

Warren Trumbull HOME Consortium HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Consultation

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

The availability of HOME-ARP funding and discussion of potential funding priorities took place at the Warren Trumbull Housing Collaborative (the Continuum of Care coordinating body) meetings on October 14, 2021, November 9, 2021 and July 12, 2022. The opportunity also was reported to the Warren City Council on November 22, 2023.

A Community Needs Survey was distributed to the HOME Collaborative, the Trumbull County Planning Commission and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership to solicit their feedback as to needs and priorities for homeless housing and support services. The survey also was posted on the City of Warren website starting November 15, 2022 with responses requested by December 30, 2022. (A copy of the survey form is attached as Appendix A.)

Interviews and small group discussions were held with 22 organizations from February 2 through February 16, 2023. Following is a list of organizations consulted. A public hearing was held on March 14, 2023 as well as two public comment sessions on March 29, 2023.

Organizations Consulted

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Catholic Charities Regional Agency	Non-profit service provider	Interview	Priorities: 1. Women's and children's emergency/transitional shelter; 2. Landlord incentives
City of Warren	Community development	Interview	Greatest need is transitional housing.
Coleman Health Services	Non-profit behavioral health and support services	Interview	Priorities: 1. More housing, especially efficiencies; 2. Women's and children's emergency/transitional shelter for a three- to six-month stay.
Community Legal Aid Services	Legal services & advocacy, fair housing	Interview	Priorities: 1. A right to counsel in eviction cases; 2. Wrap-around services to address causes of homelessness. Predatory landlords' rent-to-own scams.
Compass Family & Community Services	Non-profit service provider	Interview	Priorities: 1. Construction of a more dignified shelter, particularly for women and children; 2. Transitional housing with wrap-around services.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Emmanuel Community Care Center	Religious outreach & advocacy center for the poor, Homeless Crisis Response Program	Interview	Priorities: 1. Shelter for women & children; 2. Christy House emergency shelter rebuilding; 3. Mental health crisis drop-in center; 4. Low-income housing.
Girard Multi-Generational Center	Non-profit senior center	Interview	Some seniors need affordable housing; not many are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
Greater Warren-Youngstown Urban League	Homeless shelter operator, non-profit service agency	Interview	Priorities: 1. 10 emergency shelter rooms for women and children; 2. Renovation of Christy House; 3. Permanent supportive housing.
Help Network of Northeast Ohio	State-supported outreach to the homeless; community hotline	Interview	Priorities: 1. More affordable housing; 2. Incentives for landlord acceptance of housing choice vouchers.
Mahoning Valley YWCA/Wings	Permanent supportive housing and non-profit service organization	Interview	Priority: 1. More affordable housing in mixed-income buildings near jobs.
Ohio Family & Community Services	Domestic violence and veterans services	Group discussion	Priorities: 1. Operational funding for domestic violence; 2. Building improvements; 3. 10-15 units of permanent supportive housing for veterans, others.
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Non-profit provider of food, clothing and services for the homeless and the poor	Interview	Priority: Additional housing – emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing units.
Salvation Army Warren Corps	Non-profit provider of basic human needs and case management for the homeless and the poor	Interview	Priority: New, larger emergency shelter with individual rooms and a drop-in center.
Someplace Safe	Domestic violence shelter	Group discussion	Priorities: 1. Repair and upgrade shelter's parking lot; 2. Operational funding for domestic violence; 3. Transitional housing.
Trumbull Community Action Program	State community action agency	Interview	Priority: 1. More funding for first month's rents for transitional/permanent housing.

