



Substantial Amendment to the Action Plan FY 2021 **HOME - ARP Allocation Plan**



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INTRODUCTION

The City of New Bedford has been notified of the availability of HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funding arising out of the federal government's efforts to help Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) like the City of New Bedford, reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) is the most recent federal relief package created to assist states, counties and local governments to address the negative economic effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. The ARP Act appropriated funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for distribution under the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) in Federal Fiscal Year FY2021. The City of New Bedford received a total allocation of \$3,175,399 in HOME-ARP funding, the use of which is dictated by this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The HOME-ARP program can be used to fund the following eligible activities: rental housing development, tenant based rental assistance, supportive housing services, non-congregate shelter development, operating and capacity building expenses for non-profits undertaking HOME-ARP activities and administration expenses related to the implementing of HOME-ARP funded programs. The allocation of these funds to specific projects required that the City of New Bedford first post a draft Plan for public comment and submission of the final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD for review and approval.

In accordance with HUD Notice CPD-21-10 *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan constitutes a substantial amendment to the City's FY21 Annual Action Plan.

The development and content of this document, including questions and tables, reflect requirements for the HOME-ARP allocation plan, as described in Notice CPD-21-10: *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, unless noted as optional. A full description of the allocation plan requirements as well as instructions for submitting the plan, the SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and the certifications is available through that HUD Notice.¹

Text in grey in this document are instructions from HUD included to provide context to the reader.

GUIDANCE

To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, New Bedford must:

- *Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;*
- *Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,*
- *Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.*

To submit its plan, New Bedford 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 the AD-26 screen because New Bedford's FY21 Annual Action Plan reflected year 2 of its Consolidated Plan cycle.

New Bedford must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on the AD-26 screen:

- *Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;*
- *Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;*
- *Anti-Lobbying;*
- *Authority of Jurisdiction;*
- *Section 3; and,*
- *HOME-ARP specific certification.*

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION:

New Bedford, MA

¹ References to "the ARP" mean the HOME-ARP statute at section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). References to the "PJ" means the Participating Jurisdiction of which New Bedford is one.

CONSULTATION

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

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

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

The City of New Bedford prepared its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in accordance with HUD Notice CPD-21-10 *Requirements of the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (the NOTICE or HUD Notice)* and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. This process began in December 2022 and ran through February 2023.

At the outset of this period, the City's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD), responsible for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan's development, consulted with a diverse group of organizations and agencies serving the qualifying populations identified under the HOME-ARP program. This included outreach included the New Bedford Continuum of Care (MA-505) as well as CDBG, ESG and CoC subrecipients.² During these conversations, information about HOME-ARP was discussed as were eligible activities and qualifying populations. In particular, community needs, existing assets and resulting gaps were discussed while eligible activities were considered and ranked according to priority.

Emailed information providing an overview of the HOME-ARP, and the importance of the Allocation Plan preceded the consultations. The purpose of all such consultations was to elicit information from agencies/organizations/service providers serving qualified populations within New Bedford who could identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems. Feedback received during those discussions is presented in the Summary of Consultations table presented on pages 6 through 11 of this Allocation Plan.

As part of this effort, the OHCD also presented HOME-ARP information to the New Bedford Continuum of Care (MA-505) through its Homeless Service Provider Network Executive Committee. At that time an information sheet was discussed and distributed

² The OHCD is the designated Collaborative Applicant for the MA-505 Continuum of Care and is the recipient/grantee (on the City's behalf) of New Bedford's annual allocations of funding for CDBG, ESG and CoC programs/projects.

to the CoC leadership and both Qualifying Populations and HOME-ARP eligible activities were discussed. CoC members—individually and collectively—were welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the process of developing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, particularly in its expertise with unmet needs and gaps related to the City’s qualifying populations.

Consultations with 26 New Bedford organizations began in early January 2023 and ran through February 3, 2023. Roughly one third of the consultations took place one-on-one during that period and were held in person. The remaining consultations were undertaken via Zoom and often included multiple staff in leadership positions within the respective organization. A provider survey used by the facilitator served as a means of guiding the conversations along and ensuring consistency in content and responses to ensure clarity with respect to needs and community gaps, the statistical results for which are provided in Appendix C. Additional comments arising from those discussions are similarly presented in Appendix C of this Allocation Plan.

The Draft Substantial Amendment (HOME-ARP Allocation Plan) was made available for review and public comment from February 21, 2023 - March 8, 2023. On March 9, 2023, a public hearing on the proposed HOME-ARP Draft Substantial Amendment will be held in person at the City Council meeting of the same date in City Hall.³

List the organizations consulted:

The following Summary of Consultations Table provides a complete list of organizations. Additional information arising from these consultations is discussed in Appendix C on page 49.

Provider Survey:

<https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/home-arp-allocation-plan/>

Summary of Consultations Table			
Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Catholic Charities (f/k/a Catholic Social Services)	Nonprofit serving QPs and Coordinated Entry Provider	Interview	Given what they are seeing throughout their organization’s programming including Coordinated Entry for the CoC, Susan Mazarella, CEO, spoke to the overwhelming need for new affordable housing units for both individuals and for families.

³ Any additional comment received at that meeting will be included in the final Council-approved plan.

Summary of Consultations, Continued

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
City of New Bedford Community Services	City Government	Interview	Cynthia Wallquist, Director, stressed the importance of providing more affordable housing, rental assistance and non-congregate shelter in the city given the populations her office is seeing day to day.
City of New Bedford Office of Housing & Community Development	City Government	Interview	Joshua Amaral, Department Director, emphasized the importance of building capacity of small developers, including non-profits, saying "While larger scale affordable housing development is costly and takes time, making better use of vacant buildings and small parcels could put much-needed units on the market more quickly. Unfortunately, most developers are disinterested in these small projects, highlighting the need for local CHDOs to take on this work." He shared his belief that it will take a blend of all the HOME-ARP categories to provide urgently needed short-term supports while also building longer-term, sustainable solutions.
Coastline Elderly Services	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Justin Lees, CEO, spoke to the need for incentivizing people to develop new units in the city as being critical to meeting the need for affordable housing in New Bedford.
Community Action for Better Housing	CHDO Developer of Affordable Housing	Interview	Nancy Lawson, Interim Executive Director, emphasized the importance of providing a "bridge" for landlords to ensure someone has their back if they serve the hardest to house.

Summary of Consultations, Continued

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Head Start - PACE	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Jill Fox, Director, thought the funds should be allocated to support the development of new homes/apartments through the community, particularly in mixed income settings rather than purely low-income developments. She also suggested funding be used to provide rental assistance to those where landlords are increasing rents and residents are pushed out of their homes financially.
Homeless Service Provider Network	CoC Executive Committee	Roundtable Discussion	The consensus of the HSPN leadership was that more affordable housing is needed in the City of New Bedford, along with non-congregate shelter for victims of domestic violence and supportive services to help with housing sustainability.
Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford	Faith-Based	Interview	Rev. David Lima, Executive Minister, noted that while the need for affordable housing units and supportive services to help stabilize folks in crisis is of "utmost importance in the city right now," the need for funding to facilitate acquisition and development of Non-Congregate Shelters is the greatest need in the city at this time.
NeighborWorks Housing Solutions	Community Partner serving QPs		Housing development of all sizes and for all prospective owners/renters is a critical need in New Bedford.

Summary of Consultations, Continued

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
<p>New Bedford Housing Authority (NBHA)</p>	<p>Public Housing Authority</p>	<p>Interview</p>	<p>Steve Beauregard, Executive Director, shared that NBHA is 99% occupied and they have 30,000 on the state waiting list and 6,000 on the federal waiting list, demonstrating a great need for affordable housing. However, Mr. Beauregard indicated that because of the high cost of construction (approx. 500k per unit), the HOME-ARP allocation might be better spent on supportive services and other categories in which a higher impact can be created at a lower cost, e.g., creating a program for low-income tenants for \$50,000.</p>
<p>New Bedford School Department</p>	<p>Community Partner - Education</p>		<p>There is the need for New Bedford students and their families to stay enrolled in their school of origin when facing homelessness. Often, New Bedford students are placed by (MA) DHCD in a shelter on the South Shore, Worcester, Springfield, etc. Family shelter beds are needed in Bristol County closer to the community where they started out. The other need is hotel voucher money. NBPS is faced with families with no place to go and no agency that can pay for a night in a hotel. In essence, take care of our own residents.</p>

Summary of Consultations, Continued

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE)	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Pam Kuechler, Executive Director, said "An investment in building development capacity is critical to the longer-term solution of providing affordable housing to members of our community. Providing the opportunity for Community Housing Development Organizations [CHDOs] to take on projects to quickly add units to the housing stock is a necessary piece of the puzzle in combatting the problem of people being forced into homelessness."
Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction (PAACA)	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Executive Director Carl Alves noted that the greatest New Bedford need is investment in "permanent" housing solutions (physical location as well as personnel-supportive services to run it) designed to stabilize unhoused people with serious barriers at appropriate levels of care with the goal of matching their needs, abilities, and resources to maintain their highest level of independence. He noted that a non-congregate setting (not like the shelter) that could utilize TBRA or development funding to create this facility.
SEMCOA	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Keri Lopes, COO and Wendy Bluis, Program Director, stated "New Bedford has a severe lack of affordable housing which has decreased even more in the last three to four years; given this, affordable housing is a prevalent need in New Bedford."

Summary of Consultations, Continued

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
South Coastal Counties Legal Services (SCCLS)	Fair Housing and Civil Rights Legal Services Provider	Interview	Gavin Bates, Managing Attorney of New Bedford’s SCCLS office emphasized the need for one- and two-bedroom apartments and supportive services but noted that families with children similarly need affordable housing options in New Bedford as do low-income homeowners who tend not to seek out the interventions they need to sustain their own housing.
South Coast Fair Housing	Fair Housing and Civil Rights Service Provider	Interview	Kristina da Fonseca, Executive Director of South Coast Fair Housing, spoke about an urgent need for housing and shelter. She noted housing is too costly and in short supply. She suggested the need for short-term resources to put a roof over residents’ heads’ rather than longer-term, larger scale developments. She thinks supportive services are not as effective when there are a lack of housing and shelter options.
SouthCoast Center for Independent Living	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Because they have seen the need exponentially grow in the past few years, SCIL staff spoke to the need for more affordable housing and accessible [affordable] units in New Bedford.
Sr. Rose/Grace House Emergency Shelters	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Susan Mazarella, CEO, provided insight into the importance of developing a flexible shelter space with the capacity to be flexible in response to supportive service/shelter needs all in one location. In so doing this has the potential of moving folks out of shelter faster and into stable housing situations.

