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FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME - ARP Allocation Plan - **Substantial Amendment # 2**

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



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Substantial Amendment # 2

The City of Pittsburgh has prepared a substantial amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan in order to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment # 2.

A draft of the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment – HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment # 2 was placed on public display on the City's website at https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/City-Government/Finances-Budget/Management-Budget/Community-Development/Community-Development-Documents*. The required 15-day display period starts* ***September 4, 2026*** *and ends* ***September 17, 2026****. Upon completion of the 15-day comment period, the City of Pittsburgh submitted the FY 2021 Annual Action Pan – Substantial Amendment – HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment # 2 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development through IDIS on or before* ***September 22, 2026****.*

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

Preference:

The City of Pittsburgh has prepared a substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to create a preference for HOME-ARP funded rental housing projects. A preference means giving a specific subsection of the Qualifying Populations a better chance of being chosen for rental housing. A preference is not a limitation and does not exclude any of the other Qualifying Populations from applying for HOME-ARP funded rental housing. This amendment creates a preference for: Qualifying Population 1 – Homeless, as defined at 24 CFR 91.5; and Qualifying Population 3 – Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Human Trafficking, as defined at 24 CFR 5.2003.

Referral Method:

The City of Pittsburgh would like to identify the referral method of project specific waitlists for the HOME-ARP Rental Housing projects/activities. The waitlists shall be maintained at each HOME-ARP rental development property, by the property owner or manager. Eligible applicants may be referred through Allegheny County Department of Human Services Allegheny Link, other social services providers, or self-referral via information gleaned from the Urban Redevelopment Authority and property owners/managers affirmative marketing efforts. Each property will maintain a waitlist for QPs 1 and 3, QPs 2 and 4, and non-QP below 80% of median-income. Individuals and households will be placed on the waitlist in chronological order, and those in QPs 1 and 3 will be prioritized above QPs 2 and 4, based on when they were placed on the waitlist.

Substantial Amendment # 1

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

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

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

Preference:

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

Referral Methods:

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

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOME-ARP Eligible Projects/Activities:

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

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

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

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

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

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. **Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking**
    - Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are defined at 24 CFR 8.2003
    - Human trafficking, including both sex and labor trafficking, are defined as:
        1. Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
        2. Labor trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

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

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resident and agency/organization comments. Upon completion of the 15-day comment period, the City of Pittsburgh submitted the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan - Substantial Amendment - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through IDIS on or before Friday, March 31, 2023.

Consultation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

List the organizations consulted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salvation Army	Homeless service providers;	QP1/QP2/QP3	Virtual Meeting (9/7/2022), Survey	Identified the following needs: • Observed that the average stay in their shelter is over 90 days with many staying longer

	Domestic violence service providers; and Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations			• Lack of transitional and permanent housing as the next step • People in need are struggling with finding Section 8 housing options • More services need to be brought back into the shelters • The largest programming needs are childcare, GED education, and help with finding jobs
Auberle	Homeless service providers; Domestic violence service providers; and Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations	QP1/QP2/QP3	Virtual Meeting (9/7/2022), Survey	Identified the following needs: • Landlords have become more selective about who they rent to, making it more difficult to find housing • Tenants generally want 1-bedroom units • Many shelter residents do not want to leave the shelter because they are part of the community • There is a need for more support services, especially for behavioral health and to give them something to do all day • There is a need for childcare, parenting aid, and life skills training for the population in need
Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC – CoC Providers	CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area;	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (9/7/2022)	Identified the following needs: • There is a shortage of available 1-bedroom units and landlords

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

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

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

				those with limited English proficiency • Housing and case management for persons escaping domestic violence • More affordable housing units across the board
Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP)	Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)	QP1/QP2/QP3/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/1/2022)	Identified the following needs: • Assistance and services for mental and behavioral health, which will retain people in their housing • More affordable housing units are needed across the board • Permanent supportive housing with case management services • Case management tasked with helping people apply for housing through the Public Housing Authority, which can take as long as 3 months • Assistance to help people pay for back rent and utility costs • Grant program for landlords renting to low-income tenants to help fix properties to meet HQS standards • Staffing issues with finding skilled labor
ACHIEVA	Public or private organizations that address the	QP2/QP4	Virtual Meeting (12/7/2022)	Identified the following needs:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Participation