Trumbull County Planning Commission	Local government, HOME administration	Interview	Priorities: 1. Build a new shelter to replace Christy House; 2. More permanent supportive housing; 3. More landlord incentives to accept housing vouchers.
Trumbull Mental Health & Recovery Board	Local mental health and addiction services, disabilities	Interview	Priorities: 1. Women and children's housing with mental health drop-off center; 2. More low-income housing, particularly to replace units demolished at Riverview.
Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority	Housing authority	Interviews	Priorities: 1. More affordable housing; 2. Supportive housing; 3. Tiny houses for veterans or other groups. 4. Sufficiency services for TMHA residents.
Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership	Community development corporation, Trumbull County Land Bank	Interview	Priority: Scattered-site transitional housing. Land Bank has 3,000 parcels.
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Federal veterans agency	Group discussion	Priority: Seed money for diversion and prevention services.
Warren City Schools	Local school system, support for homeless and at-risk children	Interview	Priorities: 1. Christy House renovation for families; 2. A juvenile housing facility for middle- and high-school students who have been kicked out of their homes.
Warren Family Mission	Non-profit shelter and provider of food and services	Interview	Priority: Women's and children's emergency housing.
Warren Trumbull Housing Collaborative	Continuum of Care coordinating body	Meetings	

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

Eighteen responses to the Community Needs Survey were received from residents, business owners and non-profit service providers. The following tables summarize their prioritization of housing and supportive services for the homeless and at-risk individuals.

Priority Ranking of Housing Needs for the Homeless and At-Risk Individuals

	Transitional Housing	Emergency Shelters	Supportive Housing	Construction of New Housing for At-Risk Individuals	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing for At-Risk Individuals
High Priority	83%	78%	72%	56%	50%
Medium Priority	17%	17%	22%	33%	39%
Low Priority	0%	6%	6%	6%	6%
No Need	0%	0%	0%	6%	6%

Priority Ranking of Supportive Service Needs for the Homeless and At-Risk Individuals

	Child Care	Education and Job Training	Life Skills Training and Health Services	Transportation	Rental Assistance	Food
High Priority	67%	67%	78%	94%	61%	56%
Medium Priority	17%	28%	17%	6%	33%	39%
Low Priority	6%	6%	6%	0%	6%	6%
No Need	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

The 22 facility operators and service providers identified differing priorities, in part, reflecting the segment of the homeless population they serve and the role they play. Some had very specific suggestions and others were more general in their recommendations. Each organization was asked to identify their top priority/priorities for how the HOME/ARP funds should be spent. The following table summarizes their responses, separating #1 priorities from #2, #3 and #4 priorities.

Priorities Identified in Interviews with Providers of Homeless Services

Project/Services	Priority Level	
	#1	#2, #3 or #4
Women's and Children's Emergency and Transitional Housing	7	1
More Affordable Housing	5	1
Replace/Renovate Christy House	3	2
More Transitional Housing	2	2
More Permanent Supportive Housing	0	4
Domestic Violence Operational Funding	1	1
Mental Health Crisis Drop-Off Center	1	1
Landlord Incentives to Accept Vouchers	0	3
Someplace Safe Parking Lot	1	0
Right to Counsel in Evictions	1	0
More Funding for First Month's Rents	1	0
Someplace Safe Building Improvements	0	1
Tiny Houses	0	1
Juvenile Housing Facility	0	1
Sufficiency Services	0	1
Wrap-Around Services	0	1
Total	22	20

In terms of specific project needs:

- Seven of 22 respondents identified the need for **women's and children's emergency and transitional housing**. Several specified the need for units available for three to six months as the families develop independent living skills. Christy House's congregate living facility is a bad environment for women and children due to personal safety concerns. The shelters in the HOME Consortium region offer men's beds with four hotel vouchers available for women with children. No permanent supportive housing exists for women with children and mental health issues, requiring a longer stay in transitional housing. The Trumbull Mental Health & Recovery Board is proposing to develop women's and children's shelter units in an existing building on Pine Street building in Downtown Warren. This facility would also provide for a **mental health crisis drop-off center** where police could drop off someone picked up as having a mental health crisis rather than taking them to jail. Two respondents noted a need for such a drop-off center.

