives in a single room unit with two or more persons.
 - Is exiting a publicly funded institution.

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THEIR FAMILIES

VETERANS AND

QUALIFYING POPULATION

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VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Veterans and families that include a veteran member that
- meet the criteria for one of the other qualifying populations.

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES – RENTAL HOUSING

- **RENTAL HOUSING - ACTIVITIES**
 - Acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of affordable rental housing for occupancy by qualifying populations.
- Eligible Rental Housing includes:
 - *Manufactured Housing*
 - *Single Room Occupancy Units (SROs)*
 - *Permanent supportive housing*
- Ineligible Rental Housing includes:
 - *Emergency shelters, hotels and motels, and temporary facilities such as nursing homes, treatment facilities, correctional facilities and halfway houses.*
- **ELIGIBLE COSTS**
 - Development hard and soft costs
 - Relocation
 - Operating Cost assistance/reserves

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA)

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES – TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Assistance to a qualifying household payment to cover the tenant's portion of rent

Explicit or imputed amounts for housing and housing related costs such as:

- Rental assistance
- Security deposits
- Utility deposits

100% of the funds for tenant based rental assistance may be used for rent and utility costs

HOME-ARP TBRA is considered by the household not the rental unit. As such rental assisted households may move to a new unit with continued assistance from HOME-ARP

Housing occupied by a household receiving HOME-ARP TBRA must comply with HUD regulations

Housing quality standards apply

TBRA funding cannot be used in connection with homeowner programs

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

• SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Child care
- Employment assistance programs and job training
- Meals or groceries to program participants
- Outpatient health services, food and case management
- Housing, employment and nutrition counseling
- Life Skills Training

- Mental health, trauma and victim services
- Assistance in obtaining government assistance
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Legal services
- Credit Repair
- Homeowner assistance and related services are NOT eligible activities.

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

• NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER

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WHAT IS A NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER? (NCS)

- For the purposes of HOME-ARP, NCS is defined as one or more buildings that:
 - Provide private units or rooms for temporary shelter;
 - Serve individuals or families that meet one or more qualifying populations;
 - Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement.

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NCS – ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

- **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:**
 - Acquisition of structures
 - New construction with or without land acquisition
 - Rehabilitation of existing structures to be used as HOME-ARP NCS.
- **ELIGIBLE COSTS:**
 - Acquisition Costs
 - Demolition Costs
 - Development Hard and Soft Costs
 - Replacement Reserve (Costs for replacing major systems whose useful life will end during the restricted use period may be included in the project budget)
- **RESTRICTED COSTS:**
 - Ongoing operating costs of NCS may NOT be paid for by HOME-ARP funds
 - Costs of Converting HOME-ARP NCS into permanent housing during the restricted use period.

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Austin, Texas - Tiny Home Development



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Dallas, Texas - Cluster Housing for Seniors



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Shreveport Louisiana - Queensborough Neighborhood Modular Housing



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Homelessness – School Youth, College Students

- Runaway children (under 18 years of age) and children/youth who have been abandoned or forced out of home by parents or other caretakers.
- Children of migrant families who lack adequate housing.
- Children abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care.
- School-age, unwed or expectant mothers living in houses for unwed mothers when they have no other available living accommodations.
- College and High School Homeless – couch surfing, living in cars, non-sheltered.

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Desoto, Texas Transportation Assistance – Seniors, Disabled, Youth, Low-Moderate Income

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Permanent and Temporary Non-Congregate Housing Fort Worth, Texas Dallas, Texas

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NONPROFIT OPERATING AND CAPACITY BUILDING ASSISTANCE

A PI may use 5 percent of HOME-ARP allocation to pay operating expenses of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and other nonprofit organizations that will carry out activities with HOME-ARP funds.