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

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

Describe the public participation process:

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

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

The fifteen (15) day public comment period on the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was from Thursday, March 9, 2023 through Thursday, March 23, 2023. The City of Pittsburgh placed the "Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the City's website at: https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/City-Government/Finances-Budget/Management-Budget/Community-Development/Community-Development-Documents.

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

Substantial Amendment # 1:

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

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

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

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Substantial Amendment # 2:

The City of Pittsburgh made a public posting on the City's website and social media platforms and sent out a notice to their distribution list to alert City residents, non-profit agencies and/or organizations, the public housing authority, housing providers, Continuum of Care members, etc. that the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 2 is publicly posted for public comment for a period of 15 days at https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/City-Government/Finances-Budget/Management-Budget/Community-Development/Community-Development-Documents.

The public posting and notification of public comment period for the City of Pittsburgh HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 2 was posted on ***September 3, 2026****.*

The fifteen (15) day public comment period on the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 2 was from ***September 4, 2026*** *through* ***September 18, 2026****.*

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

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

To broaden public participation, the public hearing notice for the City of Pittsburgh HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was published in the "New Pittsburgh Courier and "Tribune-Review" on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. In addition, the City of Pittsburgh sent out an email blast to all agencies, organizations, and individuals on its list of non-profit agencies, housing providers, advocates, and interested parties, that the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was on public display and date, time, and place of the public hearing. This list consists of over 700 email addresses of names and organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list so they can be notified of future emails on funding options, proposed plans, and public hearings.

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

To provide residents, non-profit agencies, housing providers, advocates, and interested parties an opportunity to participate in the public hearing the City has given an in person and a virtual option to attend the public hearing.

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To provide residents, non-profit agencies, housing providers, advocates, and interested parties an opportunity to participate in the public hearing the City has given an in-person and a virtual option to attend the public hearing.

Substantial Amendment # 2:

To broaden public participation, the public hearing notice for the City of Pittsburgh HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Substantial Amendment # 2 was posted on the City's Community Development Notices web page on ***September 3, 2026****. In addition, the City of Pittsburgh sent an email blast to all agencies, organizations, and individuals on its list of non-profit agencies, housing providers, advocates, and interested parties, that the "Draft" HOME-ARP Allocation Plan - Substantial Amendment # 2 was on public display. This list consists of over 700 email addresses of names and organizations that have previously submitted funding requests or requested to be added to this list so they can be notified of future emails on funding options, proposed plans, and public hearings.*

The City also posted the Public Hearing Notice on the City's social media platforms.

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

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

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

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

the total number of homeless individuals and families, which determined the needs for this Qualifying Populations.

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

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

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

Substantial Amendment # 1:

The City of Pittsburgh did not receive any comments at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Substantial Amendment # 2:

Any comments received by the City of Pittsburgh about the substantial amendment will be included in the appendix section.

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

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

Substantial Amendment # 1:

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

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

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

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

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

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

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

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table Updated 6/30/2026

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	74,875		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	8,995		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	23,535		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		14,580	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		3,375	
Current Gaps:			17,995

Suggested Data Sources: 1. 2024 American Community Survey (ACS); 2. 2018 - 2022 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

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

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

In addition, the City of Pittsburgh through the ESG funds assisted 1,212 persons and 805 households through emergency shelters, 21 persons and 21 households through street outreach, 60 persons and 51 households through rapid re-housing, and 13 persons and 9 households through homelessness prevention, according to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the FY 2021 program year.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lethality Assessment Screens	Total Number
High Danger	735

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  In 2016 (via City Council Ordinance #37), the City established a Housing Opportunity Fund to support the development and preservation of affordable and accessible housing within the City. The Ordinance designated the Board of Directors of the URA as the Governing Board of the HOF and contemplated that employees of the URA will administer the fund.