- The tight supply of affordable housing and the limited number of landlords participating in housing voucher programs are escalating rents and making it difficult to locate permanent stable housing for the homeless. **Additional affordable housing** was recommended as a priority by six interviewees.
- **Replacing/renovating Christy House** was a priority for five respondents. Christy House, the primary low-barrier emergency shelter for Trumbull County, is in a former mansion built in 1926. Despite renovations, the property requires significant upgrades. Best practices provide individual spaces for residents with the ability to lock the door. Such accommodations are not possible in the existing building.
- Four respondents identified **more transitional housing** as a priority. With the tight market conditions, it is often taking three to six months to find stable housing, requiring more people to linger in emergency shelters longer than desirable. As important, though, is the need for these clients to develop independent living skills and recover from the traumas of homelessness and poverty. Transitional housing and the associated support services play an important role in providing that respite and time to prepare for living independently. Several mentioned recidivism as an indicator that the individuals and families are moving on before they are ready for permanent housing.
- Four respondents listed **more permanent supportive housing** among their secondary priorities.
- **Providing incentives for landlords to participate in the housing voucher program** were noted as secondary priorities by three organizations. Examples included double security deposits, risk mitigation funding in the event of damage to the unit, and linking funding for unit renovations to a multi-year commitment to rent to voucher holders.
- One specific need was identified for **improvements to the Someplace Safe parking lot** as well as **building improvements** (e.g., a new boiler, bathrooms and modern windows). The parking lot is broken up and dangerous for clients and employees. It needs a fence to block the visibility of clients' vehicles from potential predators.
- Other identified priorities included **funding for domestic violence services** to offset losses from the Victims of Crime Act funding, **right to counsel in eviction cases**, more **funding for first month's rents**, **tiny houses** for veterans or other groups, a **juvenile housing facility** for runaways and children thrown out of their homes, **family sufficiency services** for TMHA residents, and **more wrap-around services** to help people avoid homelessness.

These recommendations are consistent with those that the Housing Collaborative (Continuum of Care) identified as key issues and gaps in services in its November 2022 meeting:

1. "Our 'Front Doors' are clogged – Emergency Shelters need a greater capacity.
2. Long term Supportive Housing – not enough to meet demand.
3. Lack of affordable housing options within community – with situation likely to worsen."

They also shared the following project ideas:

- “Supportive Housing Project plus “green space” on lot at Monroe and North Park
- Additional funding for rental subsidies for recovery houses
- Gap housing for Veterans outreach program
- Tiny homes community with a true ‘Housing First’ model
- Funds for ‘Supportive Service’ projects and programs.”

Public Participation

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 3/9/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date – 3/14/2023 end date – 3/29/2023 with two public comment sessions at 12:00 and 4:00 on 3/29/2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 3/14/2023***

Describe the public participation process:

In the November 22, 2022 Warren City Council meeting, the following information was made available to the public:

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

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

A needs survey was posted on the City’s website and distributed to homeless service providers and other service providers. Direct contact was made with 22 organizations active in providing homeless services, including those working with youth, seniors, the disabled and veterans. The Warren Trumbull Housing Collaborative, the Continuum of Care coordinating body, provided feedback in its meeting on March 14, 2023.

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

The survey results appear in the tables on page 4.

Attendance and comment sheets from the public comment sessions are attached.

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

Warren Family Mission noted that they want to build a new shelter. The only eligible assistance would be for a non-congregate shelter.

Sunshine Warren Homes, a non-profit housing agency that provides nearly 200 housing units for low-income residents, requested grant funding to repair its rental units and to provide

supportive services, such as financial literacy. Additional comments endorsed Sunshine Warren Homes' performance and the importance of the low-cost rental housing that it provides.

The HOME Consortium acknowledges the comments and will consider future amendments to the allocation plan for eligible projects as they arise.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

The following table summarizes the inventory of available units, the size of the homeless population and the resulting gaps in housing and services for the homeless.

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table for HOME Consortium Area

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	0	9	35	0	0								
Transitional Housing	0	15	19	0	6								
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	15	200	28	7								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	146	35								
Sheltered Homeless						17	58	6	62				
Unsheltered Homeless						8	18	0	0				
Current Gap										0	8	18	0

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

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

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The Point in Time Survey for January 2022 showed six unsheltered households, including eight individuals – one aged 55 or over and seven aged 25 to 55. The Greater Warren/Youngstown Urban League also reports that in cold months an average of 10 people per night sleep in chairs at the Christy House shelter due to lack of available beds.

