



FY2021 AAP AMENDMENT

HOME ARP ACTION PLAN

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HOME -ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Introduction

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law, enabling over \$1.9 Trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals and businesses.

The American Rescue Plan Act appropriated \$5 billion to help communities provide housing, shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness and other qualifying populations. These funds are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) to be used for individuals and families from the following qualifying populations:

- homeless, at-risk of homelessness;
- flees or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking;
- other populations where providing assistance would prevent homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; and
- veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities, which include:

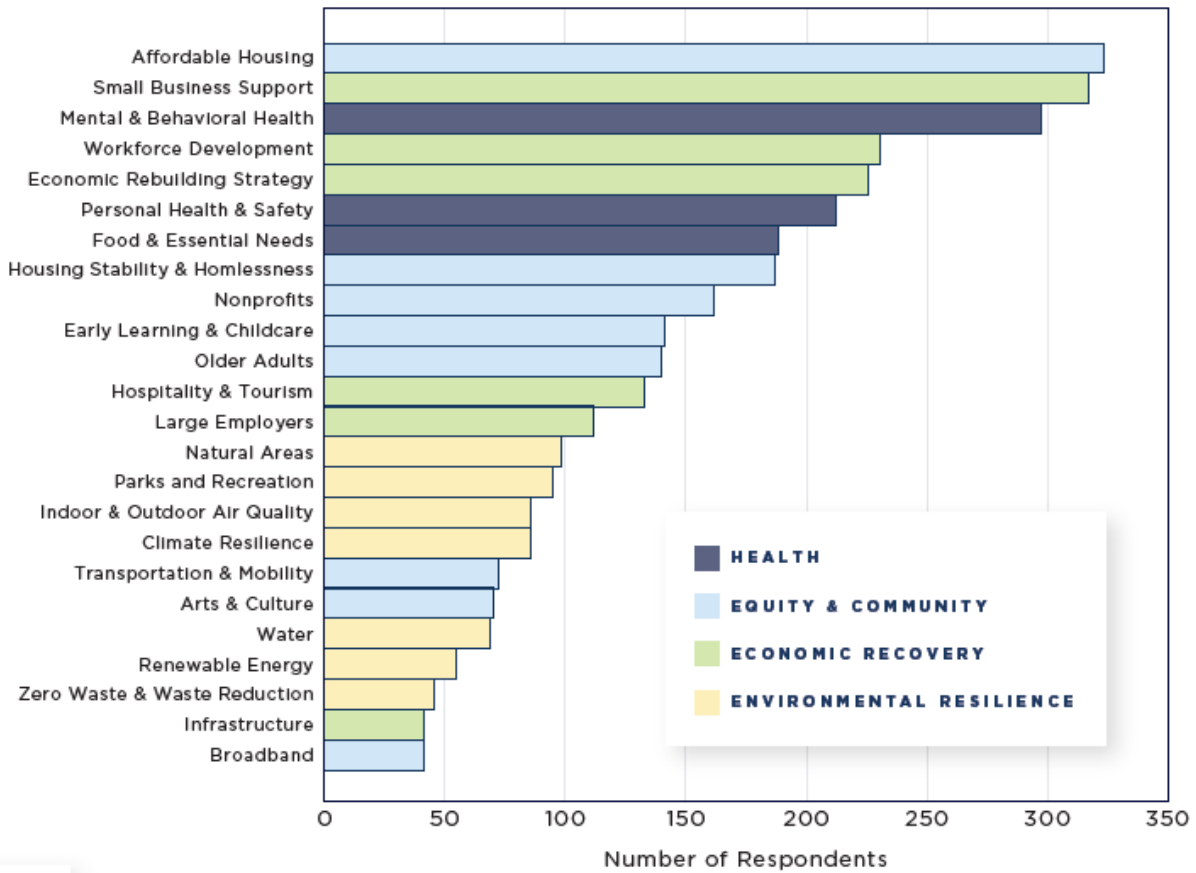
1. Production or preservation of affordable housing
2. Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
3. Provision of supportive services, including homeless prevention services
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter

As a HOME program participating jurisdiction, the City of Fort Collins received \$2,628,410 to benefit qualifying populations in our community. This amount is in addition to the annual allocation of HOME funds the City receives from HUD. This draft plan describes the City's intended use of the additional HOME funds as required in HUD Notice CPD-21-10.

Consultation

From June 2021 through October 2021, the City conducted extensive public engagement as part of the development of the City Recovery Plan and the anticipated allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Outreach was conducted with community members (residents, businesses, and local organizations) to understand what was needed most to achieve recovery. Engagement was designed to meet the needs of different audiences in the community, centering on hearing from hard-hit and historically underserved community members. Outreach included online and mailed surveys in English and Spanish, digital print and radio ads, stakeholder meetings, paid partnerships with community connectors and stakeholder meetings. Housing stability and homelessness emerged as top priorities for community recovery.

Top Priority Areas for Recovery



Building on the work of the Recovery Plan, the Social Sustainability Department (SSD) formed an internal work team to develop the HOME-ARP allocation plan to address the community priorities around housing and homelessness. SSD created a stakeholder engagement plan to solicit feedback from the following:

- Northern Colorado Continuum of Care (NoCO CoC),
- homeless service providers,
- domestic violence service providers,
- veterans’ groups,
- Housing Catalyst, the public housing authority for Fort Collins
- 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.

Consultation with the above referenced groups was conducted through two separate focus groups on April 12, 2022, and April 19, 2022. On May 23, 2022, questionnaires were sent to stakeholders that did not participate in focus groups. Follow-up consultation and interviews were then conducted from May through July.

Organizations Consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Northern Colorado Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care	Focus Group & Interview	Greatest Need: Housing and Supportive services for PEH; concern regarding loss of funding related to rapid rehousing for persons who were previously homeless, expressed a preference that Coordinated Entry be used a referral source for units and services. Would like to see supportive service dollars support housing navigators that can work collaboratively across organizations to ensure all eligible populations have access to support.
Crossroads Safehouse	Domestic Violence Service Provider	Focus Group & Interview	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses. Prioritized supportive services, specifically housing navigation.
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center (SAVA)	Domestic Violence Service Provider	Online Survey	Greatest Need: Supportive services for individuals fleeing/attempting to flee DV, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking or human trafficking.
Catholic Charities	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses. Prioritized preventing homelessness, pointing out the existing burden on the homeless service providers.
Denver Rescue Mission	Homeless Service Providers	Online Survey	Greatest Need: Supportive Services for Homeless. Increased access to resources will reduce challenges for entering or exiting housing. Veterans are currently a priority through Built for Zero and the CAHPS list.
Family Housing Network	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.