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

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

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

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

  - **The Rental Gap Program (RGP)** – The RGP funds the development and/or the preservation of rental housing for households with incomes at or below 50% AMI. In 2020, seven projects closed utilizing RFP funds, which resulted in the creation and/or preservation of 166 affordable rental units.

- **Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) -** HSP provides financial assistance to income eligible renters who struggle with housing costs. HSP provides a grant of up to $3,000, which may be used for rent and utilities in arrears or for first month's rent, last month's rent, and/or a security deposit. The goal of HSP to provide immediate financial support to stabilize households and to prevent eviction and homelessness. In 2020, HSP assisted over 727 households in preventing eviction and homelessness.
- **Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program (DPCC)** - DPCC provides up to $7,500 for down payment and closing cost assistance for buyers with incomes at or below 80% AMI or up to $5,000 for buyers with incomes above 81% AMI (but below 115% AMI). In 2020, DPCC assisted 103 first-time homebuyers with purchasing their first home in the City of Pittsburgh.
- **Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)** - HAP provides up to $35,000 of home rehabilitation assistance to homeowners with incomes at or below 50% AMI. The first $5,000 is in the form of a grant; the remaining $30,000 is in the form of a 0% interest deferred loan. In 2020, HAP assisted 98 homeowners with necessary home repairs.
- **For-Sale Development Program (FSDP)** - The FSDP funds the development of for-sale housing to be sold to homebuyers with incomes at or below 80% AMI. In 2020, FSDP closed 7 projects utilizing FSDP funds, which resulted in the creation and/or preservation of 10 affordable for-sale units.
- **Small Landlord Fund (SLF)** - The SLF provides funding to landlords with ten (10) of fewer units for the preservation of existing affordable rental housing and/or the conversion of market/vacant housing to affordable housing in the City of Pittsburgh.
- **Legal Assistance Program (LAP)** - The LAP provides a variety of free housing legal services to eligible tenants and homeowners who live in the City of Pittsburgh.

FY 2022 Allocation:

The 2022 Allocation Plan is detailed below:

Activity	30% AMI Target	50% AMI Target	80% AMI Target	Total Funding
Down Payment / Closing Cost Assistance Program (DPCCAP)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 700,000	$ 700,000
For Sale Development Program (FSDP)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 950,000	$ 950,000
Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)	$ 1,050,000	$ 700,000	$ 400,000	$ 2,150,000

Housing Stabilization Program (HSP)	$ 150,000	$ 375,000	$ 0	$ 525,000
Rental Gap Program (RGP)	$ 3,000,000	$ 800,000	$ 0	$ 3,800,000
Small Landlord Fund	$ 0	$ 275,000	$ 150,000	$ 425,000
Legal Assistance Program	$ 300,000	$ 100,000	$ 50,000	$ 450,000
Administration	$ 500,000	$ 250,000	$ 250,000	$ 1,000,000
Total:	**$ 5,000,000**	**$ 2,250,000**	**$ 2,250,000**	**$ 10,000,000**

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

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

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

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

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

year-round other permanent housing beds. These resources and supportive services are as follows:

- **EMERGENCY SHELTER:**
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - McKeesport Emergency Shelter** - 25 beds
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - McKeesport Emergency Shelter SWES** - 15 beds
  - **Alle Kiski Hope Center - Hope Domestic Violence Shelter -** 23 beds
  - **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches - AVAC Emergency Shelter** - 14 beds
  - **Auberle - Family Shelter Duquesne -** 20 beds
  - **Auberle - Family Shelter McKeesport** - 40 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - Emergency Shelter -** 28 beds
  - **Center for Victims - Emergency Shelter -** 24 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Family Emergency Shelter -** 36 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Winter Emergency Shelter -** 30 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Wood Street Commons Emergency Shelter -** 32 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - HAP Crisis Beds -** 25 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Safe Haven Hotel -** 33 beds
  - **East End Cooperative Ministry - Emergency Shelter -** 21 beds
  - **FamilyLinks - Emergency Shelter** - 18 beds
  - **Goodwill of Southwestern PA - Pleasant Valley Emergency Shelter** - 25 beds
  - **L2 Community Support - Light of Life Emergency Shelter** - 34 beds
  - **L2 Community Support - Light of Life Winter Shelter** - 15 beds
  - **Mercy Life Center - SWES Severe Weather Emergency Shelter** - 90 beds
  - **Salvation Army - Family Caring Center Shelter** - 36 beds
  - **Shepherd's Heart Fellowship - VA Residential Emergency Beds** - 3 beds
  - **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - HOME 2020** - 20 beds
  - **Veterans Leadership Program of WPA - Project Journey for Women** - 16 beds
  - **Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard** - VA Low-Demand Safe haven - 12 beds
  - **Womanspace East - Emergency Shelter** - 73 beds

- **Women's Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh - Emergency Shelter** - 48 beds

- **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:**
  - **ACTION Housing - ACTION Centre Ave** - 10 beds
  - **ACTION Housing - McKeesport Bridge Housing -** 14 beds
  - **Primary Care Health Services - First Step Recovery Homes Bridge Housing -** 23 beds
  - **Shepherd's Heart Fellowship - VA Hospital to Home** - 5 beds
  - **Shepherd's Heart Fellowship - VA Service Intensive** - 7 beds
  - **Veterans Leadership Program of WPA - VA GPD Bridge Program** - 25 beds
  - **Veterans Leadership Program of WPA - VA GPD Special Needs Grant (Women Veterans)** - 5 beds
  - **Veterans Place of Washington Blvd. - GPD Bridge Program** - 1 beds
  - **Veterans Place of Washington Blvd. - GPD Service Intensive** - 32 beds
  - **YMCA - Allegheny Bridge Housing** - 10 beds
  - **YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh - Bridge Housing Program** - 29 beds

- **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:**
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - Housing Plus II** - 11 beds
  - **ACTION Housing, Inc. - My Place PSH** - 5 beds
  - **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches, Inc. - Hospitality Homes I** - 49 beds
  - **Allies for Health +Wellbeing - Choice I** - 60 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - CMI Bridge Housing** - 10 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - Haven Homes** - 16 beds
  - **Bethlehem Haven - Haven Housing Dedicated Plus** - 20 beds
  - **Chartiers MHMR Center, Inc. - Atlas PSH** - 15 beds
  - **Chartiers MHMR Center, Inc. - Hestia Project** - 138 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Family United** - 124 beds
  - **Community Human Services Corporation - Work Towards Sustainability from Crisis** - 67 beds
  - **East End Cooperative Ministry, Inc. - Faith** - 137 beds

- **FamilyLinks - Community Housing Program** - 21 beds
- **Gaudenzia, Inc. - Village Phase I** - 42 beds
- **Goodwill of Southwestern PA - NCSMPERM** - 11 beds
- **L2 Community Support - Light of Life - CMI Housing** - 8 beds
- **Mercy Life Center Corporation - A River Home** - 41 beds
- **Mercy Life Center Corporation - Bridging the Gap** - 22 beds
- **Mercy Life Center Corporation - Path to New Life** - 74 beds
- **Sisters Place, Inc. - Sunrise -** 60 beds
- **Sojourner Moms II - Moms II -** 103 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Flex 50** - 356 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Flex 51** - 147 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Neighborhood Living Program -** 149 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Next Chapter** - 14 beds
- **VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System - HUD VASH** - 350 beds
- **Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA - Victory** - 94 beds

