

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Jackson, Mississippi received \$3,195,726 in Home Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A requirement to receive the funding is to develop an Allocation Plan, which will be an Amendment to our Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan.

The City of Jackson, as an integral part of plan development, consulted with the Central Mississippi Continuum of Care as a partner. In addition, the City consulted with other service providers and stakeholders whose clientele is one or more of the qualifying population categories. The City also conducted several public hearings to get input from its citizens. The City made effort to get input from members of the qualifying population. The Consultation and Public Hearing processes will be discussed in detail in upcoming sections.

The following is a synopsis of the Need Assessment and Gap Analysis:

- There are gaps in data available for Jackson, MS regarding several of the qualifying population groups.
- We have a large population of chronically homeless individuals who refuse services and shelter.
- There are gaps between the public services provided and the public services needed.
- Hotel/Motel Occupancy is an issue in Jackson due to the lack of proper maintenance and upkeep by owners and the number of residents who need that option due to their inability to secure traditional housing. Residents at hotels/motels have income.
- It would be helpful for Hinds County to keep statistics regarding eviction cases initiated and upheld.
- Additional supportive services are needed to help individuals and families in the qualifying population groups move to self-sufficiency.
- The development of additional affordable rental housing is noted as need, but funding is not allocated from HOME-ARP funds, but will be considered during our 2023 Annual Action Plan process for funding from other sources.

Based on the gap analysis the City of Jackson has decided to expend HOME-ARP funds on Supportive Services, Acquisition and Development of Non-congregate Shelters, Non-profit Capacity Building and Administration and Planning.

CONSULTATION

Summary of the Consultation Process

The City of Jackson held meetings for service providers and stakeholders, both in group and individual settings to discuss HOME-ARP funding and the needs of the qualifying populations. The purpose of those meetings was to hear from the people who serve those individuals and receive their input and suggestions.

The City's Consultation process started with meetings with the Central Mississippi Continuum of Care (CoC) to discuss the City's allocation of HOME-ARP funding and ways to proceed with future consultation meetings and public hearings. All consultation meetings held with the CoC were virtual and were held on February 7, 2022 and on February 28, 2022. The final consultation meeting with the CoC was held on February 21, 2023 to discuss the draft allocation plan. For full minutes of these consultation meetings see Exhibit A.

The City along with the CoC created a list of all agencies and stakeholders that were needed for the consultation process to be beneficial and successful. Emails were sent to each person on that list to invite them to one of our scheduled consultation meetings. Consultation meetings with other agencies and stakeholders, as well as the CoC, were held on the following dates:

March 28, 2022	10 a.m.	Andrew Jackson Conference Room City of Jackson's Hood
		Building
April 4, 2022	10 a.m.	Andrew Jackson Conference Room City of Jackson's Hood
		Building
April 5, 2022	10 a.m.	Virtual
April 12, 2022	10 a.m.	Virtual
May 11, 2022	10 a.m.	Virtual

List of Organizations Consulted and Summary of Feedback

Agency/Org.	Contact Person	Address	Type of Agency/Org.	Method of
Consulted				Consultation
Central MS500	Melvin Stamps	Virtual	CoC	ZOOM
CoC	and Maria			
	Morris			
Opportunity Center	Homeless Men	845 W. Amite St	Temporary Homeless	Focus group
	(31)		Shelter	
Central MS500	Melvin Stamps	Virtual	CoC	ZOOM
CoC	and Maria			
	Morris			
Hinds Behavioral	Homeless	628 W. Capitol	Day Shelter	Focus Group
Health	Population (12)	St		

New Way	Phyliss Rhodes	916 Inge St	Transition Shelter	In-person
Mississippi	and Larry Perry		(incarcerated)	
Revitalize MS	Andy Frame	210 E. Capitol St	Revitalize low-income neighborhoods	In-person
Carter's Compassionate Housing	Aleicha Carter	Jackson	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault	In-person
Mid-Town Partners	Monica Cannon	320 Adelle St	Seniors/Homeless	In-person
Hearts for the Homeless	Earl Ervin	Jackson	Provide nonperishable items to homeless population	In-person
Catholic Charities	Jacqueline Haynes	Jackson	Domestic Violence and Homeless Veterans	In-person
Catholic Charities	Kaden Gates	Jackson	Homeless Veterans	In-person
HEED	Charles Harris	3405 Medgar Evers	Fair Housing	In-person
Habitat for	Merrill	615 Stonewall	Affordable Housing	In-person
Humanity	McKewen	St		
MS Home Corporation	Kimberly Stamps, Tamara Stewart, Lisa Coleman	Riverside Dr	State Entity	ZOOM
MS Regional Housing	Katina Pace	Virtual	Public Housing	ZOOM
Green & Healthy Homes	Catherine Lee	Virtual	Housing Rehab	ZOOM
Youth Improvement	Darroll Barrett	Virtual	Youth Homelessness	ZOOM
Grace House	Stacey Howard	Virtual	HIV/AIDS/Homelessness	ZOOM
Lifestyle Education Resources Services	Stephanie Bundle	Virtual	Mental Health	ZOOM
Stewpot Community	Sheldon Alston	Virtual	Homelessness (men, women, families)	ZOOM
Central Health Services	Janice Bacon	Virtual	Health Services	ZOOM
Voice of Calvary	Margaret Johnson	Virtual	Homelessness, Low-income	ZOOM
ACLU-MS	Candace Coleman	Virtual	Civil Rights	ZOOM
ACLU-MS	Delani Travaskol	Virtual	Civil Rights	ZOOM
No More Tears	Helen Brown	Virtual	Human Trafficking	ZOOM
City of Jackson	Herbert Humphrey	Virtual	Disability Coordinator	ZOOM

MS Immigrants	Patricia Ice	Virtual	Immigrants' Rights	ZOOM
Alliance				
Disability Alliance	Mick Hintz	Virtual	Disability Rights	ZOOM
Scott Crawford	Scott Crawford	Virtual	Disability Advocate	ZOOM
Jackson State	Theresa Ratliff	Virtual	Health Services/Social	ZOOM
University			Work	
Hinds Behavioral	Willie Mae	Virtual	Mental Health	ZOOM
Health	Berry			
City of Jackson	Jason McCarty	Virtual	Special Projects	ZOOM
MS Center for	John Jopling	Virtual	Racial & Economic	ZOOM
Justice			Justice Advocacy for	
			low-income	
Community	A C Jackson	Virtual	Community Advocate for	ZOOM
Advocate			homeless shelters	
Social Security	Barrie Carpenter	Virtual	ID cards and benefits for	ZOOM
Administration			homeless population	

All feedback received is recorded in the minutes included in Exhibit B.