A PI may also use up to an additional 5 percent of its allocation to pay eligible costs related to developing the capacity of eligible nonprofit organizations to successfully carry out HOME-ARP eligible activities.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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<http://www.Hudexchange.info>

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APPENDIX D: FOCUS GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

CATCH/CoC Presentation for NLR HOME ARP workshop 6/1/22

INTRO: Good Morning, my name is Michelle Spencer I am the CoC Program Coordinator with the CLR. I have also with me from the CLR is Tracey Shine the Community Development Manager. The CLR as the Collaborative Applicant who assist the Continuum of Care (CoC) in the planning and application of homeless funds annually by way of the federal government.

Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless BKA CATCH is the umbrella of CoC organizations and other service providers who assist the homeless and those at risk of homelessness within central Arkansas. The geographical area of CATCH covers Pulaski, Lonoke, Saline and Prairie counties. In 1995 CATCH was established and much later became a non-profit member organization with a mission to provide a community-based system for empowering the homeless and those at risk of homelessness to access housing and services that met their needs. In 2005, CATCH/CoC along with the City of LR implemented a steering committee to devise a plan to end homelessness within 10 years. Shortly after the CLR was selected as the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC, by the CATCH volunteer board of directors and operating as the governing entity for AR-500 since that time. Later application was made to access planning funds to establish a part-time position to assist the CoC/CATCH in the day to day coordination and annual priorities, which is the role that I have currently.

Support Guide for Central Arkansas: As a resource for individuals seeking services a one page support guide was created as an at a glance referral resource for citizens seeking immediate services for shelter and other helpful programs within central Arkansas.

The CoC in central Arkansas has 8 programs that encompasses the 3.1 million dollars of funding that is received annually from HUD. Those current organizations are Our House, Better Community Development, Pulaski County Housing and the City of Little Rock.

Under the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** Programs with the Department of Human Services, there are over 10 sub-recipients within central Arkansas that assist with the homeless by providing emergency shelter, street outreach, rapid rehousing and homeless prevention. Totaling about 2.2 million dollars annually, across the state.

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There are a few other programs to mention that assist which are Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program with the local Public Housing Agencies, and the CLR has the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME funds and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA), to name a few.

Our current **Municipality Support** is from the Cities of LR, NLR, and Jacksonville, Department of Human Services, Pulaski County Government and there is a Geographical concentration within the Cities of Benton/Bryant, Lonoke, and Cabot due to the increase of homelessness in those areas in the past several years discovered during the point in time count efforts.

Point-In-Time Count (PIT Count): is a requirement under HUD in which the CoC conducts an annual shelter count of all homeless on a selected night within the last 10 days of January across the Nation. On odd years there is also an unsheltered count conducted that consist of street outreach across counties to attempt to count every homeless citizen on the streets in one night. As a snapshot this provides the homeless assistance community with much needed data to understand the number of homeless and characteristics of a persons who are homeless during a point in time each year. This helps to drive the progress and budget request to end homelessness. On average over the past few years we have seen a decrease in our homeless on paper however the challenge is more evident to ensure that we are counting all the homeless especially after the pandemic hit. Earlier this year we conducted our annual sheltered and unsheltered counts and all data collected was sent to HUD and they are aggregating all numbers to be published later this year.

Our immediate gaps in services become evident during this time due to the overwhelming need for more shelter and affordable housing for individuals who may not meet the normal criteria (they are usually our chronically homeless who may be dealing with past incarceration, mental illness, substance abuse and other dually diagnosed concerns). We need new construction and rehabilitated homes whether that be building additional shelters that target the chronically homeless or more rental properties that are income based with low barriers to entry. Affordable housing stock is at a low currently.

Our homeless citizens also need **wrap around services (supportive services)**. Services as simple as transportation to and from an interview or getting to that

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very needed group meeting in order to stay grounded during sobriety. The wrap around services are just as important as having a roof over one's head, for these citizens. If your mental stability is not being nurtured then one will be challenged with an ability to concentrate on taking care of his or her bills in order to stay housed. Basic needs have to be met.