Homeward Alliance	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Matthews House	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Outreach Fort Collins	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Poudre River Public Library District	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Poudre School District	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Salvation Army	Homeless Service Providers	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Equity and Inclusion, City of Fort Collins	Public Agency—Qualifying Population	Online Survey	No specific feedback provided.
Larimer County Department of Human Services	Public Agency—Qualifying Population	Online Survey	No specific feedback provided.
SummitStone Health Partners	Public Agency—Qualifying Population	Focus Group and Online Survey	<p>Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.</p> <p>Online survey ranked greatest need as production/preservation of affordable units for persons experiencing homeless (PEH). There is not enough inventory for PEH to utilize housing vouchers received. Non-congregate shelters do not meet the need in the warmer months, and PEH need a safe, warm place to sleep to make progress with housing goals. Supportive services and TBRA are both necessary to ensure that people have the best opportunity to be successful in housing.</p>
ARC of Larimer County	Public Agency—Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Disabilities	Online Survey	Greatest Need: Production/preservation of affordable units for other populations; specifically,

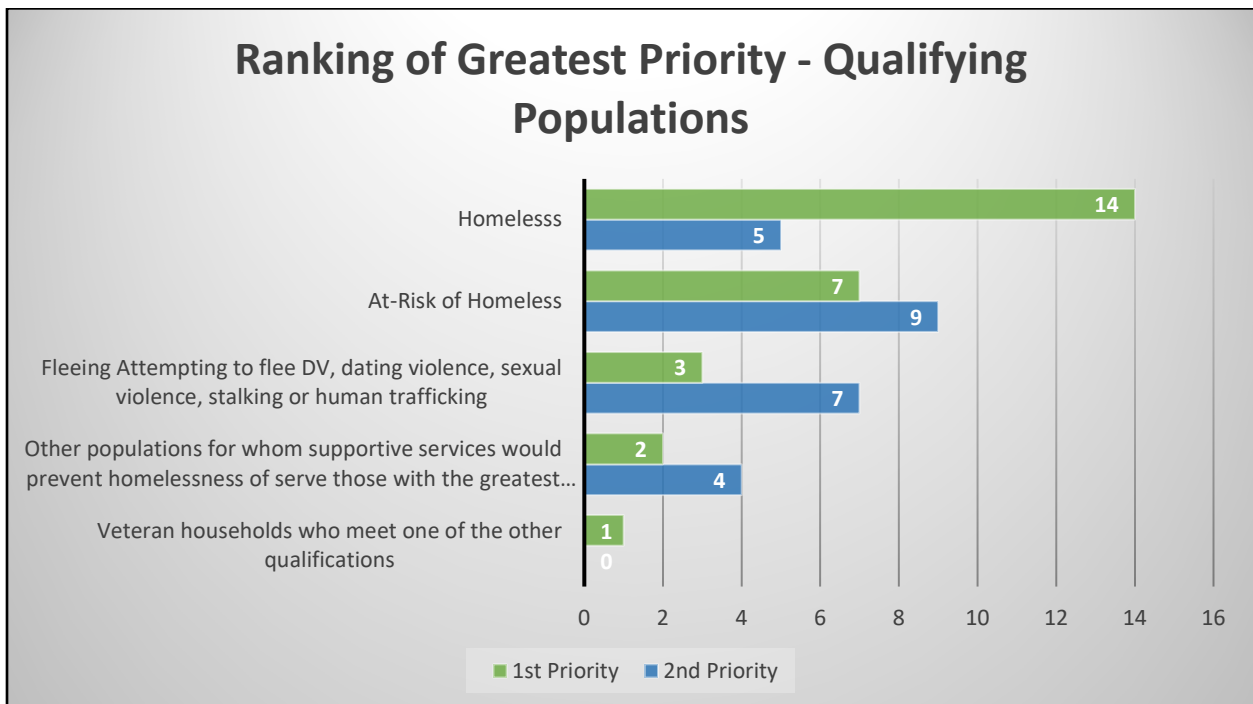
			individuals with disabilities, specifically Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, who have unique issues related to housing.
Colorado Health Network NCAP	Public Agency—Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Disabilities	Online Survey	No specific feedback provided.
Colorado Poverty Law Project	Public Agency—Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Disabilities	Online Survey	No specific feedback provided.
Disabled Resource Services	Public Agency—Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Disabilities	Online Survey	Greatest Need: Production/Preservation of affordable units for veteran households who meet one of the other qualifications.
Foothills Gateway	Public Agency—Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Disabilities	Online Survey	Greatest Need: Production/Preservation of affordable units for individuals fleeing/attempting to flee DV, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking or human trafficking.
Health District of Northern Larimer County	Public Agency—Fair Housing, Civil Rights, Disabilities	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses. Addressed the disparate impacts of the pandemic for LGBTQ+ persons, specifically housing instability.
Housing Catalyst	Public Housing Authority	Online Survey and Interview	Online survey ranked greatest need as production/preservation of affordable units for persons experiencing homeless (PEH), with greater priority for services for households with children. There is not enough inventory of rentals that allow housing vouchers. Affordable housing developments are typically within the voucher payment standards.
Children’s Speech & Reading Center	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Bohemian Foundation	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.