Results of Upfront Consultation

The Upfront Consultation process yielded results that expressed needs in all areas of activities that can be supported with HOME-ARP funding. The services most suggested as the greatest needs were non-congregate shelters and supportive services. The categories of supportive services that were most expressed were job training, life skills training, housing search and counseling services (housing navigators).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The City published notices in the paper of general circulation and several other newspapers (including the only paper published for the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) population in Jackson) to ensure that a wide variety of residents receive notice of their right to provide input in the funding we receive from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The notice includes information to ensure that any resident in need of communication, accessibility or reasonable accommodation is aware of the method to request assistance.

The City of Jackson felt it was extremely important to receive input from the qualifying populations during the public participation process. Therefore, two focus discussions were held at the day shelters that operate in the City of Jackson.

On Sunday, February 13, 2022, we met with clients of Stewpot Community Services' Opportunity Center. There were 33 clients signed-in at the time of the meeting. Overall, the greatest needs expressed were affordable rental housing, jobs for felons, disability

advocate/attorney, and a workforce training program. They also stated that some landlords will not rent to them because they have no rental history or job.

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, we met with clients of Hinds Behavioral Health – The Bridge program. There was a total of 38 clients signed-in. This group identified affordable housing as their biggest barrier.

All feedback received is recorded in the minutes included in Exhibit C.

The City scheduled two public participation hearings prior to completing the draft allocation plan on the following dates:

Initial Public Hearings

April 12, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Virtual
May 31, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Virtual

The public hearing for April 12, 2022 is included in the consultation process because no citizens attended. Only representatives of organization/agencies that could not attend a consultation meeting attended this public hearing.

The final public hearing was held on February 9, 2023.

Summary of Comments Received

The public hearings resulted in comments surrounding the need for more housing and services for veterans and suggestions that we utilize abandoned buildings, and houses for the homeless population, and integrate more youth activities to curb crime.

Summary of Comments or Recommendation Not Accepted

The comments regarding activities to curb crime were not accepted as those activities are not eligible under the HOME-ARP funding. However, consideration will be given in our 2023 Annual Action Plan process for our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS

Data Collection

The City of Jackson, according to the 2020 Census, has a total population of 153,701; by comparison, the population was 173,514 in 2010. Jackson, MS, like most urban areas has seen a decline in population and an increase in crime and poverty rate. This translates to an increase in

those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness. The following narratives and tables present data on the various qualifying populations.

STATISTICS ON QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Homeless

2022 Point-In-Time Count Data

Total Homeless Households and Persons

		Sheltered			Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	69	75	0	408	552
Total Number of Persons	80	84	0	490	654
Number of Children (under age 18)	11	4	0	11	26
Number of Persons (18 to 24)	17	3	0	75	95
Number of Persons (over age 24)	52	77	0	404	533

Gender

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Female	33	29	0	157	219
Male	40	55	0	327	422
Transgender	5	0	0	1	6
Gender Non- Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	0	0	0

Unaccompanied Youth Households

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of					
unaccompanied youth	15	1	0	73	89
households					
Total number of	17	2	0	78	97
unaccompanied youth	17		U	70	91

Number of unaccompanied children (under age 18)		0	0	6	6
Number of unaccompanied young adults (age 18 to 24)	17	2	0	72	91

Veterans in Households without Children

	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven		
Total Number of Households	12	8	0	85	105
Total Number of Persons	12	8	0	86	106
Total Number of Veterans	12	8	0	85	105

At Risk of Homelessness

Total Population in Poverty

	Total	Below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
Label	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Population for whom poverty			
status is determined	144,354	46,447	32.2%
AGE			
Under 18 years	34,459	15,822	45.9%
Under 5 years	10,225	4,050	39.6%
5 to 17 years	24,234	11,772	48.6%
Related children of			
householder under 18 years	34,307	15,670	45.7%
18 to 64 years	88,032	26,058	29.6%
18 to 34 years	36,906	12,232	33.1%
35 to 64 years	51,126	13,826	27.0%
60 years and over	31,493	7,101	22.5%
65 years and over	21,863	4,567	20.9%

Evictions

There is no data readily available of the number of evictions in Hinds County.

Hotel/Motel Occupancy

The City of Jackson conducted onsite interviews with several hotels/motels that are known to have or either specifically market extended stay services. Of the eight (8) sites interviewed, five reported having long-term residents, two had visual evidence of long-term housing, such as laundry hanging up outside and special decorations in the windows, and one refused to answer questions.

In addition, the City of Jackson Department of Planning and Development's Office of Code Services has been focused on hotel and motel code compliance violations. There have been several hotels that required cease in operations until code compliance is gained. The Central Mississippi Continuum of Care offered temporary and transitional shelter options for residents during the operational shutdown process.

Unfortunately, while the City is aware that there is a population of citizens that rely on this type of housing, there is no real statistical data surrounding this qualifying population.

Exiting Publicly Funded Institutions or Systems of Care

Behavioral Health Programs

Information regarding the number of persons exiting publicly funded Behavioral Health institutions or systems of care is not available, but the following information regarding admissions was found:

Number of adult psychiatric admissions per year for Hinds County, Mississippi Assessment

Year	Number of Admissions
2017	260
2018	246
2019	286
2020	166
2021	91

The trend has been a steady decrease in admissions, but this is largely due to the decrease in State Funding to these types of facilities instead of the decrease in need. Ironically, this puts an increase in the need for assistance to mental health services and homeless individuals who suffer mental health issues.

Children in Foster Care*

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Child Maltreatment	10,179	10,429	10,002	9,377	8,136
Victims					

Foster Care Entry	5.1	4.5	3.6	3.4	2.6
Rate					
Children in Foster Care as of 9/30	5,486	5,440	4,703	4,161	3,594
Children Adopted	400	364	431	719	597

^{*} Information obtained from https://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite/pdf/mississippi.html. This information is for the State of Mississippi and is not specific to the City of Jackson. Information collected on the City level is not available.