For 2022, central Arkansas is tasked with ensuring compliance, implementing a functioning coordinated entry system with all community partners utilizing the system, building capacity, engaging membership through intentional committee work and partnerships, preparing for upcoming 2022 CoC application, monitoring program activities, enhancing and continuing to improve data quality and engage through service provider participation within our homelessness management information system (HMIS).

As a conclusion we are assured the programs that NLR plan to roll out will blend well with existing and future plans across central Arkansas. With hope that several of you will be the pilot needed to get things off the ground and flying high to one day eliminating homelessness in Central Arkansas.

If interested in joining the CATCH/CoC membership please feel free to contact me. I have business cards and resources with me and will leave with Amy.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Michelle Spencer
CoC Program Coordinator
City of Little Rock/CATCH/CoC
Office # 501-371-4439
Mobile # 501-516-5201

APPENDIX E: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

LA CIUDAD DE NORTH LITTLE ROCK AGENCIA DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO
AVISO PÚBLICO DE 15 DÍAS PARA COMENTARIOS Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA HOME-ARP

Plan de asignación del año fiscal 2021 Enmienda sustancial para HOME-ARP La ciudad de North Little Rock ha preparado el Plan de asignación de HOME-ARP para la financiación de HOME-ARP. Además, la ciudad ha preparado la enmienda sustancial al Plan de acción anual adoptado para el año fiscal 2021. Los planes se presentarán ante el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de los EE. UU. de acuerdo con las reglamentaciones aplicables.

El propósito de la financiación de HOME ARP es proporcionar asistencia para personas sin hogar y servicios de apoyo. Esta financiación está bajo la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense de 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") para el Programa de Asociaciones de Inversión HOME (HOME). Antes de la presentación a HUD, el Plan de asignación de HOME-ARP y la enmienda sustancial del año fiscal 2021 al Plan de acción anual adoptado; están disponibles para su revisión en la Agencia de Desarrollo Comunitario, 500 West 13th Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114 y en el sitio web de la Ciudad, www.nlr.ar.gov/communitydevelopment. Para más información y ayuda, comuníquese al (501) 340-5342.

Por la presente, se solicitan y solicitan comentarios públicos y sugerencias sobre el Plan de asignación de HOME-ARP y la enmienda sustancial del año fiscal 2021 durante un período de comentarios de 15 días que comienza el 11 de julio de 2022 y finaliza el 25 de julio de 2022. Envíe todos los comentarios por escrito a Amy E. Jones, Agencia de Desarrollo Comunitario, 500 West 13th Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114 o por correo electrónico a: aejones@nlr.ar.gov. Se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP propuesto el 25 de julio de 2022, junto con la Reunión del Consejo Municipal de North Little Rock. Esta reunión se llevará a cabo en el Ayuntamiento de North Little Rock, en la cámara del Consejo, ubicada en 300 Main St., North Little Rock, Arkansas. Cualquier persona que desee hablar en esta audiencia pública, puede hacerlo asistiendo a la reunión en persona y firmando con el Secretario Municipal 5 minutos antes de que se convoque la reunión a las 6 p.m.

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APPENDIX F: SF-424S AND CERTIFICATIONS

R-22-152

****SPECIAL CALL****

RESOLUTION NO. 10319

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AND AMENDING THE 2021-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY2021 ACTION PLAN OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK IN REGARDS TO THE INCLUSION OF ALLOCATED HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) GRANT FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2021, the City Council of North Little Rock adopted Resolution No. 10029, approving the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and the FY2021 Action Plan, which contained a housing and community development needs assessment and a five year strategy that specifies achievable housing and community development goals and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City is approving the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and amending its 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and FY2021 Action Plan to include grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Home Investment Partnership Act – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), in the amount of \$1,200,771.00 (see HOME-ARP Allocation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, a legal advertisement of notice of a public hearing to be held July 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. has been placed in the newspaper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor or Community Development Director is directed to sign all documents necessary to ensure the Allocation Plan and substantial amendment is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECTION 2: That the Home ARP Allocation Plan is approved and a \$1,200,771.00 allocation from the HOME Act will be included in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Action Plan as outlined in the Executive Summary attached hereto as Exhibit B.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