Summary of Consultations, Continued

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Steppingstone, Inc.	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Danielle Brown, Project Director, emphasized the need for more affordable housing units in New Bedford, especially 1-bedroom units. There is a great need for those 18-24 years old, second only to the housing needs of 45-70-year-old adults. Both individuals and families are in need of housing assistance.
Veteran’s Inc.	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Zara Brockman, SSVF Program Manager, cited the significant barrier that the lack of affordable housing in New Bedford presents for veterans and civilians, alike. She noted several programs Veteran’s Inc. Currently operates that could tie in with new affordable housing to offset rental costs.
Veteran’s Transition House	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Leadership at the Veteran’s Transition House addressed the extent to which they work with chronic/veteran population that needs long term supports to ensure housing stability and long term success—something particularly challenging for those they serve who only have VA Health and nothing else.
Women’s Center	Nonprofit serving QPs	Interview	Kristin Batstone, Executive Director, spoke about the need for non-congregate housing units for Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking survivors, noting that the Women’s Center in New Bedford is only one of two providers in the Commonwealth contracted with Massachusetts Department of Public Health to serve survivors who are also battling substance misuse and/or mental health.

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

Feedback received from these entities in the course of conducting these consultations has been included within the preceding chart.

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.*

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

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

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

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

- **Date(s) of public notice:** January 3, 2023
- **Public comment period:** February 21, 2023 to March 8, 2023
- **Date(s) of public hearings:** January 10, 2023 and January 11, 2023

Describe the public participation process:

The City of New Bedford’s Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) held two citywide public hearings on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, one of which was in person and the second, conducted virtually via Zoom. Both of these meetings were held on the same evenings as the FY23 Annual Action Plan public meetings although separate and distinct from Action Plan proceedings. On both occasions, once the Action Plan public meeting had provided opportunity for public engagement on the coming funding round, that meeting was closed before a new, separate presentation was made discussing the Substantial Amendment to the FY21 Action Plan for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. At the close of the HOME-ARP meetings, comments from

the public were encouraged and recorded. The availability of interpreters/other assistance was advertised for these meetings to ensure all residents were equitably served.

Although advertising for these meetings was made using the same flyer as the FY23 Action Plan meetings (see appendices), the flyer distinguished between both topics and presented this information as two separate but concurrent public meetings each night. The flyers were produced and distributed widely in English, Portuguese and Spanish in multiple locations/ways including postings at City Hall and the Main Public Library and the OHCD Office; via local cable television; through email distribution to the entire Continuum of Care (CoC) listserv, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) current/past subrecipients lists; distribution to neighborhood groups/stakeholders and through direct posting on the City website.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The City of New Bedford's OHCD created a new link on its webpage accessible from its home page under the heading "HOME-ARP" at <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/home-arp-allocation-plan/> with information about the HOME-ARP grant that includes a link to HUD Notice CPD-21-10 and the amount of New Bedford's award. In order to provide clarity about the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the public, a *HOME-ARP Summary Sheet* was developed and placed on the OHCD website. The Summary Sheet includes identification of qualifying populations, eligible activities, information about preferences and an overview of the consultation/public participation requirements.

The OHCD published a *HOME-ARP Community Engagement Plan* that sets for the City's framework and approach and included it on the city HOME-ARP website to ensure the public would be able to understand the entirety of outreach and process anticipated in the development of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan to ensure maximum transparency with the public throughout the Plan's formation. A press release issued prior to the HOME ARP meetings as well as public forum flyers in three languages (English, Portuguese and Spanish) are also included on the web page.

The actual PowerPoint presentation used at the public meetings to ensure those who could not attend have access to the information along with a copy of the zoom recording from the second (virtual) public meeting conducted in January are all provided on the HOME ARP website page. Public participation has been further encouraged through the publication and wide dissemination of a Public Resident Survey, also made available through the webpage. The survey is made available online in three different languages and the public was advised of this opportunity for participation through multiple and multi-lingual Facebook postings and a Press Release.

The online HOME-ARP presence includes provision of a staff member's name and email link welcoming questions or comments from the public. A link to this page has also been posted on the OHCD Facebook page and City of New Bedford Facebook page.

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

Consultation Comments:

Please see the table presented on pages 6-11 within this Substantial Amendment/HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for information arising out of each consultation conducted. From both the verbal conversations and consultation table, itself, there was overarching interest in the creation of additional units of affordable housing within the city as well as a need to provide resources to increase non-congregate shelter (particularly noted for victims of domestic violence). Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Supportive Services were identified as being needed within the community though to a somewhat lesser degree than the affordable housing and non-congregate shelter activities. Gavin Bates of South Coastal Counties Legal Services summed up his observations around needs and priorities with, "We are the emergency room but there's no hospital."

Online Survey Results:

Two online surveys were conducted in the course of developing this Substantial Amendment. One survey was developed for city residents and was provided online in three languages (available through the city's HOME-ARP webpage at: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/home-arp-allocation-plan/>); the second survey was developed specifically for providers serving Qualified Populations.

Public and provider feedback arising from these surveys was largely consistent with the consultation feedback in that the highest priority was noted as being affordable housing. With respect to unmet housing and service needs among Qualifying Populations, the most prevalent response was the gap in affordable housing inventory within the city. Detailed results from those two surveys are provided in Appendix D.

Public Meeting Feedback:

Minutes from the public meetings held in January 2023 are presented in Appendix D of this document. Comments ranged from HOME-ARP considerations—such as the need for more affordable housing for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness—to housing-tangent topics including immigration status and its affect on housing access and the proposition of rent control.

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

Several comments received via postings on Facebook were not germane (spoke to ineligible activities, ineligible populations or the futility of voicing opinions) to the

discussion of this Substantial Amendment, the Action Plan or HOME-ARP funding. Outside of these social media posts, all comments/recommendations from the public were welcomed and accepted. All other comments or recommendations received were 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 Bds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	201	53	82	7	0								
Transitional Housing	43	18	81	52	34								
Permanent Supportive Housing	179	67	118	90	51								
Other Permanent Housing	57	16	32	32	32								
Sheltered Homeless						58	111	34	6				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	61	0	4				
Current Gap										160	50	120	120

Data Sources: 2022 Point in Time Count (PIT); 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Consultations. "Sheltered Homeless" row captures the number of households in emergency shelter and transitional housing settings, only.

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	22,695		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	2,365		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	6,635		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		6,540	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		4,045	
Current Gaps			1,585

Data Sources: 1. City of New Bedford Consolidated Plan 2020-2024; 2. American Community Survey (ACS) estimates ; 3. 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

There were 61 New Bedford residents who were found to be unsheltered as of the 2022 Point In Time Count (PIT). Of those living unsheltered, 95% (58) were adults 25 years and older while 5% (3) were between the ages of 18-24. There were no youth/children living unsheltered in 2022. Among the 61 unsheltered people, there was an even division between male and female with one person self-identifying as a gender other than singularly female or male. Roughly 15% (9) of those unsheltered identified as Hispanic/Latino while the balance identified as being non-Hispanic. Sixty-seven percent (41) identified as white while 20% (12) identified as black African American and 13% (8) identified as being of multiple or other races.

The 2022 PIT also identified 309 sheltered persons experiencing homelessness living in the city’s emergency shelters and transitional housing. Of that total, 41% (126) were under the age of 18, 6% (18) were ages 18-24 and 53% (165) were 25 years old or over. Of the 309 people, 279 people identified gender with 41% (113) identifying as male and the balance of just under 60% (116) identifying as female. With respect to ethnicity, 66% (203) identified as non-Hispanic and 34% (106) identified as Hispanic/Latino. Sixty-four percent (198) identified as white while 29% (89) identified as black African American and 7% (21) identified as being of multiple or other races.

All those experiencing homelessness in New Bedford counted in the 2022 PIT were within the 0-30% area median income bracket.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Under Federal Notice CPD-21-10, households at risk of homelessness are those with incomes of less than 30% of area median income and face certain forms of housing instability. Approximately 16.3% of New Bedford households are earning less than 30% AMI; this figure worsens in considering that 18.7% of New Bedford residents live at or below the poverty level according to the U.S. Census for 2022.

In New Bedford, 30% AMI equates to an income of \$17,700. Approximately 16.3 % or 6,366 households in New Bedford have an annual income of less than \$14,999 and would fit into the definition of households at risk of homelessness.

Income	Estimate
Total	39,059
Less than \$10,000	8.5%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7.8%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	11.6%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.1%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	13.0%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	15.9%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	13.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4.6%
\$200,000 or more	2.2%

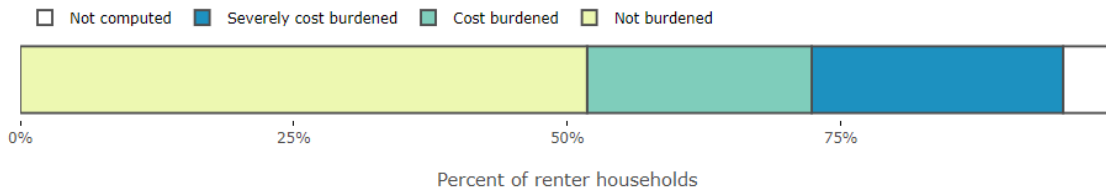
Further, the Census estimates that approximately 6,900 households that have incomes of less than \$20,000 are spending 30% or more of their incomes on housing costs.⁴

Between renters and owner households, statistics vary. Census data places approximately 21% of renter households in New Bedford as being considered housing cost-burdened and 23% as severely cost burdened, having to spend more than 30% and 50%, respectively on housing costs. At the same time, 17% of owner households and 14% of those households in New Bedford fall into those respective categories of cost burdened and severely-cost burdened⁵.

⁴ ACS 2016-2020 5-Year Estimates. Table 2503

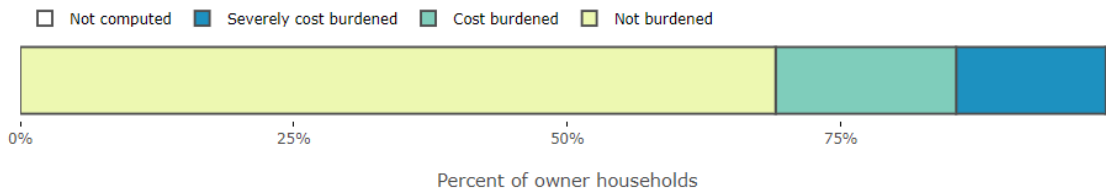
⁵ ACS 2016-2020 5-year estimates. Table B25091 + B25070

New Bedford renter households by cost burden



Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2016-2020 5-year estimates. Table B25070: Gross rent as a percentage of household income in the past 12 months

New Bedford owner households by cost burden



Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2016-2020 5-year estimates. Table B25091: Mortgage Status by selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income in the past 12 months

According to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC 2022), these figures are worse in more recent years: 47% of total New Bedford households were cost burdened and 23% characterized as severely cost burdened.

The City’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan found that there were 6,540 renter households between 0-30% area median income with one or more serious housing problems and an additional 4,045 renter households between 30-50% area median income with one or more serious housing problems. These figures reveal that over 10,500 renter households in New Bedford face significant risk with respect to their housing and ability to sustain it.

Suffice it to say, many New Bedford residents have experienced the rising cost of rent and are paying far more than they can afford for their housing. Those New Bedford residents who are cost burdened to this extent—as well as those living at or below the poverty level—are at greatest risk of homelessness.

