

/// 2021/2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA MAY 2022





/// PART ONE: CDBG PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PART TWO: HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – CDBG FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA DRAFT May 4, 2022

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Background

The City of Clearwater's federal Annual Action Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs each year. The Annual Action Plan implements a jurisdiction's multi-year Consolidated Plan and is developed through significant citizen participation, analysis, and planning.

Proposed Substantial Amendment

The city is proposing to amend the 2021 Annual Action Plan to account for the following amendments:

- Reallocation of CDBG (\$255,939) funds resulting from projects that did not/will not materialize;
- Addition of new projects not previously included in the 2021 Annual Action Plan

The total amount of CDBG funds to be reallocated/reprogrammed is \$255,939. The proposed amendment will allocate/reallocate/reprogram this funding to the following activities:

Project Name	Previous Amount	Amended Amount	Change (+) (-)	Change Summary
Hope Villages of America (Grace House Expansion)	CDBG - \$98,000	CDBG - \$0	CDBG – (-\$98,000)	Reprograms \$98,000 to new and existing projects.
City of Clearwater (Lake Belleview Recreation Pier)	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$90,000	CDBG - \$90,000	New project funded with reallocation funding.
City of Clearwater (Demolition 1011 Engman St. – Slum & Blight)	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$83,887	HOME - \$83,887	New project funded with reallocation funding.
Property Acquisition – Slum & Blight	CDBG - \$180,884	CDBG - \$96,997	CDBG - (-\$141,974)	Reduces allocation and reprograms \$141,974 to new and existing projects.
Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program (Salary Support - Public Service)	CDBG - \$20,352	CDBG - \$15,600	CDBG – (-\$4,752)	Reduces allocation and reprograms \$4,752 to new and existing projects.
St. Vincent DePaul CKRC (Salary Support – Public Service)	CDBG - \$19,213	CDBG - \$8,000	CDBG - (-\$11,213)	Reduces allocation and reprograms \$11,213 to new and existing projects.
Gulfcoast Legal Services (Legal Services – Public Service)	CDBG - \$24,969	CDBG - \$34,969	CDBG - \$10,000	Adds \$10,000 in CDBG funding from reprogrammed/reallocated funds.
CDBG TBD Public Services	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$5,965	CDBG - \$5,965	New project funded with reallocation funding.
Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services (Business Center Roof Improvements)	CDBG - \$55,500	CDBG - \$85,500	CDBG - \$30,000	Adds \$30,000 in CDBG funding from reprogrammed/reallocated funds.
R'Club Gateway (Facilities Improvement)	CDBG - \$23,321	CDBG - \$39,408	CDBG - \$16,087	Adds \$16,087 in CDBG funding from reprogrammed/reallocated funds.
Public Facility Projects Cost Overruns	CDBG - \$0	CDBG - \$20,000	CDBG - \$20,000	New project funded with reallocation funding.

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All other activities and funding not listed above will be unaffected by the proposed amendment.

Analysis

This proposal qualifies as a substantial amendment because it meets one (1) of the four (4) criteria within the Citizen Participation Plan:

• A decision is made to carry out an activity not previously described in the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan(s), including program income.

Public Process

The City of Clearwater will provide a public notice in the newspaper advertising a 30-day public comment period, from May 4, 2022 through June 2, 2022. Additionally, two (2) public hearings will be held to provide opportunities for public comment:

- Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board. City Hall Council Chambers: 100 North Osceola Ave, 1st Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33755. Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 9:00am.
- City of Clearwater City Council. City Hall Council Chambers: 100 North Osceola Ave, 1st Floor Clearwater, Florida 33755. Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Comments may also be provided to Charles (Chuck) Lane, Assistant Director of Economic Development and Housing, by email at Charles.Lane@myclearwater.com or phone (727) 562-4023, or in writing addressed to the City of Clearwater Economic Development and Housing Department, P.O. Box 4748, Clearwater, Florida, 33758. Hard copies will be made available at public buildings for review during the Public Comment Period. Hard copies may be available upon request.

The city will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in the review of program activities and program amendments. In addition, the City will make adequate and reasonable provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Charles (Chuck) Lane, Assistant Director of Economic Development and Housing at the contact information above.