Correctional Facility

The only data found concerning discharges from correctional facilities were found on the Mississippi Department of Corrections website at https://www.mdoc.ms.gov/Admin-Finance/Documents/Overall%20Recidivism%20-%20FY%202012%20Releases.pdf for the time period of July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

			Time out of	`Custody	
Recidivism for FY 12	Number	Number	Up to 1	1 to 2	2 to 3
	Released	Returned	Year	Years	Years
Total	9,590	3,439	1,691	1,168	580
Overall Return Rate		35.9%	17.6%	12.2%	6.0%

Without current data, or data pertaining specifically to Jackson, MS, it is extremely hard to assess if there is a gap or need for assistance for this qualifying population. There are organizations that serve inmates with housing needs and during the consultation process, they expressed the need for additional funding for this population.

Children McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

According to the National Center for Homeless Education, specifically for the 2020-2021 School Year (SY), a total of 7,635 children were classified as homeless and enrolled in Local Education Agencies (LEA) in the State of Mississippi. This information is not available at the district level. However, according to the Mississippi Department of Education, the Jackson Public School District received a total of 50% of the States McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program funds that were awarded to the State of Mississippi. In total MS received \$1,082,018.26, with the Jackson Public School District receiving \$541,696.36 of those funds.

Information specific to their actual housing situations is unavailable.

Housing Instability

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data 2015-2019 ACS

Income Distribution Overview	Owner	Renter	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	3,565	8,390	11,955
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	3,310	6,690	10,000
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	5,175	6,585	11,760
Household Income >80% to <=100%			
HAMFI	3,750	2,775	6,525
Household Income >100% HAMFI	15,495	6,370	21,865
Total	31,295	30,815	62,110

Exactly 50% of the total homeowners are from one population group, greater than 100% AMI. In contrast, of the total households with incomes below 30% HAMFI, only 30% are homeowners, and that number accounts for only 11% of the total homeowners.

According to the 2020 American Community Survey for Jackson, MS there are 38,383 households below the poverty level, which is an increase from the CHAS data presented above. Updated CHAS information is not available at this time.

Housing Problems Overview 1	Owner	Renter	Total
Household with at least 1 of 4 Housing			
Problems	7,895	15,975	23,870
Household with none of 4 Housing			
Problems OR cost burden not available no			
other problems	23,400	14,840	38,240
Total	31,295	30,815	62,110

The four housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities; incomplete plumbing facilities more than 1 person per room; and cost burden greater than 30%. This data corresponds to households that have one of these problems, but it does not break it down by specific housing problem. Renters experience living in substandard housing more frequently than owners.

Severe Housing Problems Overview 2	Owner	Renter	Total
Household with at least 1 of 4 Severe Housing Problems	4,355	8,950	13,305
Household with none of the 4 Severe Housing Problems OR cost burden not available with no other problems	26,940	21,860	48,800
Total	31,295	30,815	62,110

The four severe housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities; incomplete plumbing facilities; more than 1 person per room; and cost burden greater than 50%.

Housing Cost Burden Overview 3	Owner	Renter	Total
Cost Burden <=30%	23,750	15,035	38,785

Cost Burden >30% to <=50%	3,625	7,275	10,900
Cost Burden >50%	3,620	7,750	11,370
Cost Burden not available	300	740	1,040
Total	31,295	30,815	62,110

Cost burden is the ratio of housing costs to household income. For renters- housing cost is gross rent (contract rent plus utilities) For owners- housing cost is "select monthly owner costs" which includes mortgage payment; utilities; association fees; insurance; and real estate taxes.

Of the 24,925 households that have a housing problem or severe housing problem, 15,025 are attributed to Cost Burden.

Households that occupy housing that has housing or severe housing problems led to housing instability for those individuals

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

Domestic and Dating Violence, and Sexual Assault

The Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence (MCADV) is a non-profit organization chartered with the Secretary of State and is tax exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service 501 (c)(3) c certification. Founded in 1980 by domestic violence, its history is rooted in the battered women's movement and the values that define this movement. These values include working towards social justice, self-determination and ending the oppression of domestic violence. MCADV publishes an Annual Report and the following is information from their 2021 – 2022 report:

Total Hotline Calls	1,135
Legal Services	197
DV Education, Housing/Homelessness	104
and Resources Technology Safety	
Crisis Intervention, Shelter, Counseling	778
Transitional Housing	
Grant Writing/Reporting, Board of Dir	56
Underserved population, Coordinated	
Coordinated Community Response	

For the period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022, Catholic Charities' Jackson Victim Services provided services to a total of 110 persons in Jackson, MS. Their services are specific for victim/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They serve clients in Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Issaquena, Sharkey, Yazoo, Warren and Copiah Counties.

Human Trafficking*

Year Human Trafficking Cases Repor	ted
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2016	55
2017	42
2018	86
2019	148
2020	187

^{*} Information obtained from https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/mississippi. This information is for the State of Mississippi and is not specific to the City of Jackson. Data collected on the City level is not available. In the State of Mississippi, reported cases of human trafficking are up 29% since 2016.

CURRENT INVENTORY

Current Inventory Shelters

Type of Shelter	Number of Units	Number of Beds
Emergency Shelter	9	159
Transitional Housing	7	160
Permanent Supportive	2	30
Housing		

Current Inventory of Facilities for Victims of Domestic Violence

There is one facility, Catholic Charities, that has 25 beds available for persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. They serve a 9-county area, which results in a shortage of available beds.

Current Inventory of Affordable Housing Available

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Developments

There is a total of 15 LIHTC Developments in Jackson, MS. They have a total of 1,862 units and 140 are vacant.

Housing Authorities

There are two housing authorities that service the Jackson area, they are the Jackson Housing Authority and the Region 6 Housing Authority. The following is data concerning units and vouchers.

Type of Housing	Jackson Housing Authority	Region 6 (waiting on response)	Total
Vouchers			
Traditional	495		
VASH	382		
Mainstream	69		

Site specific Golden Key	152	
Foster Youth	5	
Total Vouchers	1103	
Vouchers Available		
Traditional	0	
VASH	69	
Mainstream	0	
Site specific Golden Key	0	
Foster Youth	0	
Total Vouchers Available	69	
Waitlist		
Traditional	1335	
VASH		
Mainstream		
Site specific Golden Key	269	
Foster Youth		
Total Waitlist	1604	
Public Housing Units	34	
Vacant	0	

In addition to the housing inventory outlined above, the Jackson Resource Center provides 30 beds for permanent supportive housing. Their inventory of beds was not included in the PIT Count.