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

A woman is beaten in America every 15 seconds and 85-95% of all victims of domestic violence are female. Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking accounts for over 30% of all homicide victims across the country. Locally, the New Bedford Police Department received 3,893 calls for domestic violence incidences in FY21, alone. As a result of these calls, 289 restraining orders were issued.⁶ They note that not only has the severity increased by 80% in such cases, but that murder-suicides have doubled.

⁶ CDBG RFP Submission from the New Bedford Police Department FY2022 funding round.

In addition to domestic violence, human trafficking is also prevalent within the Commonwealth. The National Human Trafficking Hotline provides data⁷ on trafficking cases identified through the hotline at the State level. In 2021, there were 93 identified cases involving 143 victims in Massachusetts. Of these cases, 72 were sex trafficking cases and 11 were labor trafficking. Further, 26 of the cases were seeking access to service referrals and 3 were requesting crisis assistance. In both the domestic violence and human trafficking cases—along with dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking incidences, it is suspected that the prevalence of cases is actually higher than the statistics would bear out given fear of reporting as well as the immigration status of many victims concerned with perceived consequences of coming forward.

There is only one domestic violence and abuse shelter and program in New Bedford and southern Bristol County. The Women’s Center is a Victims Service Provider (VSP) that offers emergency shelter, rental assistance and programming that includes legal and medical advocacy, counseling, education, and assistance to victims of sex trafficking. Over the past two years, domestic violence incidences have seen a sharp increase in New Bedford placing a significant strain on limited shelter resources for survivors. Notably, the numbers of sheltered adults self-identifying as having been a victim of domestic violence has increased since 2021 rates despite previously recorded decreases and now reflects the highest measure since 2016. In the 2022 PIT, 4 women identified as being victims of domestic violence, a figure reflecting 7% of the overall unsheltered population.

Combined sheltered and unsheltered counts indicate that almost 20% of those experiencing homelessness in New Bedford are victims/survivors. The total of those identifying as either fleeing/surviving domestic violence in the 2022 PIT Count was 46% higher than the previous year’s count and 10% higher than the average of 55 over the previous seven years.

The 2022 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) found that there were just 38 shelter beds (13%) out of the total 283 emergency shelter system.

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.

“Other populations,” as outlined in the HOME-ARP federal notice, are individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the previously noted populations but meet one the criteria falling into two overarching categories:

⁷ <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/statistics/massachusetts>

1. **Those requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness.** (HUD defines this as households who have previously been qualified as homeless, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness).

By virtue of both traditional ESG Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programming and the one-time RRH funding provided through the ESG-CV program, funding was made available to assist roughly 200 individuals in 2021/2022 who had experienced homelessness. (According to HMIS data, those individuals receiving ESG-CV RRH assistance and traditional ESG RRH assistance in the past two years totaled 160, of whom 39% were male, 61% were female and .007% were trans; of those there were, 21% black, 60%% white, 15% multi-racial, 1% identifying as other races. Additionally, of these, 39% identified as being Hispanic.) RRH funding is a short-term tenant-based subsidy which is time limited and thus, its effect is not long term unless recipients are able to progress in their efforts toward long term housing stability. Although such funding allows households to stabilize in housing, the time-limited nature of this assistance often leaves households in further need of additional housing assistance and/or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness. New Bedford estimates that there are over 2,000 households currently in need of such additional assistance.

2. **Those at greatest risk of housing instability.** (HUD defines this in two ways—as either (i) households having an annual income at or below 30% area median income and considered severely cost burdened⁸ (>50% of monthly household income spent on housing costs) or (ii) households with annual incomes at or below 50% area median income and meeting one of the “At Risk of Homelessness” definitions established at 24 CFR 91.5.

While New Bedford does not have data to support definitive conclusions relative to *all* the conditions under the At-Risk definition, it is clear from those served, agency/provider evidence and other sources, that there are a significant number of households who are housing-unstable and/or at risk for homelessness including the following:

Elderly. The number of seniors aged 65 years and older nationally, at the state and local level has increased significantly in the past few years, a product of the aging “baby-boom” generation. Simultaneous with this has been an increase in homelessness among older people including in New Bedford. Where five to ten years ago it was unheard for an elderly person to be living unsheltered on the streets, today the question is not whether they exist but how many are out there.

⁸ Data cited on pages 17 and 18 relative to cost-burdened households highlights this as affects New Bedford.

The New Bedford Street Outreach Team, responsible for identifying and helping those living on the streets to get the resources they need and to get into, most especially, stable housing, are regularly reporting on individual elderly persons in their 60's and 70's living outside, in their cars, etc. CDBG funded programming focusing on the provision of mainstream resource access and housing are similarly finding a disproportionate number of elderly in need of housing. An example of this is from a single grant shows in FY22 alone, almost 100 elderly were served by one agency to mitigate these challenges in the community while advocating for the most vulnerable elderly. Such numbers that are, in fact, continuing to rise in the wake of increased housing, food, medication, and related costs.

Medically-Fragile and High-Utilizers of Medical Services. For the purpose of this discussion, those who are medically-fragile and medically complex are defined as being those adults for whom traditional shelter settings are inadequate to address the complexity of health needs and assistance required in order to achieve/maintain good health. To an increasingly high degree, such individuals are finding themselves without housing options in New Bedford once discharged from a health care setting or following treatment. Health, shelter and housing providers, alike, are finding a growing number of people in need of medication assistance, help with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and related mobility, cognitive, treatment interventions. Similarly, high utilizers (HUs) are a small group of patients who impose a disproportionately high burden on the healthcare system due to their elevated resource use. Despite medical interventions, repeat and/or regressive occurrences of low health outcomes necessitate ongoing medical care.

Although no such data is yet available to numerically support the anecdotal experience of homeless and health care providers in New Bedford in this respect, community consensus has formed as to the prevalence of such challenges and the extent to which they have affected both elderly and adult populations in attaining and/or maintaining appropriate shelter and housing in the city. Along with other populations noted here, such medically-fragile and HUs have ascended in their risk for homelessness and housing instability within the community.

Veterans. Veterans are highlighted in the HUD Notice CPD-21-10 as being among those meeting the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described in this section to receive HOME-ARP assistance. According to the New Bedford PIT, veteran homelessness has significantly reduced to the point where no unsheltered veterans were identified over the past three years. That said, New Bedford did identify that 15% of those in shelter during the 2022 PIT were Veterans, all of whom were male.

Others Awaiting Stable Housing through the Housing Authority. Housing insecurity in the city is also evident through the numbers of people on waiting lists with the New Bedford Housing Authority. These are often individuals and heads of households that do not otherwise meet “At Risk” criteria. The Executive Director of the NBHA noted during consultation that there are 36,000 people waiting for housing on the federal and state lists used to fill their vacancies, a testament to the significant needs of those not otherwise accounted for.

Others not meeting the At-Risk definition. ESG-CV funding provided a significant boost to the city’s at-risk populations in need of housing assistance through rental assistance programming but others not falling under the strictures of the “At Risk” definitions certainly would be considered as “other populations.” Although roughly one hundred people received such funding from ESG-CV programming, alone, hundreds more *not* meeting the definition (including those who may have experienced homelessness but who secured new housing through short-term, tenant-based subsidies) did receive much-needed rental assistance from charitable and foundation sources during the pandemic (i.e. United Way, Community Foundation).

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of the qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on data from the 2022 Point In Time Count (PIT)⁹, the City of New Bedford had a total of 230 households with 370 individuals experiencing homelessness, of which there were 169 households in shelter (111 single adult households and 58 family households) and 61 single adult households (comprised of 61 individuals) who were unsheltered. The unmet housing needs for shelter beds is estimated as approximately 160 family and 120 individual shelter beds and 100 units of permanent supportive housing.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Given the increased cost of housing in New Bedford, particularly related to a steep increase in rental costs across the city post-pandemic, and the low average median income, almost half of New Bedford households are cost burdened or severely cost burdened. The city also has a low vacancy rate (4%)¹⁰ making the availability of housing to the extremely low- and low-income population problematic. Those that are at risk of homelessness need short- and long-term rental assistance supports as well as subsidized assistance/voucher for permanent units.

⁹ Information is from the 2022 PIT; 2023 data is currently only available for the unsheltered count of 67 individuals.

¹⁰ <https://www.point2homes.com/US/Average-Rent/MA/New-Bedford.html>

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

The City of New Bedford provides Emergency Solutions Grant funding to the New Bedford Women’s Center, referenced earlier in this plan is the ONLY provider of services and shelter for those fleeing, attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking in New Bedford and beyond. The Women’s Center has a limited capacity of beds for its entire service area that extends into Bristol County including the communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Somerset, Swansea, Wareham and Westport. Its capacity of just 38 total shelter beds for an area of over a quarter million residents coupled with a rise in the number of domestic violence calls it has received since 2020, results in a shortage of beds and the capacity to provide appropriate levels of services as needed. During consultation conducted for this Allocation Plan, Kristin Batstone, Executive Director, spoke about the need for non-congregate housing units for Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking survivors, noting that the Women’s Center in New Bedford is only one of two providers in the Commonwealth contracted with Massachusetts Department of Public Health to serve survivors who are also battling substance misuse and/or mental health—a need unto itself that has been increasing. The limited shelter availability, when combined with the uniqueness of programming, area of service and increasing prevalence of domestic violence et al speaks to the urgent need for additional non-congregate shelter—particularly desirable for survivors—in New Bedford.

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:

As noted earlier in this Allocation Plan, there are other populations in need of services and housing assistance to prevent their homelessness and/or housing instability. Among these are those who are elderly, those who are medically fragile and high utilizers of medical services and the city’s veterans.

Given the disproportionate number of elderly in need of housing and housing supports/services and the persistence of increasing housing , food, medication, and related costs in New Bedford, this particular population requires additional services and housing assistance to prevent homelessness and ensure housing stability.

Similarly, the number of those individuals characterized as “medically-fragile and high-utilizers of medical services” are on the rise and cannot be appropriately served in existing shelter settings. Providers consulted during this Allocation Plan’s development including those directly serving adults in support of independent living echoed the need for additional shelter, housing and additional supportive services to ensure short- and long-term housing stability and improved health outcomes.

Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the criteria cited in the HUD Notice have enjoyed a renewed federal focus with efforts undertaken to end veteran homelessness through vouchers and stabilizing supports. Despite this push, additional and ongoing supportive services are needed to ensure that veterans can continue to stabilize and maintain housing, something particularly challenging for those veterans in New Bedford with more complex and co-occurring needs.

Within New Bedford, each of these “other populations” need shelter, housing and/or support in order to decrease their risk of housing instability. For those populations challenged with further complicating factors such as substance use disorder, mental health issues and even poor life skills, supports arising out of HOME-ARP funding is critical.

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

The City of New Bedford’s housing, non-congregate shelter, rental assistance and supportive service needs exceed the city’s current capacity. It is anticipated that going forward, the next few years will enlarge the existing gap between current inventory and demand.

Based on the 2022 PIT, the New Bedford had 61 unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. This count was conducted without benefit of having the city’s cold weather overflow open. One year later, the 2023 PIT increased to 67 unsheltered on the streets—*despite having the 30 bed cold weather overflow open and filled*. In one year the unsheltered population has effectively moved from 61 to 97. Those unable to find access to any housing are also now unable to gain access to the shelters that are full and seemingly “clogged” with slow to no turnover. This clogging is attributable to the upstream realities of a permanent supportive housing system that is similarly operating at capacity (over the past few years utilization rates for the city’s 410 year round PSH/PH beds have been at or above 97%).