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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template

Guidance

- To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:
 - o Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;
 - o Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
 - o Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.
- To submit: a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as an attachment next to the "HOME-ARP allocation plan" option on either the AD-26 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan).
- PJs must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on either the AD-26 or AD-25 screen, as applicable:
 - o Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
 - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
 - o Anti-Lobbying;
 - o Authority of Jurisdiction;
 - o Section 3; and,
 - o HOME-ARP specific certification.

Participating Jurisdiction: Clearwater, Florida Date: 4/29/2022

Consultation

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

Summarize the consultation process:

The City of Clearwater developed a robust consultation process to meet HUD's requirements and to ensure that the City is considering all priorities and needs within the community. On January 20, 2022, the City of Clearwater held a HOME-ARP Funding workshop to consult with local service providers, housing providers, and other groups that work to address the needs of qualifying populations. There were representatives from approximately a dozen organizations in

attendance; further information about all consultation is detailed in the table below. In addition to a workshop, the City formed a selection committee, the Technical Review Committee (TRC), to score and select the projects for HOME-ARP Funding. The TRC met on February 18, 2022, and is comprised of several city staff, representatives from the Salvation Army, Pinellas Community Foundation, and the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas. These are the agencies that uniquely serve the qualifying populations under HOME-ARP.

List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
City of Clearwater, City Council	Civic Leaders	Public Hearing	Approval of proposed project funding.
City of Clearwater, Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Board (NAHAB)	Other (Advisory Board)	Public Hearing	Recommendation to City Council to approve proposed funding.
City of Clearwater, Economic Development and Housing Department	Other (City Departments); Grantee Department	Funding Workshop, Technical review Committee, Public Hearing, Internal Communication	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding. Work closely with local service providers to understand needs and make funding determinations.
Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance	Continuum of Care; Services- Homeless	Funding Workshop, Techincal Review Committee	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding.
R'Club Childcare, Inc.	Services- Children	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
The Salvation Army	Services- Homeless	Funding Workshop, Technical Review Committee	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding.
Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP), Inc.	Services- Homeless	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Directions for Living	Services-Mental Health	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify

	community needs and funding
	priorities.

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Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Hope Villages of America	Housing; Other (Food Bank)	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Clearwater Housing Authority	PHA	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Pinellas Community Foundation	Foundation	Funding Workshop	Work as part of TRC to evaluate projects and make recommendations about proposed funding.
Blue Sky Communities	Housing	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Pinellas Opportunity Council	Services-Elderly Persons	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Intercultural Advocacy Institute (ICAI)/Hispanic Outreach Center	Services-Children; Services-Education; Other (Legal); Other (Food Bank);	Funding Workshop	Make project funding requests and suggestions. Help to identify community needs and funding priorities.
Gulfcoast Legal Services	Other (Legal)	Funding Workshop	Review project funding requests and make recommendations about which projects to fund.

Public Participation

PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for "reasonable notice and

an opportunity to comment" for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

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

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:

- Public comment period: start date 5/4/2022 end date 6/2/2022
- *Public hearing: 6/2/2022*

In accordance with HUD guidelines, the City of Clearwater held a public comment period that was at least 15 days to obtain comments from Clearwater residents, agencies, and anyone else who wished to review and comment on the plan. Following the public comment period, the city held a public hearing with the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB) and with the City Council. The NAHAB is tasked with making recommendations to the City Council about the use of federal funds. The proposed funding activities are first heard by the NAHAB and then heard by the City Council, upon NAHAB's recommendation. The NAHAB public hearing took place on May 10, 2022, and the City Council public hearing for adoption of the substantial amendment to approve the HOME-ARP Funding Allocation Plan was held on June 2, 2022.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

The City of Clearwater published public notices for the NAHAB and City Council public hearings in an effort to broaden public awareness and participation in the development of the allocation plan. A 15-day public comment period is required; however, city is holding a 30-day public comment period to allow more time for citizens to review the plan and provide comment. Additionally, the city followed its citizen participation plan, which guides all public participation efforts in a manner that promotes transparency and encourages active participation from residents, especially those qualifying populations.