Current Inventory of Supportive Services

McKinney Vento supportive Services and Homelessness Prevention Service

<u>Child Care</u> – There are no organizations that specifically provide child care for the qualifying population. However, the Mississippi Department of Human Services issues Child Care vouchers to low-income residents.

<u>Education Service</u> - Grace House and Mississippi United to End Homelessness provide education services, but only to persons living with HIV/AIDS, but they may not necessarily fall under a qualifying population.

Employment Assistance and Job Training – Grace House and Mississippi United to End Homelessness provide employment assistance and job training, but only to persons living with HIV/AIDS, but they may not necessarily fall under a qualifying population. Carter's Compassion also assists their clients with job training which is limited to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

<u>Food</u> – There are several non-profits that provide food services via a food bank and meal services to the homeless population

<u>Housing Search and Counseling Services</u> – No providers

<u>Legal Services</u> – The Mississippi Center for Justice, Mission First – Legal Aid Office provides legal services at little or no charge to low-income persons in Jackson, MS.

<u>Life Skills Training</u> – No providers

Mental Health Services – Region 9 Department of Mental Health

<u>Outpatient Health Services</u> – Stewpot Community Services has a partnership with St. Dominic Hospital to provide health services to homeless individuals.

<u>Outreach Services</u> – The City of Jackson has a full-time Homeless Coordinator and provides financial assistance to Stewpot Community Services for one outreach worker specifically for Jackson, MS. The CoC also has three case managers/outreach workers that service the 5-county area of the CoC.

<u>Substance Abuse Treatment Services</u> – Harbor House provides substance abuse treatment services to the Jackson Area. However, beds are limited and they are often unable to assist a person when they are ready for treatment.

<u>Transportation</u>- The City of Jackson provides bus passes to homeless individuals in need of transportation. In addition, Stewpot and Shower Power both have vans available to transport homeless individuals when needed.

<u>Case Management</u>- All ESG recipients have case managers that assess, arrange, coordinate and monitor the delivery of individualized services to meet the needs of the program participants. <u>Mediation</u> – There are no organizations that provide paid mediation. There are instances when the service provider mediates with the owner or person(s) with whom the program participant is living in order to prevent them from losing permanent housing.

<u>Credit Repair</u>- No organization provides this service to the qualifying population.

<u>Landlord/Tenant Liaison</u>- No organization provides this service to the qualifying population. <u>Services for Special Population</u>- Catholic Charities provides family counseling. mental health services, and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

<u>Financial Assistance Costs</u> – Organizations that receive Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) provide financial assistance to homeless and those at-risk of homelessness.

<u>Short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent</u> – There are agencies that aid with rent through grant awards from both the City of Jackson's and the State of Mississippi's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations for rapid re-housing and homeless prevention services.

Housing Counseling Services – There are seven (7) HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies that provide services in Jackson, MS

Current Inventory of Tenant-based Rental Assistance

Grace House provides Tenant-based Rental Assistance, but only to persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Gap Analysis

HOMELESS NEEDS INVENTORY AND GAP ANALYSIS TABLE

	Homeless	
Current Inventory	Homeless Population	Gap Analysis

	Far	nily	Adults	s Only	Vets	Family HH (at	Adult HH	Vets	Vic- tims	Family	,	Adults	Only
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	least 1 child)	(w/0 child)		of DV	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	18	1	135	8	6								
Transitional Housing	123	6	29	1	8								
Permanent Supportive Housing	30	2	0	0	0								
Other Permanent Housing													
Sheltered Homeless						144		20	2				
Unsheltered Homeless								85					
Current Gap													

HOUSING NEEDS INVENTORY AND GAP ANALYSIS TABLE

	Non-Homeless		
	Current	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	Inventory		
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	31,065		
Rental Units Occupied by HH at less			
than or = to 30% AMI (At-risk of	8480		
Homelessness)			
Rental Units Occupied by HH > 30%			
but less than or = to 50% AMI (At-	7685		
risk of Homelessness			
Rental Units Occupied by HH >50%			
but less than or = to 80% AMI (At-	6395		
risk of Homelessness			
Cost Burden less than or $=$ to 30%		15495	
Cost Burden less than > than 30% or =		6980	
to 50%		0900	
Cost Burden less than > than 50%		7840	
Current Gaps			14,820

The data presented above that from the total 31,065 rental units, 14,820 of the renters have a cost burden greater 30% of their annual income, and 7840 of those have a cost burden greater than

50%. It can be concluded that although some low-income families have housing, they are overly cost burdened, and would be categorized as at risk of homelessness.

UNMET HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Population

From the 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, a total of 654 homeless individuals were identified, with 164 sheltered and 490 unsheltered. At that time, there were a total of 349 shelter beds available. While at the time of the PIT count beds were available, there is still a 305 bed gap between number of homeless individuals and number of beds available. However, many of the unsheltered population fall into the category of chronically homeless and freely choose not to be sheltered. This creates the hypothesis that chronically homeless individuals need additional services to ensure they move from homelessness to permanent housing. This will be discussed in the section on unmet supportive service needs.

There was a total of 106 homeless veterans identified during the 2022 PIT count, of which only 20 were sheltered. There is a total of 14 beds available specifically for veterans, however, veterans may stay in other shelters. In addition, the Jackson Housing Authority has a total of 382 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, with a total of 69 remaining available. This would suggest that there is a need for coordination between the CoC and the Jackson Housing Authority to make these vouchers available to homeless veterans. Those efforts are currently underway.

Also, during the 2022 PIT Count, 97 unaccompanied youth were counted, with 19 sheltered and 78 unsheltered. The category of youth beds available was not included in the current inventory count provided in the PIT Count.

At Risk of Homelessness and Other Population

Low- and Very low-income families are more likely to be cost burdened renters than homeowners and are disproportionately paying more than 50% of their income for housing. There is affordable housing available in the form of housing choice vouchers and units available in Low-income Housing Tax Credit developments, but there are also long waiting lists. This directly points to the need for more affordable housing.

The lack of available data for populations exiting publicly funded institutions, specifically for Jackson, MS makes it difficult to systematically determine gaps in services. But, agencies that provide services to this population report that there is a gap and a need beyond what they can currently provide. Although, this is not supported by substantial data, it is still a valid assessment from the consultation process.