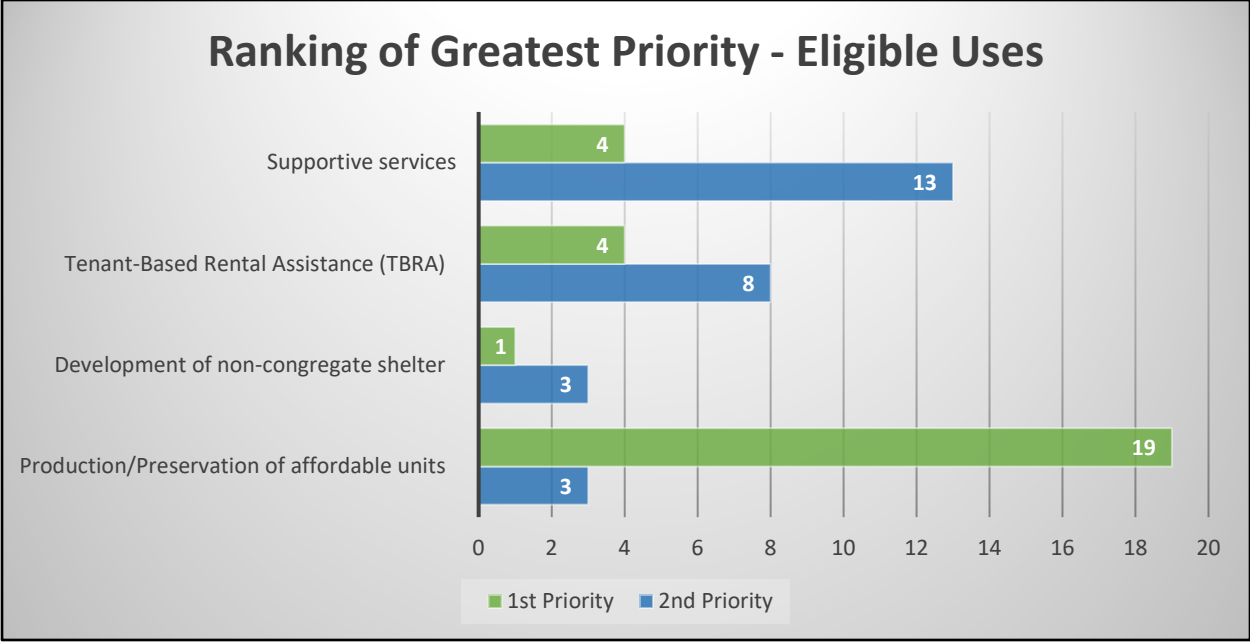
Food Bank for Larimer County	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Home Instead Senior Care	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
North Fort Collins Business Association	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Project Self-Sufficiency	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
The Family Center/La Familia	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
United Way of Larimer County	Others Consulted	Focus Group	Participated in meeting poll which ranked eligible populations and priority uses.
Northern Colorado Veterans' Resource Center	Veterans Services	Survey	Greatest Need: Supportive services for Veterans. Veteran population have fewer resources available to them and human trafficking and violence are major concerns. Serving individuals before becoming homeless is critical in saving resources and the family from a stressful situation.

HOME-ARP Consultation was first conducted by holding two separate focus group sessions on April 12 and April 19, 2022. These sessions provided an overview of the funding, eligible uses and eligible populations. Each session contained interactive surveys in which participants were asked the following:

1. Given your experience of gaps in housing and services, do you think there should be a priority or preference given to any of the qualifying populations?

- a. If you answered yes, please check which qualifying population you believe should be ranked highest in priority.
 - b. Which population would you rank 2nd?
2. Please choose which eligible use you believe is the greatest need:
 - a. Production of units
 - b. Development of non-congregate shelter
 - c. TBRA
 - d. Supportive Services
 3. Please choose the use you believe is the second greatest need





Discussions were then facilitated with the focus groups where participants shared some the reasoning behind their ranking. The following themes emerged:

- 1) Interest in maximizing the funds to address the critical housing shortages in our community, specifically the development of housing for persons earning below 30% AMI
- 2) Desire to prevent additional homelessness which would further burden the homeless providers
- 3) Need for housing navigation and supportive services, both pre-housing and post-housing
- 4) Consensus that the current network of services provides access to housing and supportive services for special populations and that it's not necessary to dedicate funding to prioritize a particular population.
- 5) Concern regarding the loss of resources among agencies that have successfully housed PEH through rapid rehousing. Specifically, concern that people could fall back into homelessness when the supportive services and housing assistance funds expire.
- 6) Acknowledgement that the funding amount received is not sufficient to make significant progress in addressing homelessness in our community

Stakeholders that did not attend the Focus Groups were sent surveys asking for their input on prioritization of the need and the populations. And finally, several stakeholders expressed an interest in follow-up consultations and the opportunity to provide additional feedback as the allocation plan began to take shape. Responses from the surveys and follow-up interviews are included in the feedback table.

While some stakeholders identified TBRA and non-congregate shelter as priority uses for the funds, none of the partners consulted were working on establishing TBRA programs or pursuing the development of non-congregate shelter. Because the City will be relying on subrecipients and

development partners to carry out eligible activities with HOME-ARP funds, support for TBRA and non-congregate shelter is not feasible under this plan.

Public Participation

Participating Jurisdictions (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: 9/9/2022 Coloradoan and email, Sept 8-30 City webpage***
- ***Public comment period: 9/12/2022 through 10/12/2022***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 9/29/2022***

Describe the public participation process:

The Social Sustainability Department (SSD) posted notice of the Public Review Period and Public Hearing online and in the local newspaper, and emailed it directly to partner organizations. The Hearing was held as a webinar, open to all members of the public who wished to attend. The Hearing included a PowerPoint outlining the Qualifying Populations, Eligible Uses and feedback received from consultation with stakeholders. It included a draft expenditure plan, which was posted on the SSD website on September 8, 2022 and shared via an SSD email blast on September 12, 2022. The meeting was opened for questions and comments, with SSD staff responding to and recording all feedback received. One agency representative from Crossroads Safehouse attended the Public Hearing. There were no comments or questions.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The City hosted two focus groups for nonprofit service providers and other community stakeholders and sent a survey to 17 organizations with work related to the eligible uses of the HOME-ARP funds. The City also conducted interviews with a limited number of organizations

that serve the eligible populations to learn more about the needs, gaps, and projects that may be eligible for funding. Throughout the process, the City maintained a webpage for the public with the Plan timeline, educational materials, stakeholder engagement, public notice and hearing information, and a comment form for the public. Additionally, the public notice for the Plan review period and public hearing were communicated to the community through multiple modes, including the local newspaper, the City's website, and through nonprofit and other service providers—especially those connected to marginalized populations and/or protected classes. The public hearing was held online to remove barriers to participation and prevent the spread of covid. Notice of the review period and hearing was provided in English and Spanish, and interpretation was offered in the notice. The City followed the HUD required Citizen Participation Plan for all efforts related to this Plan’s development.