Historically a gap in the City’s homeless delivery system is the need to access more subsidized housing vouchers than are available. To this one must factor in the increasing need for more safe and decent housing affordable to those experiencing homelessness than that which is currently available, particularly to those with vouchers in hand who are looking for a unit to rent and cannot find one. In 2023 providers working with clients in search of such housing with vouchers suggest that the wait is in excess of six years.

A final note relative to service and housing delivery—the city’s ability to provide for capacity building for its existing—and potential—CHDOs is seen as critical to ensuring additional tools to ensure increased inventory and a robust pipeline. Because of the City’s economic conditions, marked by relatively low rents and relatively low incomes, housing development has been slow in comparison to other parts of the state and

country. As a result, few new units of housing have been created, largely because developers have little financial incentive to redevelop small vacant properties, rehab multifamily units, or build on miniscule parcels. CHDOs and aligned non-profits are the key to unlocking these spaces for more housing units, and New Bedford's relative lack of non-profit developers poses a significant risk in solving these challenges.

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 New Bedford is not establishing additional characteristics in defining Other Populations.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

A large number of households in the city are cost burdened or severely cost burdened when considering how much of the household's income is being used toward housing costs. Those in this cohort—whether cost burdened or severely cost burdened—are at greater risk of being homeless than those who are spending less than 30% of their income on housing. Market constraints and rising rental costs—much of which many attribute to both post-pandemic market forces and the coming of train service between New Bedford and Boston—have further complicated the ability of people to find safe, decent affordable housing within city borders. A high priority then, is the development of additional units of inventory suitable for those needing affordable, safe housing.

The significantly under-resourced shelter system for all fleeing, attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking in New Bedford, also rises to the level of high priority in the city. Non-congregate shelter development serving those within this cohort is critically needed to off-set the rising demand for safe housing for survivors, particularly those with co-occurring issues as is provided for by the Women's Center in New Bedford.

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:

To render such a determination, the City relied on data from its annual Housing Inventory Chart, Point-In-Time Count and Homeless Management Information System. Data from these sources allowed the city to analyze current needs, trending and existing housing/shelter/supports to meet those needs.

Additional analysis using data from the U.S. Census, the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), ACS 2016-2020 5-Year Estimates and data

collected in the course of monitoring existing ESG and CDBG projects including, but not limited to elderly programming, and domestic violence shelters.

Finally, in preparing this Substantial Amendment, the city relied heavily on its Continuum of Care membership (see Appendix B) and service providers whose insight and clarity on the needs of the community and the challenges faced by Qualifying Populations in accessing needed housing and supports, were invaluable.

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:

It is anticipated that funding for Affordable Housing Development process will be undertaken both through invitation/allocation to the city's existing Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and any subsequently certified CHDO within the city, and via a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to ensure broad opportunity for non-CHDO developers, particularly those with a proven track record of similar work and successful projects within the City of New Bedford.

Funding for non-congregate shelter development will be offered for appropriate new, non-congregate, much needed shelter in the city.

Both tenant based rental assistance and supportive service funding would be solicited via an RFP process consistent with the methodologies employed during CDBG, ESG and Covid funding rounds.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City does not anticipate administering eligible activities, directly, but rather, would serve as grantee and monitor selected subrecipients of the funding as they provide direct work, themselves, consistent with a scope of services articulated in an executed Subrecipient Agreement.

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; New Bedford did not provide any portion of its administrative funds to a subrecipient or a contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

Indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization

operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$900,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$700,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$500,000		
Supportive Services	\$299,090		
Non-Profit Operating	\$150,000	4.7%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$150,000	4.7%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$476,309	15%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$3,175,399	100%	

Additional narrative, if applicable:

Not applicable.

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 City of New Bedford’s anticipated use of HOME-ARP funding prioritizes the development of affordable rental housing with a \$900,000 allocation. This directly correlates with the articulated needs of those participating in the public comment process, those participating in the resident and provider surveys and attending public HOME-ARP hearings, those reaching out to the City’s Office of Housing & Community Development and is consistent with the expressed needs during the series of consultations conducted. Given the breadth of need for the qualifying populations it was felt that using a significant portion of the HOME-ARP funding could leverage additional private/public funding in either a larger development project that includes affordable units specifically serving the intended QPs or a smaller affordable housing project where HOME-ARP funds would serve as the primary funding source.

Without restating the statistics already discussed within the Allocation Plan, there was sufficient evidence available through both data and discussion, as to the secondary need to focus on development of non-congregate shelter specifically for victims of domestic violence et al at a \$700,000 level¹¹. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA),

¹¹ NOTE: Given New Bedford’s commitment to following a Housing First model and ensuring permanent housing units, funding for non-congregate shelter was not something discussed for any other shelter solution beyond its application to that specific population

to a lesser degree, was nonetheless seen as critical in helping to stabilize those at risk was determined to be an important stop-gap opportunity to support households in need of additional help for long term housing stability. For this reason, the city is proposing the use of \$500,000 of its HOME-ARP Allocation for this purpose.

Additional funding for supportive services was included at roughly \$300,000 as providers and residents, alike cited the importance of having funding in place for case management, housing navigation and similar supports that will serve QPs in achieving stability in housing.

Finally, Capacity Building and Operating funds for non-profits was recognized as a critical and often unavailable opportunity for building up the City's ability to execute developments that will sustain Qualifying Populations over the long term. Each of these categories have been allocated \$150,000, just under the maximum permitted by HUD for this work.

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 New Bedford estimates that 3 new affordable housing units for qualifying populations will be produced as a result of the proposed allocation if HOME-ARP functions as the development's primary funding source. It is possible that HOME-ARP funding could be part of a subsidy layering plan where dollars are significantly leveraged with other public/private funds resulting in as much as 10 units of new affordable housing for qualifying populations.

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's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan sets forth goals articulating the extent to which the city projects increasing the inventory of safe affordable housing through rehab and through new construction. Over the five-year plan period, 50 affordable household units were projected as being rehabbed and 40 affordable units being constructed, all of which would be undertaken with HOME funding. (CDBG funding was also anticipated to be used to rehab an additional 25 units in order to improve the condition of housing.) The availability of additional funding arising out of the HOME-ARP allocation provides a boost to the city's efforts in this regard, particularly relevant given the significant challenges in developing affordable housing through the pandemic given labor shortages, supply line issues and fluctuating economic/market conditions.

The New Bedford Office of Housing & Community Development estimates that the HOME-ARP funding could create between 3-10 new affordable housing units toward

the city's affordable rental housing production goal depending on the primacy of the HOME-ARP funding and the extent to which leveraging is present.

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 New Bedford will utilize preferences for one program area as follows:

- Non-Congregate Shelter will be available to projects serving those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking as defined by HUD in the Notice.

Development of Affordable Rental Housing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Permanent supportive housing created with HOME-ARP funds will be available to all Qualified Populations including elderly and medically fragile individuals/families.

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 noted, the only preference identified was for non-congregate shelters insofar as the preference would be for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking as defined by HUD in the Notice. Because New Bedford continues its work in moving toward a true Housing First community, its interest in expanding its shelter system is limited to the stated population which necessitates significant safety and security considerations, trauma-informed care and a nuanced need for both private space and shared safe space unique to non-congregate models. The introduction of this preference is consistent with the needs expressed in earlier sections of this Allocation Plan and will provide for the specialized shelter care currently only available at the most limited scale within the City.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) project

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

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

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

As noted, the only preference identified was for NCS projects insofar as the preference would be for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking as defined by HUD in the Notice.

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:

Previously addressed.

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; as noted, outside of NCS, all other HOME-ARP projects and activities would be available to all qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP REFINANCING GUIDELINES

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

The City of New Bedford is committed to ensuring that existing income-restricted and permanent supportive housing units are preserved. The City, however, does not anticipate using HOME-ARP fundings for refinancing of existing housing and therefore does not need to establish refinancing guidelines.

- ***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.

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APPENDIX A

HOME-ARP Public Outreach Efforts

To ensure a diverse and robust public participation process consistent with both the City's Citizen Participation Plan and HOME-ARP expectations, significant effort was made to provide information about the HOME-ARP Public Hearings throughout the community.

Flyers

English, Portuguese and Spanish flyers provided at the end of this Appendix¹² were distributed and posted widely throughout the City of New Bedford. These flyers were sent via email to the following:

- New Bedford Mayor's Office
- New Bedford City Council
- City of New Bedford Department Heads
- New Bedford Neighborhood Leadership and Mailing List
- New Bedford Stakeholder List
- All Current FY22 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Subrecipients
- All Current FY22 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipients
- All previous ESG and CDBG applicants who may not have been awarded funding
- Previous ESG and CDBG Subrecipients not otherwise captured in other mailings
- Homeless Service Provider Network (HSPN), (New Bedford's Continuum of Care) Listserve
- New Bedford Guide
- New Bedford Housing Authority (NBHA)
- Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA)

Television

New Bedford Cable Access was provided with Public Service Announcement slides in Portuguese, Spanish and English (consistent with the flyers but in a landscaped format) and ran those as individual spots throughout their broadcasting day.

Flyers in English, Portuguese and Spanish follow on the next page.

¹² Flyers provided information about both the FY23 Action Plan Public Meeting and the HOME-ARP Public Meetings which, though separate, were held consecutively on the same nights in the same locations.



City of New Bedford, Massachusetts

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell

Office of Housing & Community Development

Joshua Amaral, Director

Community Forums

We want to hear from you!

Please join us at one of these public meetings to discuss two matters:

1

Action Plan: A Plan to address the housing and economic development needs and priorities in New Bedford for the FY23 program year beginning July 1, 2023. Both meetings will explain and discuss the federal funding that the city receives as an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing & Community Development for which it expects to receive roughly \$3.5 million.

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)

Come hear about these programs and share your ideas about these limited federal funds and how they could be used to serve the needs of New Bedford residents, particularly those of low and moderate incomes, over the coming fiscal year. **Those intending to apply for funding are strongly encouraged to attend one of the two forums.**

The City of New Bedford is also hosting an RFP workshop via zoom on January 13th to explain and discuss the RFP (application) and process for applying for CDBG and ESG funds. Contact OHCD@newbedford-ma.gov for more information.

2

HOME-ARP: New Bedford was awarded \$3.1 million in HOME funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to help individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. A requirement of the funding is to get resident and stakeholder input to help shape the program design in these eligible areas:

- Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Non-Congregate Shelter
- Supportive Services
- Homeless Prevention Services
- Housing Counseling

January 10th, 2023 Carney Academy 247 Elm Street at 6.00pm In Person

January 11th, 2023 Wednesday at 6.00pm via ZOOM

To join the hearing on January 11th at 6.00 go to:

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Radio

Office of Housing & Community Development Director Joshua Amaral made a radio appearance on local news station WBSM AM-1420 during the “Brian’s Beat” show where he discussed housing needs and programming in New Bedford including the HOME-ARP opportunity and public hearings. During the show, calls were welcomed from listeners who presented ideas on housing and homelessness, needs and potential responses.