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

- **RAPID RE-HOUSING:**
  - **ACTION Housing - My Place RRH** - 74 beds
  - **Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center, Inc. - DV unified Project** - 100 beds
  - **Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center, Inc. - Safe At Home** - 49 beds
  - **Auberle - At Home** - 10 beds
  - **Auberle - ESG CV RRH - City** - 33 beds
  - **Auberle - Rapid Rehousing ESG - City** - 13 beds
  - **Auberle - Peace of Home** - 59 beds
  - **Center for Victims - CV housing Plus RRH** - 31 beds
  - **Center that CARES - A Caring Reach** - 11 beds
  - **Chartiers MHMR Center, Inc. - Vesta Penn Free** - 42 beds

- **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG CV Landlord Incentives** - 4 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG CV Rapid Rehousing - County** - 62 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG CV State RRH** - 14 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - ESG Rapid Re-Housing - County** - 36 beds
- **Community Human Services Corporation - Housing Solutions** - 79 beds
- **Goodwell of Southwestern PA - Good Start** - 38 beds
- **Goodwell of Southwestern PA - Harbor II RRH** - 31 beds
- **Mercy Life Center - ESG Rapid Re-housing - City** - 9 beds
- **Mercy Life Center - ESG Rapid Re-housing - County** - 6 beds
- **Mercy Life Center Corporation - A Step Forward** - 25 beds
- **UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside - Soteria Rapid Re-Housing** - 30 beds
- **Urban League of Pittsburgh - ESG CV County RRH** - 10 beds
- **Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA - Constitution RRH** - 15 beds
- **Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA - SSVF Rapid Re-Housing** - 43 beds
- **YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh - YW Bridges RRH** - 61 beds

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

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

The supportive services that are needed, include the following: childcare, educational services, employment assistance and job training, food, housing searches and counseling services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services,

outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, case management, mediation, credit repair, services for special populations, and financial assistance. Supportive services are crucial to keeping this qualifying population housed.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

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

- Need for more affordable rental housing
- Need for permanent supportive housing
- Need for transitional housing as a relief to the shelters
- Need for more accessible housing for the disabled

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

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

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

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

- Light of Life Rescue Mission - Statistics
- Human Trafficking Institute
- Eviction Lab - Statistics
- Overdose Free PA - Statistics

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

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method(s)that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

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

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

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

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

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

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

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

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

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

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

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	$ *512,448.00*		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	$ 1,500,000.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	$ 5,507,825.00		
Non-Profit Operating	$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	$ 834,203.00	10 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation:	***$ 8,354,476.00***		

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

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

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

The following is a breakdown of what each category covers:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preferences

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

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

Substantial Amendment # 2

The City of Pittsburgh would like to create a preference for HOME-ARP funded rental housing projects for: Qualifying Population 1 – Homeless, as defined at 24 CFR 91.5; and Qualifying Population 3 – Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Human Trafficking, as defined at 24 CFR 5.2003. This preference does not prevent households from Qualifying Populations 2 and 4 from applying for the HOME-ARP funded rental housing. The preference does mean that applicants from QP 1 and QP 3 qualify to be selected for housing assistance before another eligible QP applicant that does not qualify for the preference.

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

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

As the City of Pittsburgh HOME-ARP Allocation Plan states, the 2022 Point-In-Time Count has 631 persons or 447 households in Emergency Shelters and 105 persons/households unsheltered. The 2026 Point-In-Time County had 930 persons, or 573 adults and 357 individuals in families with