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

Responses to the focus groups, survey, and interviews are summarized in the Consultation section. One agency representative attended the Public Hearing. There were no comments or questions. There were no other public comments received during the Public Review Period.

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

All comments were accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

The City of Fort Collins consulted multiple sources of information regarding housing and shelter needs. This included the 2020 Decennial Census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2019 5-year Estimates, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data sets from 2014-2018, the 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) count, HMIS, the Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), the 2019 Social Sustainability Gaps Analysis and the 2020 Housing Strategic Plan.

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 (incl. DV)	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	10	4	166	-	16								
Transitional Housing(incl.RRH)	-	25	-	90	64								
Permanent Supportive Housing	-	-	-	120	15								
Other Permanent Housing	-	-	-	49	-								

Sheltered Homeless					#65	219	28	54				
Unsheltered Homeless					#	84	3	11				
Current Gap									-74	-30	-151	-125

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

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory¹	Level of Need²	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	33967		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	819	6955	-6136
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	3571	5720	-2149
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		6035	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		5100	
Current Gaps			-8285

Suggested Data Sources: 1. 2018 American Community Survey (ACS); 2020 Fort Collins Social Sustainability Gaps Analysis (Figure I-15, Rental Market Gaps, Fort Collins, 2018, <https://www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability/files/final-report-social-sustainability-gaps-analysis-6-8-2020.pdf>) 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The Northern Colorado Continuum of Care conducted the 2022 Regional Point-in-Time Count on January 25, 2022. The sheltered PIT Count was completed using Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data. Other programs, such as domestic violence providers or homeless service providers who were not yet enrolled in HMIS, completed surveys with individuals accessing services on the day of the count.

The PIT Count reported a total of 368 Persons Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) on the night of the count. This included 284 PEH in the shelters and another 84 persons unsheltered. The demographic composition off the 368 PEH is as follows:

- 303 Adults without children, consisting of the following demographics:
 - 207 Male
 - 92 Female
 - 2 Gender non-conforming

- 20 Households with Children, consisting of the following demographics:
 - 65 total persons, 37 female & 28 male
- 31 households including a veteran family member
- 65 persons displaced by Domestic Violence
- 103 persons reported with Substance abuse issues
- 99 persons with serious mental health issues

Analysis of the 2022 PIT Count data compared to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimate data for Larimer County shows stark racial and ethnic disparities. White people make up 90% of the total population in Fort Collins, but only account for 80% of the homeless population. The greatest disparity occurs among Black/African Americans experiencing homelessness. Additionally, both Black/African Americans and Native Americans appear more likely to become homeless than other Northern Coloradans in poverty, including other racial minorities.

Specifically:

- Black people make up 1% of the total population, 2% of people in poverty, and make up 6% of the total homeless population
- Native Americans make up 1% of the total population, 1% of people in poverty, and make up 5% of the total homeless population

Among families with children, Hispanic/Latino households were disproportionately represented, accounting for 49% of the homeless families while they account for only 12% of the total population.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

CHAS data indicates that there are about 6,955 households earning 30% AMI or less, which meets the definition for “at risk of homelessness.” Most households in this low-income category are cost-burdened and are spending too much on housing. 86% of households making 30% AMI or less per year are cost-burdened (spending more than 30% on housing) and 80% are extremely cost-burdened (spending 50% or more on housing).

The demographic characteristics of households earning 30% AMI or less indicate that Hispanic/Latinx, Black or African American, and Native American households make up a disproportionate share of low-income households in Fort Collins. More than one in four of both Asian and Hispanic households earn less than \$25,000 per year, compared with just 19% of non-Hispanic white households. Poverty rates are highest for Black/African American Residents (22% of the 2,312 total Black residents are living in poverty), and lowest for non-Hispanic white residents (16% of the 123,833 total non-Hispanic white residents).

Nearly 4,700 residents of Fort Collins are also estimated to have an ambulatory disability, the majority of whom are seniors. As the population of Fort Collins ages, the need for accessible, affordable units will continue to rise. Additionally, accessible units paired with access to transportation and nearby services are imperative to the independence of disabled residents.

Stakeholders indicate the city has an overall shortage of affordable, accessible units, putting this population at 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

Data collected from the 2022 PIT count indicated that 65 persons were displaced by Domestic Violence, accounting for approximately 18% of persons experiencing homelessness. In follow-up consultation, Crossroads Safehouse advised that they serve approximately 20 households with children per year through their Road to Home program in addition to the approximate 120 households who stay at the shelter each year. Road to Home participants are households that are unable to transition from the shelter to permanent housing. They are typically extremely low income, require housing navigation assistance and longer-term supportive services. In FY20, Crossroads reported serving 770 victims of domestic violence in their emergency shelter. They have reported that their crisis calls have increased by 40% since the onset of the pandemic and an increase in abuse cases where victims have been isolated with their perpetrators and removed from support systems.

The Sexual Assault Victim Advocate (SAVA) Center provides crisis intervention, advocacy and counseling to residents affected by sexual violence. In consultation, SAVA identified safe housing as a need for victims, and noted that support services for their clients are necessary for more than housing navigation. SAVA does not provide housing but refers clients in need to housing providers in the community. Last fiscal year, SAVA served over 700 clients through counseling, crisis line, and prevention education. Over 50% of clients are extremely low income, and 30% of clients are Hispanic.

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

HUD defines these populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:

(1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness is defined as households (i.e., individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as “homeless” as defined in 24 CFR 91.5, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

(2) At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below: is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below: (i) has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs); (ii) has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, AND meets one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at 24 CFR 91.5: (A)

Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau; (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan.

In 2022, approximately 70 persons, some of which are families, are currently housed through a Rapid Rehousing program and at greater risk of homelessness if they experience a loss in housing assistance or supportive services.

In the 2020-21 school year, Poudre School District (PSD) identified 1,432 students, pre-K through grade 12, who experienced some form of homelessness and qualified for McKinney-Vento services. This population includes homeless youth and families that were not represented in the 2022 PIT count.