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

There is also a lack of beds available to victims of domestic and dating violence, stalking, human trafficking, and sexual assault, as there is only one agency concentrating on this qualifying population.

HOMF-ARP Activities

The following is a breakdown of the areas of need for each of the HOME-ARP activities:

Supportive Services

Currently, there are no organizations that provide services to several categories of eligible supportive services. Those areas are child care, education services, employment assistance/job training, housing search/counseling services, life skills training, credit repair, and landlord/tenant liaison.

During the consultation process, several organizations reported the need for additional outreach workers.

Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters

Both the data analysis and the results of the consultation process demonstrate the need for non-congregate shelters.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance

This category was mentioned only once in the consultation process by an agency or organization. Most organizations did state the need for additional funding for rapid re-housing and homeless prevention activities. This would be covered under the supportive service category of short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent.

Development of Affordable Rental Housing

While the development of Affordable Rental Housing was identified as a need, the City has other funding available to address this need.

Non-Profit Operating

Non-profits that service Jackson's residents with an array of different services and housing products, always have a need for additional funding for operations. The need for operating funds will be essential to the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters. While we understand that this type of operating expense is not eligible under the HOME-ARP funding, it is critical that funding for the operation of the non-congregate shelter is identified before the project is acquired, rehabilitated or constructed.

Non-Profit Capacity Building

Non-profit organizations will have to hire additional staff to carry the supportive services that will be increased by providing HOME-ARP funding.

Administration and Planning

In order to adequately administer the HOME-ARP funding, there will be the need for funding for Administration and Planning expenses. Although 15% is the maximum allowed, the City is proposing to use only 10% for this category.

Distribution of HOME-ARP Funding

Category	Funding Amount	Percent of	Statutory
		Grant	Limit
Supportive Services	\$216,386	7%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-	\$2,500,000	78%	
Congregate Shelters			
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$0		
(TBRA)			
Development of Affordable Rental	\$0		
Housing			
Non-Profit Operating	0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$159,768	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$319,572	10%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$3,195,726	100%	

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

The City of Jackson has no housing production goals related to HOME-ARP funding.

Preferences

Exhibits

HOME ARP CONSULTATION Central MS500 Continuum of Care (CoC) Consultation and Minutes

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP)

Consultation and Planning Meeting with Central MS Continuum of Care February 7, 2022 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

AGENDA

Introductions

HOME-ARP - Allocation Plan

Data Needed - Do we already have all the data needed?

Qualifying Populations

Consultation – How to structure and who to invite, when and where to hold meetings (virtual or in-person)

Public Participation - Ideas

Timeline

Collaboration between the CoC and the COJ - Define roles and responsibilities

HMIS

Questions or Comments

Assignments

Next Meeting

Central MS500 CoC Consultation

HOME ARP Consultation Minutes

February 7, 2022- 9am ZOOM

Attendees:

Valerie Tucker, Deputy Director- COJ

Linda Caldwell, Manager-COJ Maria Morris- Board Chair CoC Melvin Stamps- Planning Director CoC

Valerie started the meeting with introductions and detailing the exact amount of the HOME ARP allocation.

Melvin Stamps emailed the PIT data on the eligible populations from the 2019 count. Valerie asked if the data covers information on all qualifying populations, data has to influence and support our decision we make while doing the Plan. Melvin stated it does and it is the most current, he will send other data in reference to the by-name list. Melvin went in detailed about the data he emailed about how the numbers have trended down. Melvin stated the homeless service providers have indicated their number one concern in reference to shelters, they are experiencing an influx number of families with males over the age of 13, they're not able to house them together. Maria Morris stated she will contact Dr. Chapman with Jackson Hinds for data relative to these populations from their UDS. Valerie asked how we should structure consultations (virtual or in-person) and we need an inclusive list of organizations needed at the table. Valerie went in detail about the type of organizations that are required for the consultation. Maria and Melvin spoke about their contacts they will email me a list of those names and organizations, and they will make sure that they are aware of why their presence is important. Valerie talked about Public Participation and scheduling meetings with the homeless population. Melvin and Maria stated they believe focus groups will be beneficial. Maria stated that we need to host listening sessions with the homeless and people with lived experience. Melvin stated the Opportunity Center will have a Souper Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday and we should be in the room on that day to speak with the population. Valerie talked about our timeline for the consultations and completing the Plan. We talked about collaboration between the CoC and COJ as well as roles and responsibilities.



Central MS500 Continuum of Care (CoC) HOME ARP Consultation Minutes

February 28, 2022 at 10:00 am

Attendees:

Mary Manogin, Manager Linda Caldwell, Manager-COJ Maria Morris, Board Chair- CoC Melvin Stamps, Planning Director-CoC

Linda started the meeting off with outlining the results of the last meeting, and acknowledging Maria for inquiring on pricing for hotels to hold the summit. The meeting was focused on setting up the Summit, sending out sponsorship letters. Melvin stated he will contact JSU E-Center to see what the rates are. Valerie is waiting on call from Convention Center. We discussed if this will be enough time to actually setup a Summit since we really don't have enough time. Linda discussed setting a meeting up with the State to meet on HOME ARP plans.

Melvin asked what were some of the unmet needs the homeless population spoke about at the Opportunity Center's HOME ARP Focus meet we held the week before. Mary stated that people talked out having felonies were such a barrier to housing and employment.

Maria talked about the number of homeless people she interviewed at the Park and have many skills, such as: landscaping, culinary, carpentry.

After call, Mary, Valerie, and Linda met via conference call to discuss that after reviewing the pricing of the potential venues for the Summit, and the fact that we don't have enough time to meet with potential sponsors, the City is unable to come up with such an enormous amount of funds to have the Summit. Valerie sent an email to the CoC to explain to them that we should go ahead and schedule individual consultations with the required groups because the Summit will be too time consuming and costly.