Press Releases

The City of New Bedford issued two press releases during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The first such release advertised the two HOME-ARP Public Meetings (consecutively following the FY23 Annual Action Plan meetings) as follows:



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

City of New Bedford
Office of the Mayor
Contact: Holly Huntoon
(508) 979-1410

Holly.Huntoon@newbedford-ma.gov

Date: January 4, 2023
For Immediate Release

PRESS RELEASE

New Bedford Residents Invited to Attend Public Meetings on U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Federal Funding

New Bedford, Massachusetts– The City of New Bedford’s Office of Housing & Community Development will hold two identical public meetings to discuss the best use of federal funding to improve the quality of life for New Bedford residents.

The public meetings will be held:

January 10th, 2023 Tuesday at 6.00pm In Person
Carney Academy, 247 Elm Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

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These public meetings are hosted by the City and designed to gather critical input from New Bedford residents both with respect to the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in Fiscal Year 2023 and relative to the development of the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.

CDBG/HOME/ESG Funding. The public’s input will assist the City in formulating a strategic plan for the utilization of federal funding to address needs and priorities in the areas of housing, public facilities, public infrastructure, parks and playgrounds,

community services, homelessness resources, and economic development. Input from the community is integral in shaping the priorities of these federal programs.

The City of New Bedford anticipates receiving approximately \$2.7 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$975 thousand in HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$230 thousand in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding to serve low-and-moderate-income residents and neighborhoods in Fiscal Year 2023 which runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Anyone who intends on applying for funding is strongly encouraged to attend and participate in one of these two public forums.

HOME-ARP Funding. In addition to discussion around CDBG, HOME and ESG funding, both public meetings will also feature information relative to HOME-ARP funding. The City of New Bedford was awarded \$3.1 million in HOME-ARP funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to help individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. In keeping with HUD requirements, this funding will be presented as a “substantial amendment” to the City’s FY21 Annual Action Plan.

Discussion around HOME-ARP funding will be focused on soliciting resident and stakeholder input to help shape the program design in specific eligible areas: Affordable Housing, Supportive Services, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Homeless Prevention Services, Non-Congregate Shelter, and Housing Counseling. In light of this, public comment will be solicited during the meetings that will inform the city’s development of its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The January 10th and 11th public meetings will include presentations by the City staff, an assessment of community needs and priorities, and a review the City’s recent Housing and Community Development accomplishments. Likewise, both meetings will overview HOME-ARP funding, qualified populations and potential eligible activities along with the anticipated timeframes for the different funding sources.

These meetings will be an excellent opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions about how the city can best use its federal money to improve the quality of life in New Bedford and to suggest specific additions or improvements to facilities and services in its neighborhoods.

The Office of Housing & Community Development will also conduct two virtually based RFP Workshops on Friday, January 13th at 9:00 a.m. (CDBG) and at 10:30 a.m. (ESG) to assist potential applicants with the CDBG and ESG Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Those interested in attending one or both of these proposal-based workshops are asked to check out the OHCD website that provides the necessary ZOOM access information for these workshops at: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/>.

Questions regarding the public meetings or the Annual Action Plan process may be directed to Joshua Amaral, Director, or Jennifer Clarke, Deputy Director, Office of Community Development at (508) 979-1500 or by email at Joshua.Amaral@newbedford-ma.gov or jennifer.clarke@newbedford-ma.gov.

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The second of the two Press Releases (on the following page) announced the availability of public surveys on January 31, 2023.

In both cases, the Press Releases were issued through the Mayor’s Press Officer to the media and additionally placed on the city’s website and Facebook pages.



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PRESS RELEASE

New Bedford Residents Invited to Participate in New Survey on the Use of Federal HOME-ARP Funding

New Bedford, Massachusetts– The City of New Bedford’s Office of Housing & Community Development has published a new Public Residential HOME-ARP Survey to encourage public input relative to the development of the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan arising out of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

The City of New Bedford was awarded \$3,175,399 million in HOME-ARP funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to help individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. In order to access that funding, the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that addresses the city’s approach to using such funds for qualifying populations in specific eligible areas including: Affordable Housing, Supportive Services, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Homeless Prevention Services and Non-Congregate Shelter.

The Public Residential HOME-ARP Survey focuses on soliciting resident input to help shape the program design as the city develops its Allocation Plan. In addition to the results from the survey, resident input was also welcomed during two public meetings held on January 10th and 11th of this year and are welcome through March 8th by contacting the Office of Housing & Community Development directly.

This survey is an excellent opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions about how the city can best use its federal funding consistent with HUD requirements and all are encouraged to participate. Surveys in English, Portuguese and Spanish are available on the OHCD website at: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/home-arp-allocation-plan/>.

Social Media

On multiple occasions, information was also posted on the Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) Facebook page relative to the HOME-ARP beginning with advertisements for the two January public (“community forums”) meetings.



New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development

Posted by Jennifer Clarke

Jan 3 · 🌐

Join us on January 10th (in person) or 11th (virtually) for our FY23 Annual Action Plan and our HOME-ARP Public Meeting! Full details on the flyer and at <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/housing-community-development/>

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Community Forums

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 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
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Following the HOME-ARP public meetings, the City's Office of Housing & Community Development posted availability of its new HOME-ARP webpage on Facebook on January 27, 2023 and included a link directly to the site where additional information was made available.



New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development



Posted by Jennifer Clarke

Jan 27 · 🌐

Want to learn more about HOME-ARP and what this \$3,175,399 from HUD will make possible in New Bedford? Go to:



newbedford-ma.gov



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[New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development](#)

Availability and links to the HOME-ARP Public Resident Survey was posted on the Facebook page. Three separate posts on social media advertised the multi-lingual survey in multiple languages.



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Posted by Jennifer Clarke

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¿Es usted residente de New Bedford? ¿Puede responder esta breve encuesta para decirnos cuáles cree que son las necesidades y prioridades de la ciudad al gastar su asignación HOME-ARP?

forms.office.com



Fill | Encuesta pública de residentes HOME-ARP

Above, January 31, 2023 Facebook Post in Spanish advertising HOME-ARP Public Resident Survey and providing a link to the survey, itself. Below, January 31, 2023 Facebook Post in Portuguese providing the same information and link.



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Posted by Jennifer Clarke

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Você é um residente de New Bedford? Você pode responder a esta pesquisa rápida para nos dizer quais são as necessidades e prioridades da cidade ao gastar sua alocação do HOME-ARP?

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Fill | HOME-ARP Inquérito ao Residente Público

Website

The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development's website has an established page specific to HOME-ARP accessed through an easy "HOME-ARP" button (link) on its home page at <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/community-development/home-arp-allocation-plan/>.

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New Bedford, MA

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DEPARTMENT HEAD:
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[The DRAFT HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is now available!](#)

Please check out the draft Substantial Amendment (HOME-ARP Allocation Plan) during the 15 day public comment period (February 21, 2023 – March 8, 2023). The plan is available here:

[DRAFT HOME-ARP Allocation Plan](#)

Please share any comments you may have with us prior to March 8th by sending an email to: jennifer.clarke@newbedford-ma.gov

It is anticipated that the City Council will be meeting on March 9, 2023 during which a vote to adopt the final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be taken.

In September 2021, HUD awarded the City of New Bedford \$3,175,399 in HOME ARP funding.

In order to access that funding the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that is submitted to HUD as a "Substantial Amendment" to the City's FY21 Annual Action Plan. The process during which this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is developed includes multiple public meetings and outreach. An overview of these efforts is highlighted in the City's HOME-ARP Community Engagement Plan available here:

[HOME-ARP Community Engagement Plan](#)

As part of the public outreach process, the City of New Bedford's Office of Housing and Community Development hosted two (2) identical public meetings in January to discuss its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, one of which was held in person and the second of which was held virtually via Zoom. A Press Release was issued on January 3, 2023 and copies of the flyers advertising the two meetings (which were held the same night as the City's Annual Action Plan meetings) were posted on the city website and distributed via email throughout the community in addition to being posted at City Hall, the New Bedford Housing Authority, the Main Library and on Facebook. Cable television also ran advertising of the public forums in three languages in addition to filming and presenting the initial public forum on government cable tv. The press release and flyers are available here:

[Press Release HOME-ARP Meeting](#)

[Public Forum Flyer - English](#)

[Public Forum Flyer - Portuguese](#)

[Public Forum Flyer - Spanish](#)

A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation that was used during the public forums is available for review [here](#) as is a copy of the zoom recording from the January 11, 2023, public meeting:

[FY23 Community Forums January PowerPoint Presentation](#)

[FY23 Community Forums January Zoom Recording](#)

If you were unable to join us or share your thoughts at one of these two sessions, it's not too late!

We hope you had an opportunity to take the brief survey prior to the February 15, 2023 deadline.

[Public Residential Survey \(English\)](#)

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[Public Residential Survey \(Spanish\)](#)

If you missed that timeframe, please feel free to reach out to us with your comments prior to March 8, 2023 by sending an email to jennifer.clarke@newbedford-ma.gov

Material made available on this plan includes a HOME-ARP Summary sheet, information as to the eligible activities and qualifying populations and the allocation amount. A Community Engagement Plan for the HOME-ARP is included on the site detailing outreach and timeframes as are copies of press releases, flyers, and material from the public meetings, themselves including the PowerPoint presentation used to present HOME-ARP information and a recording of the virtual meeting conducted on January 11, 2023.

Links to the Public Residential Surveys—made available in three languages—is also presented on the website page as is the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (replaced with the final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan upon City Council approval).

APPENDIX B

New Bedford Continuum of Care Membership

The following list identifies those individuals, entities and organizations who constitute the MA-505 Continuum of Care membership including links to their respective websites as applicable. Individual member names including those with lived experience have not been included in this list to ensure privacy.

- [Anchor Ministries](#)
- [Bethel A.M.E. Church, NB](#)
- [Carney Family Foundation](#)
- [Catholic Social Services](#)
- [Coastline Elderly Services](#)
- [Community Counseling of Bristol County \(CCBC\)](#)
- [Dartmouth Community Outreach Team](#)
- [Department of Mental Health](#)
- [Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- [Eliot Community Human Services](#)
- [First Citizens Federal Credit Union](#)
- [Greater New Bedford Allies for Health and Wellness](#)
- [Greater New Bedford Career Center](#)
- [Greater New Bedford Community Health Center](#)
- [Immigrants' Assistance Center, Inc.](#)
- [Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford](#)
- [Island Foundation](#)
- [Justice Resource Institute](#)
- [Mercy, Meals and More](#)
- [Mobile Loaves and Fishes](#)
- [NeighborWorks Housing Solutions](#)
- [New Bedford Community Connections Coalition](#)
- [New Bedford Community Services](#)
- [New Bedford Housing Authority](#)
- [New Bedford Police Department](#)
- [New Bedford Public Libraries](#)
- [New Bedford Public Schools](#)
- [North Star Learning Center](#)
- [People Acting in Community Endeavors, Inc. \(PACE\)](#)
- [Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc. \(PAACA\)](#)
- [Seven Hills Foundation](#)
- [South Coast Fair Housing](#)
- [South Coast Legal Services](#)
- [South Coast Regional Network to End Homelessness](#)
- [Southeast Center for Independent Living, Inc.](#)
- [Steppingstone, Inc.](#)
- [United Way of Greater New Bedford](#)
- [Veterans, Inc.](#)
- [Veterans Transition House of Southeastern Massachusetts](#)
- [Women's Center](#)
- [Works 4 U](#)
- [YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts](#)

APPENDIX C

Additional Consultation Comments

The following comments, not otherwise accounted for in the provider surveys and consultations, are presented here and have, as relevant, been included within the narrative of this plan.