While difficult to quantify, Fort Collins does not currently have respite beds available for persons being discharged from local hospitals or publicly funded institutions. Persons in these situations end up being referred to local homeless shelters.

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

Although Fort Collins has a strong network of homeless service providers, it still has a shortage of approximately 150 shelter beds for adult PEH, and 70 beds for families. This shortage is most acute during the winter months when severe weather poses the greatest risk. Annually, the City works with the homeless providers to implement a Seasonal Overflow Shelter to create temporary additional bed space from November through April. Community partners have been working on a longer-term solution for homeless sheltering, and in June of 2022, the Fort Collins Rescue Mission announced it had selected a site for development of a new 24/7 shelter for men experiencing homelessness. Land has been secured for this development and they are in the early stages of planning.

Multiple service providers participate with the Coordinated Entry (CE) system with the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care (NoCO CoC). This collaboration helps to coordinate the available resources and services with those who are most vulnerable. Members of the NoCO CoC are anticipating additional Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) will be made available to the

community. However, there is a continuing need for housing navigation assistance and landlord outreach to assist voucher recipients in securing housing.

Housing Catalyst completed construction on its second Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) community, Mason Place, in March 2021. This added an additional 60 units of PSH to Fort Collins and provided housing for some of the most vulnerable homeless persons in the community, including some who had been assisted with temporary non-congregate shelter funded with Community Development Block Grant Covid Relief (CDBG-CV) funds. There are no additional PSH units being planned at this time and the temporary non-congregate shelter program was discontinued after all occupants were exited, a majority into permanent housing.

The greatest shortage in the housing inventory remains for those units serving households below 30% AMI. And, once persons are successfully housed in those units, they often require on-going support in order to stay housed successfully.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Based on the NoCO CoC's 2022 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data, there is a shortage of approximately 225 shelter beds in Fort Collins. The data also indicates an increase in PEH with behavioral health and substance abuse disorders compared to the 2020 PIT.

HIC data indicates there is a shortage of approximately 155 housing units and rental subsidy (such as Housing Choice Vouchers) available to assist moving people out of homelessness. When new vouchers become available, it is often difficult for recipients to find rental units with private landlords willing to accept them. Area rents are often higher than voucher payment standard and landlords are resistant to take risks in housing populations with negative items on their credit and background checks.

Consultation with the local homeless service providers and the Continuum of Care highlighted a shortage of supportive services to assist people in moving from homelessness to housing stability. Specifically, the missing services noted, were:

1. Case-management support for voucher recipients
2. Housing navigation assistance
3. Landlord engagement and advocacy
4. Pre-housing supportive services
5. Post-housing services to help persons who were recently homeless retain their housing

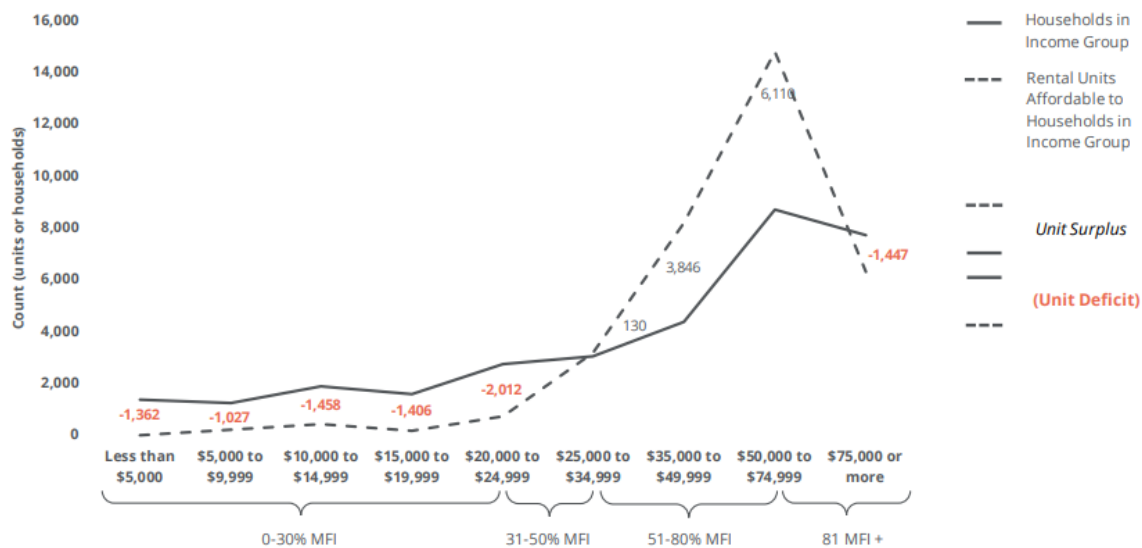
At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

About 6,955 renter households earn 30% AMI or below, which meets the definition of "at risk of homelessness." There are only about 819 rental units priced at a 30% AMI or below affordability range. This leaves a "gap," or shortage, of 6,136 units for these extremely low-income

households. Furthermore, the inventory of housing affordable to households earning 50% AMI or below has decreased by more than 3,400 units from 2010-2018.

Given this lack of housing inventory, households in lower income categories are forced to rent above their affordability range or “double up” with other households in violation of the City’s current occupancy limit of 3 unrelated individuals. This results in extreme cost burden for low-income households, increases housing instability, and creates a very tight rental market in the city for all price points below \$1,250 per month. In Fort Collins, about 60% of all renters are cost-burdened.

Figure I-16.
Rental Market Gaps, Fort Collins, 2018



Source: 2018 ACS and Root Policy Research

Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) are a critical support for households at risk of homelessness, helping to “close the gap” for some low-income households. However, the need for HCV is far greater than the number of vouchers available. There are approximately 1,675 Housing Choice Vouchers in Fort Collins, administered by Housing Catalyst (1502 vouchers), SummitStone Health Partners (about 175 vouchers), and Foothills Gateway. The specific breakdown of HCV administered by Housing Catalyst is listed below:

- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH): 174
- Family Unification Program: 50
- Foster Youth Initiative: 6
- Emergency Housing Vouchers: 25
- Non-Elderly Disabled: 200
- Mainstream Vouchers: 178
- All others: 869 (regular; project-based; and Tenant Protection Vouchers)

Taking into account the inventory of housing units affordable to households at 30% AMI or less (819 units) and the number of HCV (1,675), CHAS data indicates that there is still a gap of about 4,461 households who are at risk of homelessness and do not have either the opportunity to rent an affordable unit or secure a housing voucher. There is a significant need for additional housing units at all income levels up to 80% AMI, but particularly for units serving households at 30% AMI or below. In addition, the population at risk of homelessness has unmet service needs for housing counseling, emergency rental assistance, HCVs, and social safety net resources (e.g. SNAP, emergency assistance, eviction prevention assistance, etc.).