A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process:

[To be inserted upon completion of public outreach efforts]

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why: All comments and recommendations were accepted and considered in the development of this allocation plan.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory			Homeless Population			Gap Analysis						
	Fan	nily	Adults	s Only	Vets	Family	•			Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	HH (at least 1 child)	HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	380	94	764	N/A	11								
Transitional Housing	87	35	199	N/A	55								
Permanent Supportive Housing	336	88	1,266	N/A	934								
Other Permanent Housing						N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Sheltered Homeless						114	1,058	215	99				
Unsheltered Homeless						4	786	50	85				
Current Gap										N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless						
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis			
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households			
Total Rental Units	20,029					
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	600					
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	1,815					
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		2,855 (standard housing problems, not severe)				
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,150 (standard housing problems, not severe)				
Current Gaps			N/A			

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

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

Populations At-Risk of Homelessness & Other Populations Requiring Supportive Services for Homelessness Prevention

According to the FY 2021 Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data, there are approximately 60,520 low- and moderate-income individuals within the City of Clearwater. This represents over 52% of the total population, based on the 2016-2020 American Community Survey. Of the city's 115 Block Groups, 42 Block Groups are characterized as having more than 51.00% of its population designated as low- and moderate-income. This suggests that a significant percentage of Clearwater's population has an income of less than 80% AMI and may be at increased risk of homelessness or in need of additional supportive services and assistance to prevent homelessness and housing instability.

According to 2011-2015 CHAS, There are 460 low- and moderate-income households (<80% AMI) that experience crowding of more than 1 person per room. Additionally, there are 3,115 households in the 0-30% AMI income group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 30%, and 2,755 households in the 0-30% AMI group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 50%. Due to crowding, income levels, and cost burdens, the households within these groups are at risk of homelessness.

Homeless Populations

Homelessness affects all races and ethnicities; however, in Clearwater, white and black individuals are most impacted by homelessness. Of the 2,226 homeless individuals counted in the 2020 Point-In-Time counts for the continuum of care, 1,380 (nearly 62%) individuals were white, and 719 (over 32%) of individuals were black. The remaining 6% of homeless individuals identified as other minority races. Only about 7.6% of the total counted homeless population identified as Hispanic or Latino.

More than 83% of all homeless individuals counted were adults in households without children. There were 350 (nearly 16%) homeless individuals counted in households with children, and 22 homeless individuals counted in households that contained only children (under the age of 18).

Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

In total, 184 (about 8%) homeless individuals counted identied themselves as victims of domestic violence. According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, there were 6,111 domestic violence offenses in Pinellas County alone in 2020. There were also 450 reports of rape in Pinellas County for the same year. Considering that Clearwater makes up approximately 12% of the total population in Pinellas County, it can be assumed that there are at least 733 domestic violence offenses and at least 54 reports of rape that can occurred within Clearwater. Vicitms of these crimes are susceptible to homelessness and housing insecurity.

Veteran Populations

The 2020 homeless Point-In-Time count identifies 265 homeless veterans, representing about 12% of the homeless population. According to the 2019 Homeless leadership Alliance HMIS report for the 1-year period between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, it is estimated that there are 969 veterans experiencing homelessness each year and 518 veterans becoming homeless each year within the St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo/Pinellas County Continuum of Care. It can be assumed that there are nearly 1,500 veterans who experience or become homeless each year in Pinellas County, suggesting that about 180 veterans in Clearwater alone experience or become homeless each year.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness; and.
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:

The 5-year consolidated plan identifies priorities related to persons experiencing homelessness. Among these needs are substance abuse and behavioral/metal health services, services for homeless youth and youth aging out of foster care, homeless facilities and shelters, and case management. While there are existing shelters and supportive services for those experiencing homelessness, there may be a need for additional supportive services to prevent homelessness, including transitional housing, emergency assistance and other moving assistance (rental deposit assistance, security deposit), and other rental assistance and utility assistance efforts. These efforts also contribute to the maintenance and availability of affordable housing for all income groups, especially those qualifying populations.

For those non-homeless populations, additional affordable rental housing units and supportive counseling is also needed to reduce existing homelessness and prevent future homelessness.

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:

There is a wide array of existing homelessness prevention services available in Clearwater, including counseling, legal assistance, mortgage assistance, rental assistance, utilities assistance, law enforcement, mobile clinics, street outreach services, drug and alcohol abuse services, child care, education services, employment and employment training services, healthcare services, life skills training, mental health counciling, transportation services, and food banks.

In the Clearwater area, homeless services such as emergency shelter and transitional housing are provided by churches and non-profit organizations. Some of these organizations include the Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. (Homeless Empowerment Program), Kimberly Home, Boley Centers, Hope Villages of America, Salvation Army, and Family Resources, Inc., among others.