Sheltered individuals included 58 individuals and 17 families in emergency shelters (Christy House, Warren Family Mission and Someplace Safe) and facilities for veterans for a total of 91 people. Another nine facilities and voucher programs housed 400 households (mostly singles) in permanent supportive housing, including 184 in recovery houses sponsored by the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board, 34 veteran households with VASH vouchers and 141 households with Continuum of Care or Foster to Youth vouchers.

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is tracking 61 cases with 84 people as of February 8, 2023. Of those, 80 percent are single individuals. Twelve cases are households of two to six persons, all but one of which are women and children, including 10 that are deemed eligible for permanent supportive housing by virtue of a household member with a qualifying disability. Eighty-five percent of total cases include someone with a disability; most of these are suffering from mental illness or addiction issues. Forty-six percent have no source of income. Eighty percent are not considered to be chronically homeless; 3 percent are “nearly chronic” and 15 percent are “possibly chronic.” All of those characterized as “nearly chronic” or “possibly chronic” have a certified disability. Sixteen percent were homeless four or more times in the past three years, and 18 percent were homeless for 12 months or more over the past three years. Veterans account for 8 percent of cases, as do individuals fleeing domestic violence. Seven are transition-aged youth, including five with a disability.

**Characteristics of Homeless Management Information System Cases,
February 8, 2023**

	Number	Percent
Household Size		
1	49	80%
2	6	10%
3	3	5%
4	2	3%
6	1	2%
Veterans	6	10%
Fleeing Domestic Violence	5	8%
Transition-Aged Youth (18-24)	7	11%
Eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing (Person with a Disability)	52	85%
Times Homeless in the Past Three Years		0%
1	30	49%
2	14	23%
3	7	11%
4+	10	16%
Months Homeless in the Past Three Years		
1	16	26%
2	9	15%
3	6	10%
4	6	10%
5	2	3%
6	4	7%
8	4	7%
9	1	2%
12	2	3%
>12	11	18%
Chronic Status		0%
Not Chronic	49	80%
Nearly Chronic	2	3%
Possibly Chronic	9	15%
Aged Indigent	1	2%
Have Income	33	54%
Total	61	100%

Source: Homeless Management Information System, 2/8/23.

Information on the 115 Trumbull County homeless families sheltered from February 2020 through January 2023 collected by the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board

indicates that mental health or addiction was a contributing factor to their homelessness. Seventy percent were female-headed households. Eighty-eight percent were unemployed; nine percent were employed full-time or attending school, and three percent were employed part-time. Of the 169 homeless children, 108 were Black or African American, 9 were Native American or Alaskan, and 51 were White.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Trumbull Community Action Program (TCAP) administers the homeless prevention program. They report that 79 Trumbull County residents being evicted or about to be evicted were served in January 2023. The program was able to help prevent their homelessness through a series of interventions, including payment of rents in arrears, and payment of outstanding utility balances. For those forced to move to different housing, TCAP was able to fund first month's rent, security deposits and utility deposits, as needed. The eviction database maintained by the Supreme Court of Ohio shows that an average of 18.3 eviction cases were brought each week in 2022 in the HOME Consortium portion of Trumbull County. Of those, 12.1 cases proceeded to a trial or a hearing and 5.2 cases were dismissed. Some of those evicted will find housing with family and friends; many are at risk of homelessness.

Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority (TMHA) is demolishing 152 units of public housing this summer, displacing an estimated 102 households. While 60 percent indicated a preference to stay within TMHA housing, this number of displaced households greatly exceeds the availability of other TMHA units. Those not transferred to other TMHA properties generally will be provided with housing vouchers. However, there are issues with households that did not pay a security deposit or have rent in arrears not being eligible for a housing voucher. Community organizations are mobilizing to help erase those barriers to qualifying for vouchers.