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

Data collected from the 2020 PIT count indicates that 18% of the respondents experiencing homelessness were currently fleeing domestic violence. Consultation with homeless service providers revealed that 80% of the families with children residing in transitional housing had been displaced by domestic violence. Organizations that serve this population participate with the CAHPS system and local Continuum of Care. This population accounts for approximately 20% of all needed units, or 30 out of the estimated 155.

In addition to affordable housing options for extremely low-income families with children, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking often require extensive supportive services to navigate the housing system and obtain stability. Service providers serving these populations emphasized the need for the following supportive services:

- Resource navigation assistance
- Landlord engagement
- Advocacy
- Post-housing support

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability:

CHAS data indicates there are over 16,400 renter households earning between 30% - 50% AMI that are severely cost burdened, paying over 50% of their income towards housing. Households most at risk include seniors and persons with disabilities, who are often on fixed incomes and cannot keep pace with escalating housing costs. There is also a shortage of affordable and accessible housing for these households. This need is anticipated to grow as the population continues to age.

Unmet service needs for cost burdened households include the following: housing counseling, social safety net resources (e.g. SNAP, emergency assistance, eviction prevention assistance, etc.) and services that support aging in place (home care, meal delivery, transportation assistance, etc.).

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

One of the largest gaps in the current shelter and housing inventory has been the lack of a detox center and treatment facility within the County. Some of this pressure will be alleviated with the opening of Larimer County’s new behavioral health facility, Longview, in 2023, and ongoing partnership and collaboration will be critical. Additional current gaps include shelter space for couples; individuals, couples and families with pets; youth; and LGBTQ+ groups. Fort Collins’ emergency shelter for men is consistently above its comfortable capacity (and often turning people away), and the shelter for women and families has had to convert all its daytime space into sleeping quarters as the community need continues to grow. Among service delivery gaps, front line Spanish-speaking staff is a noticeable need, as well as peer programs for people who have experienced homelessness to mentor others who are currently unhoused. Persons who receive Housing Choice Vouchers often find it difficult to find rental units in which to use the vouchers. One of the largest identified gaps is in the area of landlord engagement and a lack of resources to incentivize landlords to participate in voucher and TBRA programs.

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 has chosen not to further identify “other populations” within the qualifying populations already identified by HUD.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The priority needs identified remain consistent with those identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, Housing Strategic Plan and 2019 Social Sustainability Gaps Analysis. There is a critical housing shortage for households earning below 30% AMI, particularly those with fixed incomes such as seniors and persons with disabilities. Increasing the inventory of affordable units, particularly accessible units and those serving persons <30% AMI, ranked as the highest priority.

Even when qualifying households have access to affordable units, they have a high need for supportive services to assist in accessing housing and resources. This includes housing navigation assistance, financial support with first month’s rent and deposit, assistance negotiating with landlords, and post-occupancy support.

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

The City determined the level of needs and gaps based on the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), 2020 Housing Strategic Plan, 2019 Gaps Analysis and consultation with the local housing authority, Continuum of Care and homeless service providers.

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:

Once the City has received the full HOME-ARP award from HUD, the funding will be made available through a Competitive Application process. The City will open two separate applications, one for housing and one for supportive services. Notification of the application will be posted on the SSD website and emails will be sent to local housing developers and non-profit organizations.

Applications for the development of units serving persons <30% AMI will be accepted by both for-profit and non-profit developers. Units in multi-family developments that are available to serve all eligible populations will be prioritized over units that are developed to serve specific populations (such as seniors). In the event multiple projects compete for the same funding, projects will be further reviewed for the total amount of affordable units they provide to the community. Projects that not only meet the HOME-ARP development goals, but also add additional units for households earning below 50% AMI will score higher.

Applications for supportive services will be accepted by local non-profit subrecipients with demonstrated experience serving qualified populations. Priority will be given to organizations that work collaboratively across the community to provide supportive services to all qualifying populations.

At the close of the application period, all applications received will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and their ability to deliver on the priority needs identified in this plan. All eligible applications will be forwarded to the Human Services and Housing Funding Board for final review and funding recommendations to City Council. Once recommendations are approved by City Council, HOME-ARP funds will become available for contracting.

Awards will be made based on the applicant's project scope as it pertains to the outlined priority needs in this plan as well as the applicant's familiarity with utilizing federal funding and ability to comply with all federal and local requirements.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Fort Collins will not directly administer the eligible activities.

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

The City will not allocate funds to a contractor or subrecipient to administer the entire HOME-ARP Grant.

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

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 400,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ \$2,000,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 228,410	8.7 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,628,410		

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

This allocation plan reflects the following two priorities received from stakeholder engagement:

1. Commit funds to systemic solutions to increase housing inventory
2. Commit funds to supportive services to assist persons currently experiencing homelessness and to prevent those precariously housed from becoming homeless

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 long-term solution to addressing homelessness must include an increase in the housing inventory, particularly units that serve persons earning below 30% AMI. To the maximum extent feasible, the City will invest in these units as part of larger development projects that increase not only the inventory of 30% units but add additional low-income units to the housing stock.

However, it takes more than just affordable housing units to address homelessness. When additional housing resources become available, such as vacancies in PSH or Housing Choice Vouchers, PEH require supportive services to navigate the housing system, pre-housing case-management, and, often, post-housing supportive services.

It is the intention that the investment of HOME-ARP funds will not only result in creating housing opportunity for some of our most vulnerable community members, but the funds will also support long-term stability to prevent them becoming homeless after being housed.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals Template

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

It is estimated that \$2,000,000 in HOME-ARP could support the production of 8 rental housing units 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:

It is estimated that HOME-ARP funds would assist in the development of 8 units of affordable rental housing serving households below 30% AMI. If these funds can leverage other funding resources, such as LIHTC subsidy, they could create an additional 70-80 units of affordable rental housing, 30 of which could serve households below 50% AMI, which are identified by HUD as "other populations at risk of homeless."