"TBRA is desirable, but if there are no apartments, there's no point."

"We need medical respite for those unhoused...shelters for the medically fragile."

"Everything HOME-ARP offers is a need in New Bedford."

"Nothing happens without more affordable housing first."

"With more victims of domestic violence as we are seeing in this city comes the need and the responsibility for developing more non-congregate shelter space for these survivors..."

"New Bedford has houses [multi-family/tenements] that are old and need upgrades."

"We're operating an emergency room but there's no hospital."

"Although scattered sites for non-congregate shelters exist, staffing is insufficient to run it."

"What we need are big buildings to convert into PSH units just as we've done with elderly and disabled housing previously."

"We need affordable housing, period."

"We need non-congregate shelter beds in New Bedford, particularly for those coming out of domestic violence situations."

"The complex nature of development, whether for housing, shelter or other built projects, demands a high level of capacity in order to successfully navigate the development process."

"Individuals and families need affordable housing to an equal degree."

"Asylum seekers are taking all the motel beds in the state."

"Building more shelter beds isn't the answer because they've become SROs."

"New Bedford needs to provide housing affordable to those who take care of us daily in the food, childcare, and service sectors; until we do so, we will struggle to make it to the next step as a vibrant community."

"It is our moral obligation to ensure everyone can be housed safely and in a decent setting."

"The answer to being unhoused, is housing. There's no way to do that unless there's a place to go with services. But nothing can happen until folks have a place to go."

"Shelters need to be flexible to increase capacity."

"We need smaller units for those experiencing homelessness with services on site."

APPENDIX D

Citizen Participation

APPENDIX D-1

HOME-ARP Funding - Provider Survey

HOME-ARP Funding – Provider Survey

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the HOME Investments Partnerships (HOME) Program Grant, has allocated the City of New Bedford \$3,175,399 through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. HOME-ARP funding is a one-time opportunity to create programs/services that would have a significant impact on reducing/ending homelessness in this community.

In order to access this funding for our community, we are seeking your feedback as a provider on how you would like to see these funds spent in New Bedford.

* Required

1. Name of Person Completing the Survey: *

2. Name of Organization: *

3. Email Address:

4. Phone Number:

5. What is your involvement with any one or more of the following Qualifying Populations (as identified by HUD relative to HOME ARP funding): those experiencing homelessness, those at-risk of homelessness, those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking and/or those who are veterans *(Check all that apply)*:

- Emergency/Temporary Shelter Provider
- PSH or RRH Provider
- Supportive Services Provider
- Housing Provider/Landlord/Property Manager
- Affordable Housing Developer
- Funder

In each of the following questions, the needs you are asked to rank are specifically for those Qualifying Populations listed in the previous question.

6. Please rank the following **Overall needs** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 6 being the lowest need):

Supportive Services

Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter(s)

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Development of Affordable Rental Housing (including rehab of existing units)

Non-Profit Operating Funding (only 5% of total funding is eligible)

Non-Profit Capacity Building (only 5% of total funding is eligible and is only for organizations that serve homeless populations)

7. Please rank the following needs specific to **Supportive Service needs** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 5 being the lowest need):

Housing Counseling, i.e. landlord/tenant rights, housing search, budgeting, credit education/repair, etc. (does not include first time homebuyer or foreclosure counseling)

Homeless Prevention Services

Job Readiness

Life Skills Training

Case Management Services

8. Please rank the following needs specific to **Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 4 being the lowest need):

Acquisition of Scattered Sites for Non-Congregate Shelter

Hotel/Motel Rooms for Non-Congregate Shelter

Conversion of Existing Shelters (Congregate to Non-Congregate)

Acquiring Existing Buildings for Use as Non-Congregate Shelter

9. Please rank the following needs specific to **Development of Affordable Rental Housing** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 4 being the lowest need):

Assistance for Landlords

Permanent Supportive Housing

Creating New Affordable Housing Units

Rehab of Existing Units

10. Please rank the following needs specific to **Program Administration** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 2 being the lowest need)

Non-profit Operating (Operating expense assistance is defined as reasonable and necessary costs of operating the non-profit organization/general operating costs as it relates to homeless populations)

Non-profit Capacity Building (Capacity building expenses are defined as reasonable and necessary general operating costs that will result in the expansion or improvement of an organization's ability to successfully carry out eligible HOME ARP activities)

11. How likely is your organization to apply for Homeless Prevention Services funding if available?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

12. How likely is your organization to apply for Housing Counseling funding if available?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

13. How likely is your organization to apply for Job Readiness services funding if available?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

14. How likely is your organization to apply for Life Skills Training funding if available?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

15. In your opinion, do Housing Counseling services (such as housing search, landlord/tenant rights, budgeting, credit education/repair) have a significant impact on the City of New Bedford?

- No Impact
- Little Impact
- Not Sure
- Some Impact
- Large Impact

16. In your opinion, does Homeless Prevention services have a significant impact on the City of New Bedford?

- No Impact
- Little Impact
- Not Sure
- Some Impact
- Large Impact

17. In your opinion, does Job Readiness and/or Life Skills Training have a significant impact on the City of New Bedford?

- No Impact
- Little Impact
- Not Sure
- Some Impact
- Large Impact

18. Are there other uses of this funding that were not specifically asked about that you think should be considered for potential funding if eligible?

Enter your answer

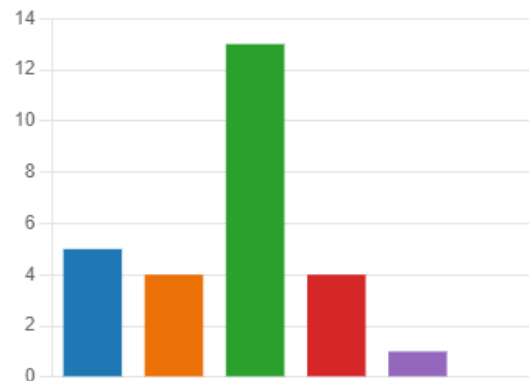
APPENDIX D-2

Complete Statistical Results of Provider Survey

5. What is your involvement with any one or more of the following Qualifying Populations (as identified by HUD relative to HOME ARP funding): those experiencing homelessness, those at-risk of homelessness, those fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking and/or those who are veterans (Check all that apply):

[More Details](#)

● Emergency/Temporary Shelter P...	5
● PSH or RRH Provider	4
● Supportive Services Provider	13
● Housing Provider/Landlord/Pro...	4
● Affordable Housing Developer	1
● Funder	0

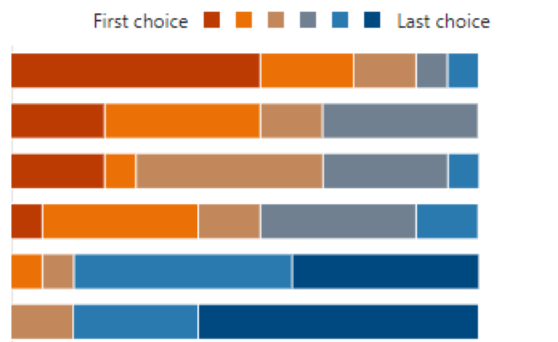


6. Please rank the following **Overall needs** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 6 being the lowest need):

[More Details](#)

Rank Options

1	Development of Affordable Ren...
2	Acquisition and Development of...
3	Supportive Services
4	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (...)
5	Non-Profit Operating Funding (...)
6	Non-Profit Capacity Building (o...

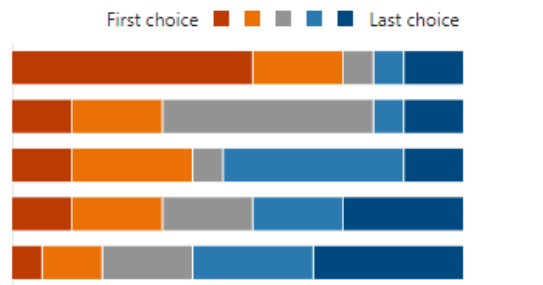


7. Please rank the following needs specific to **Supportive Service needs** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 5 being the lowest need):

[More Details](#)

Rank Options

- 1 Case Management Services
- 2 Homeless Prevention Services
- 3 Housing Counseling, i.e. landlor...
- 4 Life Skills Training
- 5 Job Readiness

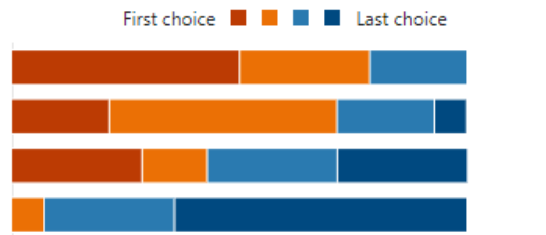


8. Please rank the following needs specific to **Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 4 being the lowest need):

[More Details](#)

Rank Options

- 1 Acquiring Existing Buildings for ...
- 2 Acquisition of Scattered Sites fo...
- 3 Conversion of Existing Shelters (...)
- 4 Hotel/Motel Rooms for Non-Co...

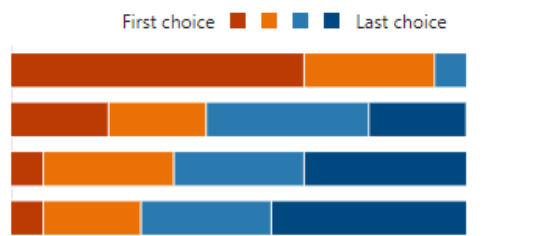


9. Please rank the following needs specific to **Development of Affordable Rental Housing** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 4 being the lowest need):

[More Details](#)

Rank Options

- 1 Creating New Affordable Housi...
- 2 Rehab of Existing Units
- 3 Permanent Supportive Housing
- 4 Assistance for Landlords

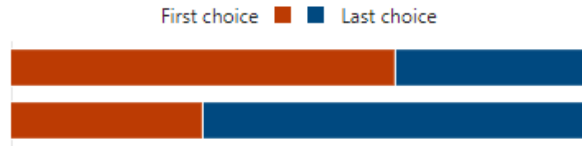


10. Please rank the following needs specific to **Program Administration** in New Bedford from highest priority to lowest priority (1 being the highest need and 2 being the lowest need)

[More Details](#)

Rank Options

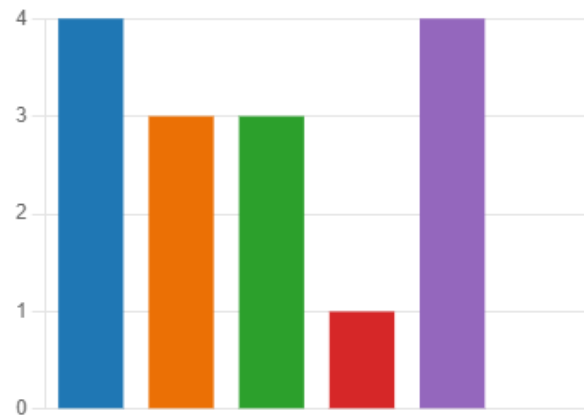
- 1 Non-profit Capacity Building (C...
- 2 Non-profit Operating (Operatin...