The fact that 15 of 45 new housing choice voucher holders in January 2023 returned their vouchers after failing to find private-market housing illustrates the shortage of available private-market units affordable to low-income households. Those displaced by TMHA and given vouchers will be competing in an even more competitive housing market. Some will be unable to find appropriate housing and will become at risk of homelessness in April or May 2023.

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

Someplace Safe, the domestic violence shelter for Trumbull County, saw 16 adults with eight children fleeing domestic violence in the week of February 13, 2023. Of the 16 adults, one was aged 18 to 24, 11 were aged 25 to 59, and four were 60 or older. The agency also operates a legal advocacy program that received almost 1,500 calls last year. Legal advocates worked with 650 individuals in courts and getting protective orders for stalking and abuse. They partner with case management and legal services and help victims find housing and meet their financial needs from donations. Among their case management clients, about 25 percent (of 650) are imminently homeless.

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 Shown in the following table, 4,200 renter households with incomes up to 30 percent of Area Median Family Income (AMI) had severe housing problems, typically meaning that they were paying more than half of their income for gross housing costs, based on 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data. While the data showed a total of 2,345 housing units being leased at rents affordable to a household at 30 percent of AMI, only 530 units (23 percent) were actually occupied by households making less than 30 percent of AMI. Of the 1,230 vacant rental units in the HOME Consortium geography, the CHAS data indicated that 325 (26 percent) were renting at rents affordable to households at 30 percent of AMI.

Since 2019, rents have escalated significantly. CoStar, a national real estate data firm, reports that average rents in Trumbull County increased from \$665 in 2019 to \$754 in 2022, an increase of more than 13 percent, making affordable housing even less attainable.

The only new construction in the HOME Consortium area for the last decade was the 60-unit Parkman Landing Senior Apartment development by TMHA.

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table for HOME Consortium Area, 2015-2019 CHAS Data

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	20,050		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	4,340		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	10,215		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,200	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		820	
Current Gaps			5,020

Sources: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2015-2019.

More current data from CoStar for December 2022 show that only one multi-family development had units renting at levels affordable by a household at 30 percent of AMI, and that development had no vacancies. Only six units were available at rents affordable to households with 30 to 50 percent of AMI.

Number of Multi-Family Rental Developments with Rents Affordable to Low-Income Households by Bedroom Size, HOME Consortium Area, December 2022

Unit Size	Median Rent	Number with Unit Type and Rent Data	Developments with Average Rents Affordable at			
			0%-30% of AMI		30%-50% of AMI	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Studio	\$560	10	0	0%	5	50%
One-Bedroom	\$591	36	0	0%	14	39%
Two-Bedroom	\$632	49	0	0%	16	33%
Three-Bedroom	\$768	14	1	7%	4	29%
Four-Bedroom	\$818	4	0	0%	0	0%

Source: CoStar, 2022; Partners for Economic Solutions, 2023.

The Warren City Schools report serving 13 students living in a homeless shelter/hotel and 29 living in a domestic violence shelter for the 2022-2023 school year through February 13, 2023. In addition, 124 students have been identified as living doubled-up in the home of a friend or family. These students are potentially at risk of homelessness if those housing arrangements become no longer tenable. Eleven children (seven in high school and four in K-8) are unaccompanied minors, meaning that they are not living with a parent.

Number of Warren City School Students Eligible for McKinney-Vento Services

Status	8/22-2/13/23	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Doubled-Up	124	149	87	97
Homeless Shelter/Hotel	13	29	26	5
Domestic Violence Shelter	29	17	13	27

Source: Warren City Schools, 2023.