Preferences

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

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

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

implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Based on the results of the stakeholder engagement, there will be no additional prioritization for recipients of supportive services and housing constructed with HOME-ARP funds. All developers of affordable housing will be required to provide outreach that solicits applications from all qualifying populations.

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

No preference identified

Referral Methods

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

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

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

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

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

Template:

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

In order to facilitate access to all eligible populations, housing developed with HOME-ARP funds will accept referrals from multiple sources, including the Coordinated Entry. No single source of referral will be used.

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

Currently, the coordinated entry process does not include all eligible populations. It will not be used as a single source of referral for units developed with HOME-ARP.

If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

N/A

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

N/A

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

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:

Based on consultation with local providers, the City has determined not to limit eligibility for rental housing developed with HOME-ARP funding to a particular qualifying population. Victims of Domestic Violence, Stalking, Sexual Harassment and Human trafficking, are currently included in our Coordinated Entry program, along with Persons Experiencing Homeless, including homeless veterans. Based on the current integration of services, there is no necessity to prioritize specific populations.

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

The City will not be implementing limitations on access to services or housing for special populations.

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

N/A

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

The City of Fort Collins does not plan to utilize HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing. Therefore, it has not prepared Refinancing Guidelines pursuant to HOME-ARP.

- ***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***
N/A
- ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***
N/A
- ***State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.***
N/A
- ***Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.***
N/A
- ***State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.***
N/A
- ***Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:***
N/A

Public Participation Attachments

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AVISO DEL PERIODO DE REVISIÓN PÚBLICA Y AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

Este aviso incluye información sobre el período de revisión pública y la Audiencia Pública para el Plan de Acción Anual FY21 (AAP, por sus siglas en inglés) Enmienda Sustancial, y los lugares y las maneras en que los ciudadanos pueden proveer sus comentarios. Ya que la Ciudad de Fort Collins recibe fondos federales para vivienda y para actividades de desarrollo de la comunidad, se requiere que este documento sea remitido al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés).

El Borrador del Plan de Acción Anual Enmienda Sustancial del año fiscal 2021 de la Ciudad de Fort Collins estará disponible para la revisión pública desde el 12 de septiembre hasta el 12 de octubre, 2022. El borrador del documento estará disponible en el sitio web de la ciudad en www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability. También se celebrará una Audiencia Pública en línea el jueves, 29 de septiembre, 11:00 a.m. al mediodía, los detalles y el enlace están disponibles en www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability.

La ciudad de Fort Collins recibió \$2,628,410 en fondos HOME-ARP en una asignación única del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) para beneficiar a los grupos poblacionales que reúnen los requisitos en nuestra comunidad. El HUD exige el plan de asignación para que la ciudad pueda recibir los fondos de la subvención federal HOME-ARP. El plan de asignación de HOME-ARP es un plan estratégico que establece la asignación de fondos para ayudar a las personas o grupos familiares que no tienen hogar, que corren el riesgo de no tenerlo y a otras poblaciones vulnerables proporcionándoles viviendas asequibles, asistencia para el alquiler, servicios de apoyo o refugios no colectivos con el fin de reducir el sinhogarismo y aumentar la estabilidad con respecto a la vivienda. El plan de asignación define el uso de los fondos de la subvención federal HOME-ARP para abordar estas necesidades.

Copias de este aviso del periodo de revisión pública y de la Audiencia Pública serán colocadas en aproximadamente una docena de entidades que sirven a un número significativo de personas pertenecientes a grupos legalmente protegidos (personas en una minoría racial o étnica, personas con discapacidades, madres solteras, etc.), personas pertenecientes a grupos especiales (jóvenes en riesgo, etc.), personas pertenecientes a una clasificación federal de “Beneficios Automáticos” (víctimas de abuso conyugal, personas con VIH/SIDA, personas en situación de sinhogarismo , etc.), o personas que puedan tener barreras adicionales para la participación pública.

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La Ciudad de Fort Collins hará las adaptaciones razonables para el acceso a servicios, programas y actividades de la ciudad y hará aquellos arreglos especiales de comunicación para personas con discapacidades. Todos los sitios para la participación en este proceso son completamente accesibles. Para más ayuda, sírvase llamar al 970-232-0512. Hay disponibilidad de equipos de asistencia para discapacitados. V/TDD: Marque 711 para que Relay Colorado llame al 970-221-6734. Esta información está disponible en español u otro idioma sin costo para la persona que le gustaría esta información traducida o comunicada en español u otro idioma. Favor llame al 970-232-0512 o a titlesix@fcgov.com para solicitar información en otros idiomas.

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El Borrador del Plan de Acción Anual Enmienda Sustancial del año fiscal 2021 de la Ciudad de Fort Collins estará disponible para la revisión pública desde el 12 de septiembre hasta el 12 de octubre, 2022. El borrador del documento estará disponible en el sitio web de la ciudad en www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability. También se celebrará una Audiencia Pública en línea el jueves, 29 de septiembre, 11:00 a.m. al mediodía, los detalles y el enlace están disponibles en www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability.

La ciudad de Fort Collins recibió \$2,628,410 en fondos HOME-ARP en una asignación única del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) para beneficiar a los grupos poblacionales que reúnen los requisitos en nuestra comunidad. El HUD exige el plan de asignación para que la ciudad pueda recibir los fondos de la subvención federal HOME-ARP. El plan de asignación de HOME-ARP es un plan estratégico que establece la asignación de fondos para ayudar a las personas o grupos familiares que no tienen hogar, que corren el riesgo de no tenerlo y a otras poblaciones vulnerables proporcionándoles viviendas asequibles, asistencia para el alquiler, servicios de apoyo o refugios no colectivos con el fin de reducir el sinhogarismo y aumentar la estabilidad con respecto a la vivienda. El plan de asignación define el uso de los fondos de la subvención federal HOME-ARP para abordar estas necesidades.