11. How likely is your organization to apply for Homeless Prevention Services funding if available?

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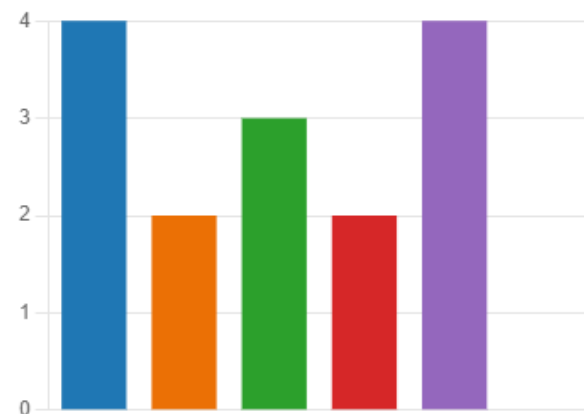
- Very likely 4
- Likely 3
- Somewhat likely 3
- Somewhat unlikely 1
- Unlikely 4
- Very unlikely 0



12. How likely is your organization to apply for Housing Counseling funding if available?

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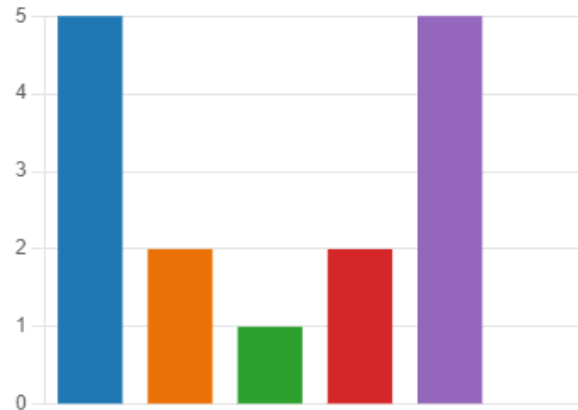
- Very likely 4
- Likely 2
- Somewhat likely 3
- Somewhat unlikely 2
- Unlikely 4
- Very unlikely 0



14. How likely is your organization to apply for Life Skills Training funding if available?

[More Details](#)

● Very likely	5
● Likely	2
● Somewhat likely	1
● Somewhat unlikely	2
● Unlikely	5
● Very unlikely	0



15. In your opinion, do Housing Counseling services (such as housing search, landlord/tenant rights, budgeting, credit education/repair) have a significant impact on the City of New Bedford?

[More Details](#)

● No Impact	0
● Little Impact	1
● Not Sure	1
● Some Impact	4
● Large Impact	9



16. In your opinion, does Homeless Prevention services have a significant impact on the City of New Bedford?

[More Details](#)

● No Impact	0
● Little Impact	1
● Not Sure	1
● Some Impact	4
● Large Impact	9



17. In your opinion, does Job Readiness and/or Life Skills Training have a significant impact on the City of New Bedford?

[More Details](#)

● No Impact	0
● Little Impact	2
● Not Sure	2
● Some Impact	4
● Large Impact	7



HOME-ARP Public Resident Survey

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP") appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This special round of funding is called the "HOME-ARP" program. **In September 2021, HUD awarded the City of New Bedford \$3,175,399 in HOME ARP funding.**

Eligible activities that may be funded with HOME-ARP include:

- * Development and support of affordable housing;
- * Tenant-based rental assistance;
- * Provision of supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance); and
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

Funds must primarily benefit individuals and households in the following qualifying populations:

- * Experiencing homelessness
- * At risk of homelessness
- * Fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- * Other populations with high risk of housing instability (including households that are low-income and highly cost-burdened; that have moved two or more times in the last 60 days; and that are living in a hotel/motel)

The purpose of this survey is to gather feedback from stakeholders and community members on how New Bedford should use its allocation of HOME-ARP funds. The City will use the feedback, along with all of its collected public input, to help determine a process for allocating New Bedford's HOME-ARP funds. Please check out our web page for additional information related to HOME-ARP at <https://www.newbedford.ma.gov/community-development/home-arp-allocation-plan/> **Thank you for your time!**

1. Which best describes you? (Check all that apply).

- Homeless
- Formerly Homeless
- New Bedford Resident
- Survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking
- At risk of housing instability
- Stably housed

2. Have you any involvement/experience with the following qualifying populations: *(Check all that apply)*

- Individuals or families experiencing homelessness
- Individuals or families at risk of homelessness
- Fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, or trafficking
- Others of greatest risk of housing instability
- Little to no direct involvement/experience

3. How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

	Of no importance	Of little importance	Somewhat important	Most important
Production and preservation of affordable housing (acquisition, construction, conversion or rehabilitation of rental housing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supportive services including homeless prevention and housing counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development of non-congregate shelter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. For your top priority activities, what specific needs do you see in New Bedford?

Enter your answer

5. What solutions would you propose?

Enter your answer

6. Are there other uses of this funding that were not specifically asked about that you think should be considered for potential funding if eligible?

Enter your answer

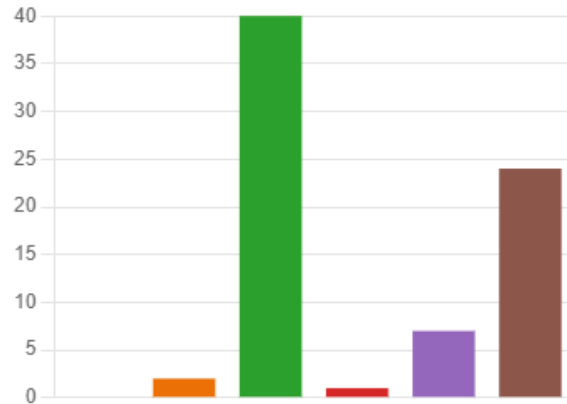
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Complete Statistical Results of Public Resident Survey

1. Which best describes you? *(Check all that apply).*

[More Details](#)

● Homeless	0
● Formerly Homeless	2
● New Bedford Resident	40
● Survivor of domestic violence, s...	1
● At risk of housing instability	7
● Stably housed	24



2. Have you any involvement/experience with the following qualifying populations: *(Check all that apply)*

[More Details](#)

● Individuals or families experienc...	21
● Individuals or families at risk of ...	17
● Fleeing domestic violence, sexu...	10
● Others of greatest risk of housin...	17
● Little to no direct involvement/e...	23



3. How would you prioritize the need for the following allowable activities?

[More Details](#)

■ Of no importance ■ Of little importance ■ Somewhat important ■ Most important



**PUBLIC HEARINGS:
MINUTES
of
HOME-ARP PUBLIC MEETINGS**

HOME-ARP MINUTES COMMUNITY FORUM #1

Carney Academy
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Registered Public Meeting Attendees: Joshua Amaral, Jennifer Clarke, Joseph Maia, City of NB OHCD; Shane Burgo, New Bedford City Council; Elizabeth Teves-Roda, Congressman Keating's Office; Danielle Brown, Steppingstone; Geovanny Sequeira, City of NB Community Services; Genesis Galan, PACE Housing; Patricia Victoria, New Bedford Public Schools - Carney Academy; Tony Sapienza, New Bedford Economic Development Council; Marc Dean, City of NB Parks and Recreation; Paula Fortes, United Interfaith Action (UIA); Jesse Newman, UIA; Maria Jose Morales, UIA; Renee Ledbetter, NAACP / UIA; Albie Cullen, PAACA; DQ Brown, PAACA; Mike Riccardi; Jean Riccardi; Robert Cabral; George Wilkie; Marty Litman; Deborah Tripp; Suzanne Richard, NB Cable Network;

The HOME-ARP meeting began at 6.45 pm.

Joshua Amaral, Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), welcomed the Community Forum attendees, stated the purpose of the meeting and introduced OHCD staff members present at the meeting: Jennifer Clarke, Deputy Director who would be presenting with him, and Joseph Maia, Grants Compliance Coordinator.

Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Community Meeting," Mr. Amaral overviewed the HOME-ARP presentation slides providing first an overview of the new funding source, the \$3,175,399 allocation New Bedford is scheduled to receive and the correlating need for an Allocation Plan. After this overview Mr. Amaral noted that the evening's presentation would be covering eligible recipients and preferences, eligible activities, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, public participation & consultation, plan submission and review before culminating in a public comment section to gain feedback from the audience.

In addressing eligible recipients, Mr. Amaral noted that all HOME-ARP activities must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families experiencing homelessness, qualifying individuals and families at risk of homelessness and those who are in other vulnerable populations. Of note was his description of the five qualifying eligible recipients (those who are homeless, those at risk of homelessness, those fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, other populations where providing supportive services/assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or should serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability, or veterans and families that meet one of the criteria noted. Those meeting such criteria are eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria (such as income criteria).

Mr. Amaral's presentation continued as he noted that although the four groups noted as being the "qualifying populations" (QP) under the HOME-ARP, New Bedford may establish reasonable preferences among the qualifying populations based on its own needs and priorities. This along with other suggestions was among the topics he indicated would be welcome from the public during the discussion at the conclusion of the PowerPoint.

Ms. Clarke continued the presentation portion of the meeting by discussing eligible activities permitted under the HOME-ARP including development and support of affordable housing. She noted a minimum of 70% of the units acquired/rehabbed or constructed with HOME-ARP funds must be occupied by households in qualifying populations and that the remaining balance not subject to qualifying populations are subject to income-targeting and rent requirements established under the HOME-ARP Rental Program rules.

In addition to affordable housing, other eligible activities include tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), provision of supportive services and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. One hundred percent of these activities must benefit those in qualifying populations.

Ms. Clarke then continued the presentation portion of the meeting by discussing the HOME-ARP allocation Plan that the city must develop in order to receive its allocation of HOME-ARP funds. The deadline for submitting such a plan to HUD is March 31, 2023. This Allocation Plan will be developed as a Substantial Amendment to the City's FY21 Annual Action Plan. Discussion followed as to what the Allocation Plan would include.

In addressing public participation and consultation, Ms. Clarke discussed the consultation efforts the City was undertaking in order to identify unmet needs and gaps and to identify inventory of HOME-ARP activities already taking place in the City. Public Participation would, she added, include a 15-day public comment period prior to the plan's adoption at City Council. In undertaking all of this work, she stressed the City's focus on ensuring public comment is encouraged and that outreach into the community is broad and documented.