7/25/2022

APPROVED:

Terry C. Hartwick
Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

TERRY C. Hartwick
Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

Diane Whitbey
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED	A.M.	2:00	P.M.
By	A. Fields - Email		
DATE	7-22-22		
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas			
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AGENCY PUBLIC NOTICE OF
15-DAY COMMENT PERIOD AND
PUBLIC HEARING
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
FY 2021 Substantial Amend-
ment for HOME-ARP

The City of North Little Rock has prepared the HOME - ARP Allocation Plan for the HOME-ARP funding. Also, the City has prepared the substantial amendment to the adopted FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. The plans will be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance with applicable regulations.

The purpose of the HOME ARP funding is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. This funding is under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Prior to submission to HUD, the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and FY 2021 substantial amendment to the adopted Annual Action Plan are available for review at the Community Development Agency, 500 West 13th Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114 and on the City's website, www.nlr.ar.gov/communitydevelopment. Assistance with access to the plans will be provided for non-English speaking persons and persons with disabilities upon request. Contact 501-340-5342 for assistance.

Public comment and suggestions on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and FY 2021 substantial amendment are hereby requested and solicited during a 15-day comment period beginning July 11, 2022 and ending July 25, 2022. Please send all comments in writing to Amy E. Jones, Community Development Agency, 500 West 13th Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114 or aejones@nlr.ar.gov. A public hearing on the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be held on July 25, 2022, in conjunction with the North Little Rock City Council Meeting. This meeting will be held at the North Little Rock City Hall, in the Council chamber, located at 300 Main St., North Little Rock, Arkansas. Any persons who wishes to speak at this public hearing, may do so by attending the meeting in person

and signing in with the City Clerk
5 minutes before the meeting is
convened at 6:00 p.m.
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HOMEARP

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY			
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		2. Date Received: <input type="text" value="09/20/2021"/>	STATE USE ONLY:
		3. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>
		4a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text" value="M-22-MP-05-0203"/>	6. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="text" value="Explanation"/>		4b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text" value="M-22-MP-05-0203"/>	
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b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="71-6009176"/>		c. UEI: <input type="text" value="FMK3JM3Z5N73"/>	
d. Address:			
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City: <input type="text" value="North Little Rock"/>		County / Parish: <input type="text"/>	
State: <input type="text" value="AR: Arkansas"/>		Province: <input type="text"/>	
Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="72114-4113"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development Agency"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this submission:			
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	First Name: <input type="text" value="Bailey"/>	Middle Name: <input type="text" value="E"/>	
Last Name: <input type="text" value="Noland"/>		Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>			
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>			
Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="501-340-5342"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text" value="501-371-8348"/>	
Email: <input type="text" value="bnoland@nlr.ar.gov"/>			

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY	
8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT: <div>C: City or Township Government</div>	
Other (specify): <div></div>	
b. Additional Description: <div></div>	
9. Name of Federal Agency: <div>Department of Housing and Urban Development</div>	
10. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <div>14-239</div>	
CFDA Title: <div>HOME Investment Partnerships Program</div>	
11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <div>HOME - ARP is to be used to provided homelessness assistance and supportive services.</div>	
12. Areas Affected by Funding: <div></div>	
13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
a. Applicant: <div>Second</div>	b. Program/Project: <div>Second</div>
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. <div></div> <div>Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment</div>	
14. FUNDING PERIOD:	
a. Start Date: <div>08/01/2022</div>	b. End Date: <div>09/30/2030</div>
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:	
a. Federal (\$): <div>1,200,771.00</div>	b. Match (\$): <div></div>
16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on: <div>08/01/2022</div>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.	
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY**17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?**Yes ☐No ☒

18. 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)**

**** I Agree** ☒

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Email:

Signature of Authorized Representative:



Date Signed:

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request Explanation:

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation:

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


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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.

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

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

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Larry C. Hartwick
Signature of Authorized Official

8/16/2022
Date

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