To better address the needs of the area's homeless population, the Homeless Leadership Alliance maintains an online map-based directory of emergency shelter and transitional housing services, as well as food and clothing assistance targeted to homeless persons. The database connects to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority route maps. Information regarding homeless resources is also disseminated through the 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc. hotline.

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

Clearwater has a robust shelter, housing, and service delivery system for those individuals experiencing homelessness and who are at risk of becoming homeless. Some identified gaps may exist, including sufficient funding to support the volume and reach of homeless supportive services (including non-profit service providers that offer substance abuse and mental health services, services for homeless youth, and case management). The city will continue to financially support these programs, when possible, and aid in the identification of additional funding sources, and provide technical assistance to aid in the completion of grant applications.

The city maintains a strong relationship with service providers, and included many of them in the consultation and production of this plan. The input received from these service providers during the consuldation process was critical to the identification of needs. Their involvement ensures successful programming ang lessens the existing gaps in providing homeless needs and other supportive services for qualifying populations.

The city is very engaged with the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance, supporting the organization in the implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness; additional, improved, and maintained coordination between these service providers, and the city would benefit those populations at risk of homelessness and those experiencing homelessness by promoting a transparent and accessible communication strategy. Improved coordination would increase the dissemination of information about critical resources and supportive services, as well as improve the quality of those services.

An identified gap is the need for additional transitional or permanent supportive housing; one way to reduce this need is for the city to coordinate with the continuum of care, non-profit service providers, and other organizations to encourage the development os threse programs and these types of housing.

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of "other populations" as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

Housing with 1 or more housing problems is associated with instability. As shown in the table above, there are 5,005 households earning less than 50% AMI with at least one housing problem. Additionally, households experiencing cost burden and crowding may experiencing housing instability and be at a greater risk of homelessness. According to the 2011-2015 CHAS data, there are 460 low- and moderate-income households (<80% AMI) that experience crowding of

more than 1 person per room. Additionally, there are 3,115 households in the 0-30% AMI income group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 30%, and 2,755 households in the 0-30% AMI group that are experiencing cost burden greater than 50%.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

While there are a number of important priority needs, as listed in the city's five-year consolidated plan, this allocation plan will focus on the priority needs listed below:

- 1. Affordable housing development (production of new rental units)
- 2. Facilities/Services for Victims of Domestic Violence (TBRA)
- 3. Rental Assistance
- 4. Homeless prevention (through diversion services, utility assistance, move-in assistance)

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

The most recent Housing Inventory Counts (January 2021) and Point-In-Time county (January 2020) were used to develop the data presented in the tables and narrative above. The 2011-2015 CHAS and 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates were used to supplement the housing inventory and point-in-time county. Based on reported numbers, there are currently sufficient shelter beds for those populations experiencing homelessness; however, it should be assumed that the reported counts for homeless populations is an undercount. There is likely a gap in affordable housing for low- and moderate-income populations earning less than 50% AMI. There are only 600 units considered affordable to extremely low income populations earning less than 30% AMI and only 1,815 rental units affordable to populations earning less than 50% AMI. This leaves 17,614 rental units that are unaffordable to over 12,000 households that earn less than 50% AMI, according to the 2011-2015 CHAS data. Additionally, over 5,000 renter households with an income less than 50% AMI live in a house with one or more housing problems. This represents over 40% of the total low-income population earning less than 50% AMI, suggesting there is a need for additional decent, affordable rental units.

Gaps related to coordination and supportive services were identified using previous performance of similar programs and previously idenfitied community needs, as identified in the 2020/2021-2024/2025 Consolidated Plan. Additionally, through the consultation process the city gauged needs and gaps based on outreach to service providers.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The city accepted applications for proposed projects by local developers, service providers, and nonprofit organizations on the city's website. All proposed project applications submitted a

description of the organization, a project description, and requested funding amount. The City of Clearwater developed a Technical Review Committee which was comprised of city staff and local service providers. This committee reviewed all applications for their compliance with the HOME-ARP program and benefits to qualifying populations to determine which projects to allocate funding to.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds were 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.