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

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



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

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

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

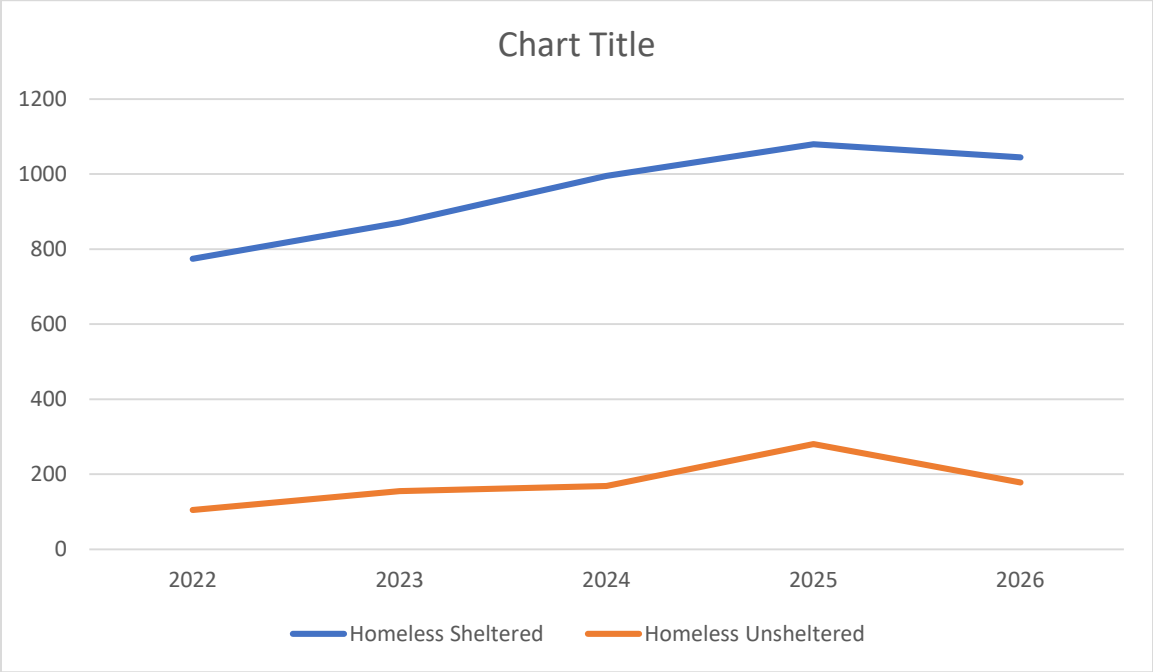
The Allegheny County CoC has adopted CPD-16-11, HUD's Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as CPD-17-01, HUD's Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or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

Vacancy Management Process Coordinated Entry process

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

Substantial Amendment #2

In the initial HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the 2022 Point in Time (PIT) Count identified 105 unsheltered homeless persons. In January 2023, the Pittsburgh City Council declared homelessness a public health emergency, after the 95 bed shelter at Second Avenue Commons filled up within weeks. Sheltered and unsheltered homelessness has continued to climb in the years following the original 2022 Allocation Plan submission.



Source: Allegheny County Point-In-Time Community Counts Dashboard

While the homeless numbers showed a small decline between 2025 and 2026, thanks to the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County collaboration on the 500 in 500 Initiative, the 2026 PIT Count identified 178 unsheltered homeless persons. Of those in shelter, 91 reported being survivors of intimate partner violence, without resources or support networks to enable them to find other housing. The updated Housing Needs Inventory and Gaps Analysis table (pg. 38) demonstrates that the City experienced a loss of 15,045 units affordable to households at or below 30% of area median income, and 12,080 units affordable to households between 30 – 50% of area median income. Homeless individuals and households in the shelter do not have access to affordable housing to move out of the shelter, and unsheltered homeless persons don't have access to shelter beds or affordable housing. The use of a preference in the HOME-ARP Affordable Rental Housing for Qualifying Populations 1 and 3 provides much needed units to move homeless persons from homeless to housed.

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

Referral Methods

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

Substantial Amendment #2

The City of Pittsburgh intends to use project specific waiting lists for its HOME-ARP rental housing properties. Each property manager will be responsible for affirmatively marketing the HOME-ARP funded rental units and will accept referrals from Allegheny County Department of Human Services' Allegheny Link, non-profit and other civic and service organizations, as well as self-referrals. HOME-ARP affordable rental properties will be posted on the City of Pittsburgh and Urban Redevelopment Authority's websites, to make the public aware of affordable units.