In concluding the presentation portion of the meeting, Mr. Amaral reinforced the crucial importance of community input in addressing community needs, existing gaps and the potential projects that could be considered under the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. He noted that public meetings such the one conducted this evening, serves as an important opportunity to solicit community input / comments and/or engage the community to understand their hidden needs. Through this type of community engagement, the city is given the opportunity to understand / identify needs and gaps in the community.

With that, Mr. Amaral then opened the floor for questions and comments noting that all input and comments will be incorporated into the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Discussion continued as follows:

- **George Wilkie**, resident, inquired about the difference or definition between a non-congregate shelter and shelter units? Mr. Amaral responded that in a traditional shelter,

participants gather in one place with a shared living environment. While in a non-congregate shelter situation, participants have a private unit or room with a shared living space. Mr. Wilkie then asked if there were any examples and/or models of a non-congregate shelter to which Mr. Amaral responded yes—that there are many examples and/or models of a non-congregate shelters nationally. Mr. Wilkie then indicated his strong support for non-congregate shelters given this definition, citing the importance of having some individual space within this setting—a factor particularly critical given public health concerns.

- **Maria Jose Morales from United Interfaith Action** stated that her organization works with underage mothers that have no legal status and/or are considered undocumented. Ms. Morales asked if undocumented individuals or families are eligible for this type of housing assistance? Mr. Amaral stated that undocumented individuals and families are eligible for shelter services. In terms of HOME-ARP, the OHCD will review the guidance on this issue. Ms. Morales further noted that several youth have been rejected from housing assistance because of documentation issues. Jennifer Clarke, Deputy Director of the OHCD responded that shelters do not ask for documentation regarding immigration or legal status but that this issue and its legal ramifications will be reviewed carefully.
- **George Wilkie** stated that President Biden considered the housing crisis a nationwide issue and that the President suggested the possibility of a national rent control approach. Noting that the Mayor of Boston agreed with the need for rent control, Mr. Wilkie then asked if the City of New Bedford is considering rent control for any new housing developers or even the possibility of rent review. Mr. Wilkie stated that these HOME-ARP funds will not solve the overall problem of affordable housing and that more aggressive measures are needed such as rent control.
- **Danielle Brown from Steppingstone** stated that homeless providers in New Bedford need to be more collaborative and share resources in order to address homelessness. As a method of collaboration, Ms. Brown suggested sharing case managers between programs. Ms. Brown also stressed the need for a Community Center for the homeless with wrap around services. Case Mangers from different programs can offer their services at the Community Center. Ms. Brown later noted that she was particularly concerned with the rising number of youth and elderly becoming homeless. She was especially concerned with the elderly population that have limited housing options that are ADA compliant. Finding an ADA compliant housing unit represents a tremendous barrier for the elderly. Overall, the elderly tend to have additional needs and requirements that most homeless providers are not prepared for. This includes both the shelter providers and PSH programs.
- **Mr. Amaral** reiterated his understanding of the overall comments received that included developing a housing task force to identify vacant and underutilized buildings and parcels for redevelopment. Rents are unsustainable (affordability gap), lack of ADA compliant housing units, rising number of vulnerable populations including the elderly / youth and homeless providers need to be more collaborative and share resources such as case managers.

With no further public comments or questions, Mr. Amaral thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting at 7.25pm.

HOME-ARP MINUTES COMMUNITY FORUM #2

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Registered Public Meeting Attendees: Joshua Amaral, Jennifer Clarke, Robert Tetrault, Nicole Curral, Ashley Eaton, and Kevin Fraga City of NB Office of Housing & Community Development; Happiness Unaka, CSS; Corinn Williams, CEDC; Helena DaSilva Hughes, Immigrant’s Assistance Center; Joe Neves, Dennison Memorial Community Center; Bernadette Souza, Youth Opportunities Unlimited; Mike Jackman, Congressman Keating’s Office; Janette Otero and Kristin Batstone, New Bedford Women’s Center; Jesse Newman and Bob Bailey, United Interfaith Action; Cynthia Ribeiro, Paula Draper, Lisa Pitta, Elmis Navarro, Jeffery Smith, Heidi Collins and Ana Jerez, Southeast Center for Independent Living, Inc.; Jordan Stocker, Independent Living Council; Rayana Grace, Island Foundation; Marie Raymond; Margaret Mott, Ana DeMelo, IAC and Carleen Cordwell.

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Mr. Amaral's presentation continued as he noted that although the four groups noted as being the "qualifying populations" (QP) under the HOME-ARP, New Bedford may establish reasonable preferences among the qualifying populations based on its own needs and priorities. This along with other suggestions was among the topics he indicated would be welcome from the public during the discussion at the conclusion of the PowerPoint.

Ms. Clarke continued the presentation portion of the meeting by discussing eligible activities permitted under the HOME-ARP including development and support of affordable housing. She noted a minimum of 70% of the units acquired/rehabbed or constructed with HOME-ARP funds must be occupied by households in qualifying populations and that the remaining balance not subject to qualifying populations are subject to income-targeting and rent requirements established under the HOME-ARP Rental Program rules.

In addition to affordable housing, other eligible activities include tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), provision of supportive services and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units. One hundred percent of these activities must benefit those in qualifying populations.

Ms. Clarke then continued the presentation portion of the meeting by discussing the HOME-ARP allocation Plan that the city must develop in order to receive its allocation of HOME-ARP funds. The deadline for submitting such a plan to HUD is March 31, 2023. This Allocation Plan will be developed as a Substantial Amendment to the City's FY21 Annual Action Plan. Discussion followed as to what the Allocation Plan would include.

In addressing public participation and consultation, Ms. Clarke discussed the consultation efforts the City was undertaking in order to identify unmet needs and gaps and to identify inventory of HOME-ARP activities already taking place in the City. Public Participation would, she added, include a 15-day public comment period prior to the plan's adoption at City Council. In undertaking all of this work, she stressed the City's focus on ensuring public comment is encouraged and that outreach into the community is broad and documented.

In concluding the presentation portion of the meeting, Mr. Amaral reinforced the crucial importance of community input in addressing community needs, existing gaps and the potential projects that could be considered under the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. He noted that public meetings such the one conducted this evening, serves as an important opportunity to solicit community input / comments and/or engage the community to understand their hidden needs. Through this type of community engagement, the city is given the opportunity to understand / identify needs and gaps in the community.

With that, Mr. Amaral then opened the floor for questions and comments noting that all input and comments will be incorporated into the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Discussion continued as follows:

- **Cynthia Riberio from the Southeast Center for Independent Living, Inc.** commented on the HOME-ARP Allocation plan, asked about the next steps and how it might be able to help individuals with barriers such as paying 3x rent, credit score, application fee, all in which funds are limited to begin with. These individuals pay an application fee and then lose \$50 after they are not selected for the apartment. These limited funds just went down the drain,

didn't get the apartment and now left in the dark. Mr. Amaral stated how these issues are heard way too often and some ESG programs may be able to assist in the future with application fees. Mr. Amaral spoke on how there are CDBG funds available which are used to assist in workforce job training and economic development programs.

- **Kristin Batstone from New Bedford Women's Center** expressed support for, and encouraged consideration of, using HOME-ARP allocation for non-congregate shelter for individuals fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. Ms. Batstone stated with HOME-ARP funding, the Women's Center would be able to increase impact in shelter by 30%.
- **Bob Bailey from United Interfaith Action** suggested rental assistance be prioritized and recommended funding and new regulations to encourage live-in landlords. Mr. Amaral spoke on how the First Time Home Buyer programs could encourage live in landlords.
- **Janette Oterro from New Bedford Women's Center,** went on record regarding immigration issues, individuals that are not making enough to cover needs, limited funds and credit scores—all of which she noted as being barriers at the moment and suggested rent control as a potential solution. Mr. Amaral summarized that the limited amount of housing, coupled with a really low vacancy rate at the moment in the City, State and Country highlights the extent to which there simply there isn't enough housing for everyone that needs it.
- **Paula Draper from the Southeast Center for Independent Living, Inc.** spoke regarding workforce job training and does not see that to be a huge part of the solution. Mr. Amaral stated he appreciates the feedback, and that job training could assist with some individuals but may not work for all.
- **Helena DaSilva Hughes from Immigrants Assistance Center (IAC)** expressed how rental assistance should be a top priority and noted that the IAC is seeing housing issues daily such including rents being doubled, people unable to afford housing and then becoming homeless. She also noted the increase in mental health issues since the pandemic. Mr. Amaral thanked Helena for her comments and for the work her agency provides.
- **Jesse Newman from United Interfaith Action** questioned if there is any consideration for an expansion to first time home buyer grants with HOME-ARP funds. Mr. Amaral stated First Time Home Buyer grants cannot be combined with HOME-ARP, however there is other funding sources to assist with FTHB grants.

With no further public comments or questions, Mr. Amaral thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting at 7.21pm.

APPENDIX D-6

Comments from the Public

HOME-ARP

Comments Received during 15 Day Public Comment Period

Cynthia Wallquist

Please add the need for housing for elders being displaced.

Marcelina Pina-Christian

With the weekly constituent calls and walk-ins received on housing matters currently the greatest unmet need is temporary shelter/housing for single moms with children and elderly/disabled individuals. There is no provision for adults that are over the DHCD guidelines. These families a growing population, are paying daily to stay in motels throughout the SouthCoast area which is unsustainable. They have income and are willing to pay something. There should be an income adjustment so they have shelter if they are over the income limit. They fall into the vicious cycle of falling behind on bills which reduces their credit score and many have faced forced evictions due to Landlord's wanting possession of the apartments. These two situations make it difficult for them to find apartments. I would like to see incentives for Landlords to rent to these families or elderly disabled opening up more housing opportunities. Another alternative would be efficiency apts. for 3-6 months perhaps vacant buildings this would be perfect for adult with children or the elder/ disabled to have the time they need while working on permanent housing. I also think the tiny home community that the City of Boston is doing is another great solution . Within this community there would be a community center with all the available resources needed to help the homeless move on to permanent housing. I think the land across from Taber Mills is an ideal location. I also think if the City had a program for assisting with funds for deleading of apts for specific income guidelines, for Landlords willing to rent to families with children 5 and under this would open up more of an inventory of apts. We need to encourage and create more opportunities for New Bedford residents that are Landlords. Lastly we need more emergency funding that can be accessed locally through agency referrals.

George Bailey

We need to ensure there's more funding to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness; it's just getting worse out there.

APPENDIX E

HOME-ARP Required Certifications

The following pages provide the executed certifications required under the HOME-ARP program.

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
CITY OF NEW BEDFORD	03/10/2023

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PROGRAM: **Home** Investment Partnership - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.15 I and 5.152.

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

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

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

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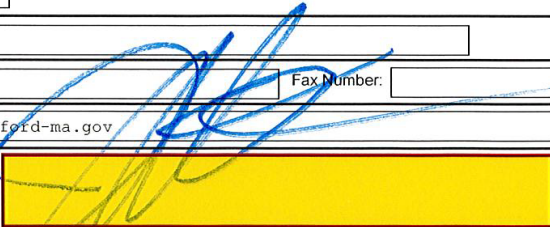
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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