February 28, 2022 follow-up Consultation with CoC

Attendees: Melvin Stamps, Maria Morris, Linda Caldwell, and Mary Manogin



EXHIBIT B

HOME ARP CONSULTATION

- Homeless and Domestic Service Providers
- Veterans' Groups
- Public Housing Agency
- Homeless Service Providers
- Fair Housing
- Civil Rights
- Disability Consultants



HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP)

Consultation Meeting

March 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Introductions

HOME-ARP

What is HOME-ARP

Allocation

Purpose of Consultation

Qualifying Populations

Eligible Activities

Comments, Needs and Ideas

Closing Statements and Remarks



Office of Housing & Community Development HOME ARP CONSULTATION

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HOME ARP Consultation Minutes

March 28, 2022 at 10:00 am

Attendees: Valerie Tucker, Deputy Director- COJ

Linda Caldwell, Manager- COJ Mary Manogin, Manager-COJ

Natasha Littleton, Office Coordinator- COJ

Valerie started the meeting off with staff introductions and explaining the purpose of HOME ARP including the HUD allocated amount, and cost breakdown. Valerie explained that before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, the City must consult with agencies and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems.

CONSULTATION ATTENDEES AND MINUTES:

- Monica Cannon with Midtown Partners asked does this HOME ARP Population include the low-income elderly.
- Merle with Habitat for Humanity stated that there are a lot of their homeowners who
 were affected by COVID are facing foreclosure, and are at-risk of being homeless. She
 stated that the MS HomeSavers program had started assisting in the process, but will
 this HOME ARP funding be able to assist with this as well. Valerie stated she think they
 would fit under this because there is a category that may eligible.
- Monica Cannon stated she did a little a little research on the HOME ARP funding and it states that they should have some type of counseling and what about duplication of services, how will that be determined?
- Alecia Carter with Carter's Housing asked to give a more clear definition of noncongregate shelter/housing. Valerie explained what congregate shelter was by using our temporary shelters (Brumfield) as an example, and explained the definition of noncongregate housing.
- Valerie stated that she's not sure at this time what the collected data and feedback will suggest we do with the funding but so far as we have had several meetings with the homeless population, they are in need of affordable housing.

Valerie ask that every attendee introduce themselves, tell about their agency, and what services does their organization provide and to which qualifying population, and what do they in their line of work as a need for the people they serve?

• Larry Perry with New Way Mississippi started off by introducing his agency as a temporary housing for veterans, ex-offenders. He stated their goal is to empower individuals and families by providing services like restoration and preventive programs so they can successfully reenter society. We also offer resources for victims of negative social and economic issues while improving the community—one family at a time. They have job training piece as well. They have different levels for the participants as they move toward reentry. Valerie asked Mr. Perry what he sees in his agency population as an unmet need. Mr. Perry stated there's a gap in service from prison back to the mainstream, he stated the main thing they need is stable

- housing in a safe environment, transportation to and from jobs, employment training and placement (soft skills training), and family counseling.
- Mary Manogin asked Mr. Perry do they currently have housing for their clients, he stated that they do have six month housing/duplex for the clients as they move through the program.
- Merle with Habitat for Humanity introduced her agency as Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. She stated that as a part of the homeownership process, they believe financial education builds a more solid foundation for long-term personal success and helps alleviate any concerns or barriers on the path to homeownership. She stated they are facing problems of people facing foreclosure due to COVID, and death, as well as families who are having to triple up on staying under one roof due to affordable housing shortage.
- Andy Frame with Revitalize Mississippi introduced his agency as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, working to address the health, safety and societal issues of urban neglect. Revitalize Mississippi demolishes derelict properties, cleans overgrown lots, assists neighborhood leaders to help strengthen neighborhood organizations, and partners with local organizations to build new, affordable housing. With your help, we're not only rebuilding long-neglected neighborhoods, but restoring the power of community for those families. They are looking to develop more affordable housing from dilapidated housing. He also see this as capacity building with this funding by having agencies collaborate.
- Monica Cannon with Mid-Town Partners introduced their agency Midtown as an affordable community with ample housing opportunities for low-, moderate-, and middle-income residents with a low rate of forced displacement, economically strong community with capable leaders and viable businesses, safe and supportive community where families live healthy and productive lives, they support Midtown residents by providing resources to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to maximize potential in school, work, family, and community. Their impact includes housing, education, health, and community engagement. She stated what she sees as a great need is the supportive services around life skills training and decision making skills. She stated that we need to make sure with this funding that we make collaboration a major piece.
- Alecia Carter with Carter's Compassionate Housing is a safe haven for women and children who are homeless due to domestic violence or human trafficking. In addition to housing, women are given job training, access to legal counsel, licensed professional counseling for themselves and their children, as well as a list of skills that will help them to live on their own and raise their children responsibly without assistance. We focus on family, recovery, addiction, abuse, anxiety, PTSD, trauma, and anger and stress management. We seek to provide our clients with the tools needed to find independence and wholeness. They provide non-congregate shelter, have a 90% success rate. She stated that they want to expand and offer housing to sex offenders, and believe this funding will help to fill that gap. There needs to be more affordable housing for men as well.
- Andy frame asked what the timeline for the HOME ARP funding is. Valerie explained that right now we are working toward completing our allocation plans through these consultations with hopes of completing this in June.

- Alecia Carter stated that she just recently starting receiving ESG-CV funding through the State, and that she has housing navigators who correspond with different Motels about homeless population. She suggested that we talk with housing navigators to have them to go to some of the Motels in the City to try and get a count of the number of homeless using Motels as housing. Linda Caldwell stated that we could use the Housing Navigator employee with Stewpot who the City is funding to do this task.
- Merle with Habitat for Humanity stated they are in desperate need of funding to help homeowners stay in their housing after they lose income from a partner that was living in the home.
- Andy Frame with Revitalize Mississippi stated that he also get a lot of calls from homeowners
 who desperately need repairs for their homes. Valerie stated the City does have a housing
 repair program that we are in the process of restarting but there is such a great need and little
 funding. Preference will be given to the 1000 people who have been calling and on the most
 recent list. Valerie state that under this HOME ARP funding, housing rehab will not be eligible.
- Valerie stated that we do hope to be able to collaborate with the State as they have more funding than the City for HOME ARP.
- Andy Frame with Revitalize Mississippi stated that maybe this funding should be used for Mental Health to help people stay in their homes.
- Monica Cannon stated that whatever we do with the funding, make sure streamline the application process.



HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP)

Consultation Meeting

APRIL 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Introductions

HOME-ARP

What is HOME-ARP

Allocation

Purpose of Consultation

Qualifying Populations

Eligible Activities

Comments, Needs and Ideas

Closing Statements and Remarks

Central M5500 CoC Consultation

HOME ARP Consultation Minutes

April 4, 2022- 10 AM

Attendees:

Valerie Tucker, Deputy Director-COJ

Linda Caldwell, Manager- COJ Mary Manogin, Manager- COJ

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CONSULTATION ATTENDEES AND MINUTES:

- Earl Ervin with Hearts for Homeless stated they are receiving phone calls from people fleeing domestic violence and asked for a contact agency. He explained exactly what his agency does by providing non-perishable items to homeless and serves as a liaison resource provider.
 Agencies need to be more mobile.
- Charles Harris with HEED stated that he's glad the definitions for homeless population was
 defined because he never really knew what it really involved, and it's more to it than just seeing
 homeless people on the streets. Mr. Harris explained his organization's role as a fair housing
 educator. Mr. Harris spoke about how landlords are accepting money from tenants and still
 evicting them.
- Melvin Stamps with CoC explained in detail what the CoC role is and the benefits of becoming a member. He stated the most important thing needed right now for the homeless is supportive services, mental health, and employment training.
- Jacqueline Haynes and Karen Gates with Catholic Charities explained that they work with domestic violence and homeless veterans. They need offering additional supportive services and workplace development/training to the domestic violence/sexual assault population longterm.
- Valerie stated that we do currently have outreach workers on the streets



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APRIL 4, 2022

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April 5th Zoom ARP Consultation Attendance (14 attendees):

COJ: Valerie Tucker, Linda Caldwell, Mary Manogin

MHC: Kimberly Stamps, Tamara, and Lisa

Katina Pace

GHHI: Catherine Lee

Youth Improvement: Darroll Barrett

Grace House: Stacey Howard

LERS: Stephanie Bundle

Midtown Partners: Kristi Hendrix

Health Services: Janice Bacon

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Notes:

MHC staff spoke regarding their support and interest in meeting separately with the organizations represented on the call.

Katina Pace expressed the need for more supportive services.

Catherine Lee expressed the need for wellness screening in children and their access to health screenings

Darroll Barrett expressed the need for more supportive services specifically for children aging out of foster care. The need for more rapid rehousing and more non-congregate shelters.

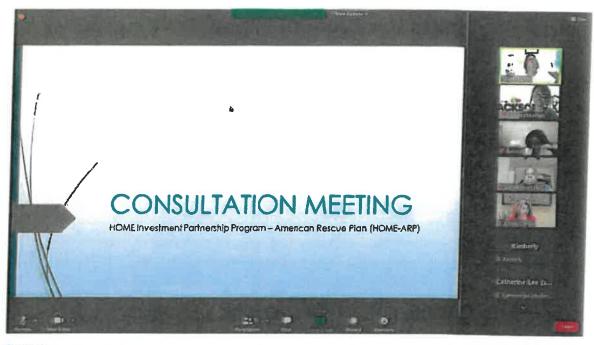
Stacey Howard expressed the need for more non congregate shelters and more money. She also expressed her gratitude that the City is working with the State to create better programs.

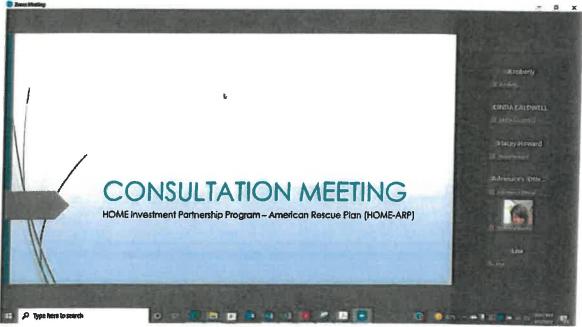
Stephanie Bundle: shared LERS ACE program and that her agency is to connect families with resources. She stated she attended to learn.

Kristi Hendrix: expressed the need for more supportive services

Janice Bacon: shared what her agency provides and the locations of their various clinics.'

• We experienced severe weather on the day of the call which may factor into the attendance. Each attendee not represented on the call will be contacted for rescheduling.







Central MS500 CoC Consultation HOME ARP Consultation Minutes

April 12, 2022- ZOOM

Attendees:

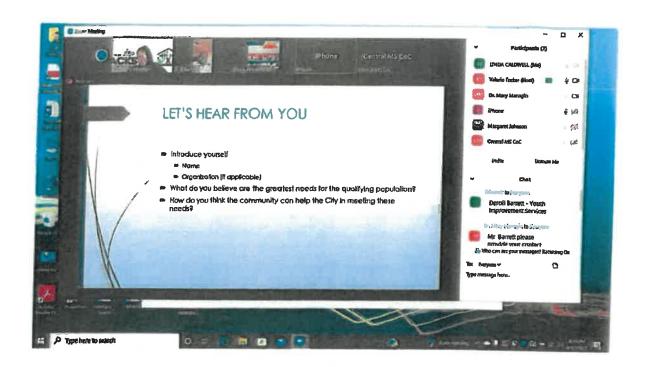
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CONSULTATION ATTENDEES AND MINUTES:

- Margaret Johnson- Voice of Calvary-They are a faith-based non-profit who provide services for the homeless population. The most important need right now is noncongregate shelter, mental health, and life skills training
- Deroll Barrett-Youth Improvement Services- They assist transitioning youth. Supportive Services and employment training are very important for Youth



Central MS500 CoC Consultation

HOME ARP Consultation Minutes

May 11, 2022- ZOOM

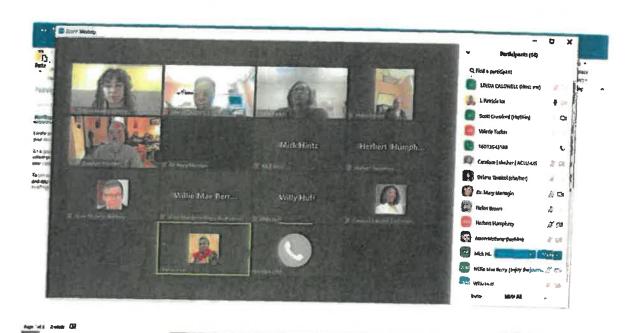
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CONSULTATION ATTENDEES AND MINUTES:

- Barrie Carpenter with Social Security Administration asked to explain exactly what supportive services are. They need funding so they can provide more agencies with training to assist homeless people fill out forms to get their SSI benefits and medicaid
- Patricia Ice- MS Immigrants' Rights Alliance- asked if there is money to pay for social security cards, she stated this is one of the most needed services for her clients. They provide legal services to undocumented individuals. Her biggest concern is whether undocumented individuals can be served with this funding.
- Scott Crawford- MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities-Disability Consultant- asked if theses
 funds can be used to renovate or construct new homes. He stated that his main goal is to make
 sure housing for the disable are effective, and to make housing fully accessible in the beginning
 stage. Mr. Crawford stated that 1 in 5 adults in Mississippi has a disability
- Mick Hintz- Disability Consultant stated that disability housing is most needed
- Valerie stated the purpose of this consultation is to gather input from the population and agencies what services are most needed. More than likely we will do an RFP to carry out HOME ARP activities.
- Herbert Humphrey- ADA Coordinator with the COJ- were there any allowances needed in receiving HOME ARP funding for the disable population.
- Teresia Johnson-Ratliff- Jackson State University- wants to be more involved in student placement to assist the homeless population
- Helen Brown- No More Tears- Human Trafficking-what is needed are: safe housing, Medicaid, childcare, documents, so basically Supportive Services are most needed for her population
- Delano Travalo- ACLU MS- represents advocating for formerly incarcerated persons and LBGQ such as housing and the many barriers they encounter
- Willie Mae Berry- Hinds Behavioral Health- some big items needed are transportation, housing, mental health services



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HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP)

Public Hearing

Opportunity Center (Homeless Population

February 13, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- Introductions
- HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (amount)
- Purpose
- Activities that the City my undertake with funds
- Needs
- Barriers
- Questions or Comments

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Opportunity Center's HOME

Public Hearing

1:00 pm

Attendees:

Valerie Tucker, Deputy Director- COJ

Linda Caldwell, Manager- COJ Mary Manogin, Manager- COJ

Christie Burnett, Director- Stewpot Opportunity Center

On Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 1:00 pm, COJ conducted a focus group/consultation with the homeless population at Stewpot's Opportunity Center. Valerie started the meeting with introductions, allocation amount and purpose of the meeting. Valerie also discussed some of the activities the City could undertake utilizing the funds. Valerie then asked the group to outline some of their needs, barriers, concerns, and issues.

Overall, the homeless guys stated that the greatest need is affordable rental housing, jobs for felons, disability advocate/attorney, and a workforce training program. They stated that some of the most important barriers are landlords not wanting to rent to them because they have no rental history or job.

Public Hearing Attendees- The following are some comments and statements provided by the homeless population during the Public Hearing:

- Greg McCarty stated that he has been approved for an apartment at Garden Side Apartments but is in need of security deposit and first month's rent to move-in.
- Sterling Parker stated he looking for a job, convicted felon and cannot find a job
- Reginal Bailey stated he needs a job and affordable housing
- Edward Charles is in a wheelchair, states he gets a disability check and needs an apartment
- Terry Walker stated its hard for him to get anything accomplished because he's a victim of identity theft
- Johnny Washington stated he's a convicted felon in need of a job (landscaping) and an apartment
- Donald McGwin stated he needs a bus ticket back home to Greenville
- Frank Barnett stated he is waiting to have surgery, but is in need of somewhere to recuperate
 after he's had surgery, needs housing, and help getting his disability started back up after he has
 his surgery
- Christopher Morgan stated he gets a disability check and is in need of housing

Hinds Behavioral Health- The Bridge

HOME ARP Public Hearing

March 23, 2022 at 10:00 am

Attendees: Valerie Tucker.

Valerie Tucker, Deputy Director-COJ

Linda Caldwell, Manager-COJ Mary Manogin, Manager-COJ Jarkisha Spann- Senior Planner-COJ

Mary started the meeting with introductions, and purpose of the meeting. Mary explained the allocation and told the group that we want to know their unmet needs as far as being homeless.

During the consultation, the homeless population described the barriers that is hindering them from getting affordable housing and jobs. The most important barrier that the population identified as being the top unmet needs is affordable housing.

Public Hearing Attendees- The following are comments made by the attendees during the Public Hearing:

- Shannon Trimble a homeless female stated that she gets SSI and needs affordable housing, and has been on the streets for 28 years.
- Charles Heard stated he's a veteran and needs affordable homes. He's also waiting on veteran benefits with Catholic Charities.
- Michael Hunter stated he needs affordable housing, he's getting ready to start the Diesel
 Mechanic class through Grace House. He needs a place to stay while he goes thru the class.
- Scott Perry stated that he's a felony, get SSI and needs housing. He said there is just no place for people with criminal backgrounds to live. He got released from prison in 2018. Just got hired with Downtown Jackson Partners
- Lisa Bailey stated that she needs utility assistance and toiletries, she has somewhere to live.
- Carmen Williams stated that we need to provide the homeless assistance with getting their identification and records
- Leron Johnson stated he needs employment and affordable housing
- Mary Ann Daniel stated she's been working with the Outreach Workers, but the homeless need help with getting furniture once they are housed. She also get Mental Health treatment through Hinds Behavioral Health
- Christopher Heard stated he's a musician, received \$836 Social Security, and desperately needs affordable housing



Office of Housing & Community Development HINDS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-THE BRIDGE

HOME ARP PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 23, 2022

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HOME ARP Public Hearing

May 31, 2022- ZOOM

Attendees: Valerie Tucker, Deputy Director-COJ

Linda Caldwell, Manager- COJ Mary Manogin, Manager- COJ

Valerie started the meeting off with staff introductions and explaining the purpose of HOME ARP including the HUD allocated amount, and cost breakdown. Valerie explained that before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, the City must consult with agencies and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems.

PUBLIC HEARING ATTENDEES AND MINUTES:

- John Jopling with MS Center for Justice stated that low-income communities have been ignored for too long, and the need for supportive services which should involve providing free legal services to inform people of their rights, and fair housing counseling should be at the top of our funding. He said they are seeing too many evictions right now. He also stated homeless shelters and tenant-based rental are top priorities that the Center for Justice would like to see.
- A C Jackson, a community advocate for homeless shelters stated that we need something to
 assist Veterans and homeless. City parks needs to be upgraded. Spoke about acquiring
 abandoned buildings to rehab for unhoused/homeless population. Stated that the community
 would love to see something more for the children/youth to do in an effort to curb crime.
- Valerie spoke about acquiring vacant schools as a means of rehabbing for non-congregate shelters

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