The property manager will maintain three HOME-ARP waitlists, which will be organized and maintained in chronological order (date/time):

- *QPs 1 and 3*
- *QPs 2 and 4*
- *Below 80% of median income – not QP*

The property manager is responsible for collecting and maintaining documentation of eligibility, and for the accuracy of QP eligibility and any required income verification or tenant rent calculation. Property managers must give prompt written notification within five (5) business days to any rejected application, provide grounds for rejection and the grievance/appeal process. Property managers are required to keep documentation of those who were selected to apply for housing and were denied, and the reason for denial.

The City of Pittsburgh intends to contract with a service provider to provide training and technical assistance to property managers. This support will consist of how to collect appropriate documentation of eligibility as a Qualifying Population, including the preferred order of priority for documentation and how to maintain file documentation. The service provider will provide initial training and on-going technical assistance, including spot checking files to identify any deficiencies in the process.

The City of Pittsburgh intends to use the Coordinated Entry System (CE) and other referrals for its HOME-ARP non-congregate shelter. Allegheny County CoC has a mature Coordinated Entry System (CES) that covers Allegheny County in its entirety and is the referral method that will be used for HOME ARP-funded non-congregate shelter projects/activities. The objective of the CES is to ensure streamlined access to the Allegheny County Continuum of Care's (CoC) homeless response system for all households that are facing housing instability or experiencing homelessness and ensure they are matched to an appropriate intervention to end their crisis or homelessness. Subjective barriers to housing have been removed from all programs participating

in Allegheny County's CES, as there is a Housing First focus, that is inclusive of those funded through the CoC Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The CoC has adopted HUD CPD 16-11, HUD's Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as the accompanying update HUD CPD-17-01, Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System.

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

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

Coordinated Entry Access & Coverage

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

The Allegheny Link can be accessed in multiple ways:

- By Phone: 1-866-730-2368
- In Person: Allegheny Link, One Smithfield Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (8 am to 4 pm)
- By Email: alleghenylink@alleghenycounty.us

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

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

Equal Access

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

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

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

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

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

For families with minor children who have enrolled in one of the CoC Family Emergency shelters they are given a period of 10 days to become stable in shelter, self-resolve their housing crisis, meet with shelter staff and the Homeless Services & Supports Coordinator (HSSC) prior to

completing an assessment with Coordinated Entry. After the 10th day in emergency shelter CE staff reach out to the family to complete the assessment, which generally takes an additional 2 weeks for people find other options.

For the other HOME-ARP projects/activities: Supportive Services and Development of Affordable Rental Housing, the City realizes that the CES does not accept all of the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. Therefore, the City will use additional forms from outside agencies such as 211, waiting lists from shelter providers, and other entities so all of the Qualifying Populations are considered. The Allegheny Link & Office of Community Services (OCS) Field Unit functions as the single access point for the CE in Allegheny County. All households seeking service are provided fair and equal access regardless of their location or method by which they access the system.

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):

Prioritization for CoC Funded Non-Congregate Shelter –

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referrals to ESG and CoC funded programs flow through Coordinated Entry. There is a prioritized by-name list called the "Homeless Housing Program Wait List" that is kept within CE.

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    - There are detailed referral notes included in the electronic HMIS referral that can be referenced throughout the engagement process. These notes include specifics around the individual's CH timeline, engagement strategies, documentation concerns, etc.

The City of Pittsburgh will be using multiple sources for referrals, not just the CES for the other HOME-ARP projects/activities: Supportive Services and Development of Affordable Rental Housing. Since the CES does not cover all of the Qualifying Populations, the City will use the data from 211, street outreach, waiting lists from shelter providers, etc. This will be a "first come, first served" basis.

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

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

The City of Pittsburgh will use project specific waitlists for the HOME-ARP affordable rental housing units. Project managers will accept referrals from DHS' Allegheny Link, non-profit and other social and civic organizations, and self-referral.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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

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

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

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

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

Not Applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

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

  Not Applicable.

Appendix

Attached are the following items:

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

HUD SF 424 Form

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