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. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 0.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 623,430.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 875,000.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 139,137.00	8.49 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,637,567.00		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

Some projects under the Pinellas Opportunity Council, the Homeless Emergency Project, and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul may include both supportive services and tenant-based rental assistance. Per HUD guidance and communication with city staff, the city will keep record of funding that is spent as supportive services and how many households benefit from this funding. These data will be monitored for future reporting.

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

As previously identified in the above sections, the qualitative and quantitative data presented indicates a need for projects that support the identified priority needs (additional affordable housing, homeless prevention, rental assistance and related supportive services), and those that

close the gaps in service delivery (increased capacity for coordination, increased capacity to support homeless populations and those at risk of becoming homeless, and those in transitional housing).

The following list includes descriptions of the proposed activities and their desired impact to address the gaps and priority needs:

Blue Sky Communities

Amount Requested: \$875,000

Purpose of Funding: Allocation to support Blue Sky's proposed project at 610 Franklin Street

under partnership with the CRA. Five units will be reserved for households meeting the

Qualifying Population under the HOME-ARP Program.

HOPE Villages of America

Amount Requested: \$134,750

Purpose of Funding: Hope Villages of America's (HVA) Grace House, a family shelter facility, will provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to families exiting the Grace House after the successful completion of programming, individuals served at The Haven which provides domestic violence shelter and individuals served through outreach services at both programs.

Pinellas Opportunity Council

Amount Requested: \$100,000

Purpose of Funding: POC's Emergency Assistance Program provides financial assistance to eligible clients in need of emergency assistance with utilities, fuel oil, and rent/mortgage emergencies. POC just received a local grant through Pinellas Community Foundation for \$25,000 in January 2022 to assist all age demographics in Pinellas County with rent deposits. This grant does not cover utility deposits. POC is requesting a total of \$100,000 to provide these much-needed services to the Clearwater community. POC proposes to spend \$70,000 in rental deposits with a max of \$2,000 per household and \$30,000 in utility deposits with a max of \$400 per household.

<u>Homeless Emergency Project (Homeless Empowerment Program)</u>

Amount Requested: \$292,000

Purpose of Funding: Through the Family Transition Program (FTP), homeless families with minor children receive temporary shelter (up to 90 days) and comprehensive supportive services. HEP is requesting HOME-ARP funds from the City of Clearwater to provide these families with one-time move-in assistance (application fee, security deposit, first months' rent, etc.) as they exit FTP and obtain independent affordable rental housing in the community.

Homeless Leadership Alliance

Amount Requested: \$46,180

Purpose of Funding: Clients are identified and referred to the Prevention/Diversion component of the Front Door by over 25 cross sector provider agencies, 211 Tampa Bay Cares, law

enforcement officers, municipalities, funders, governmental entities, faith-based groups, elected officials, self-referrals, and "word of mouth" from previous participants. Referrals are made via phone, email, HMIS, or text message. If staff determine that financial assistance is needed to prevent or divert the individual or household from entering the homeless system of care, staff has access to a flexible financial assistance account, provided that it will directly result in a housing solution.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Community Kitchen and Resource Center

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Purpose of Funding: SVDP's proposed project is to expand supportive services to our homeless clients who are seeking opportunities to become self-sufficient. Grant funds will be used to expand housing assistance that positions clients for long-term success. The SVDP Housing Support program includes needs assessments, housing support (rent, utility, deposit fees), and service referrals which may include addiction recovery, mental health services, mentorship, employment readiness, and life skills training.

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 HOME-ARP will allocate funds to the Blue Sky Communities proposed affordable housing development. The funds will aid in the development of 5 affordable rental housing units reserved for qualifying populations, and 482 households will be assisted through rental assistance and TBRA.

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

The City of Clearwater's 2020/2021-2024/2025 Consolidated Plan identifies the goal of affordable housing, and estimates that 95 rental units will be constructed during the 5-year consolidated planning period. Together, this identified goal and the Blue Sky Communities project work towards addressing the city's identified high priority need of new housing construction for both renters and owners.

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:

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.

The City of Clearwater does not intend to give preference to one or more qualifying populations.

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

Not applicable.

If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:

Not applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

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

 Not applicable. The City does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing
 - Not applicable. The City does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.
- 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. The City does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.
- State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
 Not applicable. The City does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.
- Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer. Not applicable. The City does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The City does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.

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

Not applicable. The City does not plan to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing.



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