Copias de este aviso del periodo de revisión pública y de la Audiencia Pública serán colocadas en aproximadamente una docena de entidades que sirven a un número significativo de personas pertenecientes a grupos legalmente protegidos (personas en una minoría racial o étnica, personas con discapacidades, madres solteras, etc.), personas pertenecientes a grupos especiales (jóvenes en riesgo, etc.), personas pertenecientes a una clasificación federal de "Beneficios Automáticos" (víctimas de abuso conyugal, personas con VIH/SIDA, personas en situación de sinhogarismo, etc.) o personas que puedan tener barreras adicionales para la participación pública.

Los comentarios escritos sobre el Plan de Acción Anual Enmienda Sustancial del Año Fiscal 2021 pueden ser remitidos al Departamento de Sostenibilidad Social de la Ciudad de Fort Collins, localizado en 222 Laporte Ave (dirección postal: PO Box 580, Fort Collins, CO 80522) o a través de dtrialkens@fcgov.com. Para más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Sostenibilidad Social de la Ciudad al 970-221-6734. Los ciudadanos también pueden hacer una cita para expresar sus opiniones en persona o un miembro de personal.

La Ciudad de Fort Collins hará las adaptaciones razonables para el acceso a servicios, programas y actividades de la ciudad y hará aquellos arreglos especiales de comunicación para personas con discapacidades. Todos los sitios para la participación en este proceso son completamente accesibles. Para más ayuda, sírvase llamar al 970-232-0512. Hoy disponibilidad de equipos de asistencia para discapacidades. V/TDD: Marque 711 para que Relay Colorado llame al 970-221-6734. Esta información está disponible en español u otro idioma sin costo para la persona que le gustaría esta información traducida o comunicada en español u otro idioma. Favor llame al 970-232-0512 o a liffesix@fcgov.com para solicitar información en otros idiomas.

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Announcements



HOME-ARP Program

Notice of Public Review Period and Public Hearing

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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Notice of Public Review Period and Public Hearing
This notice includes information on the public review period and Public Hearing for the **Draft FY21 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment**, and details locations and ways for citizens to provide input. Because the City of Fort Collins is the recipient of federal funds for housing and community development activities, this document is required for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Public Review
September 12-October 12, 2022

Online Public Hearing
September 29, 2022
11:00 a.m. - noon

- Meeting Link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
- Meeting ID: 975 3354 2843
- Passcode: mrh9Qd7i

[View the full public notice](#)

[Read the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan \(Draft\)](#)



As a HOME program grantee, the City of Fort Collins has received \$2.6M from HUD to benefit our community's most vulnerable members. These funds are known as HOME-ARP funds and the City is required to craft a plan with public input on how to spend it. The City of Fort Collins will conduct multiple public engagement activities to include in the Allocation Plan submitted to HUD later this year, which will detail the priorities for use of the funding.

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What is HOME-ARP?

About the Funding

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The City of Fort Collins must engage in consultation and public participation processes and develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to receive the funds. The Plan will describe how the City of Fort Collins intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds, including how it will use these funds to address the needs of HOME-ARP qualifying populations. The City City submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD as a substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan for HUD review and acceptance.

Eligible Activities

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

Qualifying Populations

- Homeless (McKinney-Vento definition)
- At-risk of homelessness (McKinney-Vento definition)
- Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, trafficking
- Other populations for whom supportive services would prevent homelessness to serve those at greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and families with a veteran member that meet one of the above criteria

[City of Fort Collins HOME-ARP Overview](#)

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What we need from YOU:

- Input on unmet needs and gaps in the current system
- Information on any projects in development that may benefit from HOME-ARP funding
- Support in identifying priority needs



Stakeholder Input Sessions

In April 2022, the City of Fort Collins invited representatives from community agencies and service providers to gather feedback about gaps in the community, priority needs, and current projects in development that align with the HOME-ARP program

[Presentation Slides](#)



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (Draft)

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[Read the Allocation Plan](#)

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Timeline

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 - 📅 April - August 2022
 - Consultation and public participation

- **Public Review of Allocation Plan**
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 - 30-day Public Notice of Allocation Plan
 - Revisions based on public participation and feedback

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Allocation Plan Certification and Submission to HUD
October 2022

We want to hear from you!

If you have questions or comments about how funds should be used please send us a note.

First Name * Last Name *

Email *

Phone

Comments *

[Submit](#)

HOME ARP Public Hearing

Location:
Remote - See Agenda For Details

Date:
Thursday September 29, 2022 11:00 AM

Web address:
<https://www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability/home-arp>

Contact Info:
Dianne Tjalkens
Phone: 970-221-6734
E-mail address: dtjalkens@fcgov.com

Details:
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- There is a 30-day public review period for the Plan September 12 through October 12, and a Public Hearing on September 29.
- For details, read the attached public notice (in English and Spanish). The draft Plan and link to the hearing will be available online at <https://www.fcgov.com/socialsustainability/home-arp>. During the 30-day public review period, community members have a chance to comment on the federal funding allocations.
- We encourage you to review the draft Allocation Plan and attend the Public Hearing on September 29 to learn more about it and have your voices heard.

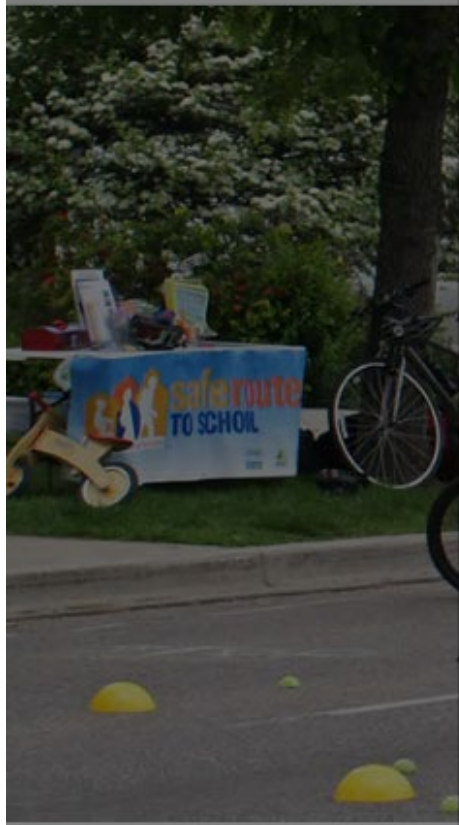
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