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

The HOME Consortium homeless population is served by a number of facilities and supportive services as follows:

Emergency Shelters

Christy House – 25 beds and 4 hotel vouchers

Warren Family Mission – 10 beds

Someplace Safe domestic violence shelter – 12 beds

Transitional Housing

Warren Family Mission – 9 units with 13 beds

Someplace Safe domestic violence shelter – 24 beds

Supportive Services for Veteran Families – 7 vouchers

Veterans Haven – 6 beds for homeless veterans
Veterans Transition in Place – 6 units for homeless veterans

Permanent Supportive Housing

Mental Health & Recovery Board-Supported Recovery Houses (14) – 184 beds for adults, but no children
Crossroads – 12 units for women with persistent mental health issues
YWCA Wings – 12 units for homeless individuals and families with mental health issues or fleeing domestic violence
Campbell Apartments – 9 family units and 10 beds for those with mental health issues
Joey's Landing – 8 units for men with mental health issues
Washington House – 8 units for men with mental health issues

Other Permanent Housing

Trumbull Lifelines' Voucher Program – 140 vouchers
Homeless Crisis Response – 4 to 6 rent subsidies for individuals with mental health issues
TMHA Veterans Housing with VASH Vouchers – 35 beds for homeless veterans and veterans' families
Foster to Youth Vouchers – 1 voucher for individual leaving foster care

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The emergency shelters are full during the winter months. Christy House allows 10 to 15 individuals to sleep in chairs in its lounge when all the beds are full. An additional eight individuals were identified in the Point of Time survey as unsheltered. Eight families are unhoused with an additional four families using hotel vouchers. The priority need identified through consultation with homeless service providers was non-congregate emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

More than 18 households are sued for eviction each week in Trumbull County. Forty to 60 households will be displaced from TMHA's Riverview-Tod House in April 2023 with housing choice vouchers they may not be able to utilize given tight housing market conditions. Roughly 160 of households counseled at Someplace Safe are imminently at risk of homelessness as they flee domestic violence. TCAP assists 79 residents per month to prevent eviction; its funding will likely decline significantly with the cessation of Covid-related funding. The consultation identified the priority need for this qualifying population as support services to help prevent evictions.

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

Someplace Safe provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence and/or trafficking. Operating funds from the Victims of Crime Act are being cut significantly, resulting in a \$100,000 annual shortfall even after service reductions, a shortfall expected to persist for roughly two years. Their legal advocates work with 650 individuals annually in courts and getting protective orders for stalking and abuse. Among their case management clients, about 25 percent (of 650) are imminently homeless. The priority needs for this qualifying population identified during the consultation are repairs to the Someplace Safe shelter and support services to assist victims fleeing sexual violence, including legal services.

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

Of the area's extremely-low-income renter households with incomes below 30 percent of median family income, 4,200 were identified in the 2015-2019 CHAS data as having one or more severe housing problems, typically spending more than half their income for housing. Eviction prevention services supported with Covid funds have proved invaluable in helping county residents avoid eviction and homelessness. As those funds are exhausted, a growing number of low-income households will need assistance.

In this school year through February 13, 2023, Warren City Schools have identified 124 students living in doubled-up situations in the home of a friend or family member.

The priority need for this qualifying population is expansion of the county's supply of affordable housing.

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

The greatest unmet needs identified in the consultation with Warren and Trumbull County housing assistance and related organizations include:

- Housing for homeless women and children, particularly those with mental health issues. The community has no emergency shelter or permanent supportive housing for women with children, other than four hotel vouchers administered by the Urban League, which cannot be funded indefinitely. A total of eight households are currently homeless.
- Transitional housing for two to six months, particularly for women with children, for whom there are no facilities other than for those fleeing domestic violence.
- Support services for victims of sexual violence. Services are provided to almost 1,500 victims of sexual violence annually, but funding from the Victims of Crime Act and the services it provides are being reduced.
- Mental health support services for unhoused persons.

- Funding for eviction prevention services as the Covid funding is exhausted.
- Emergency shelter beds for cold weather. On cold nights, 10 to 15 individuals sleep in chairs in the Christy House lounge because beds are not available as well as the eight unhoused individuals identified in the Point in Time survey.
- Housing affordable for low-income individuals and families.

By qualifying population, the key gaps identified through consultation include:

- Homeless: non-congregate units suitable for families.
- Imminently homeless: households facing eviction as Covid funding is exhausted.
- Victims of sexual violence: reduced funding for support services and legal assistance.
- Households at greatest risk: limited supply of affordable housing.

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

In-depth discussions with 22 service providers and facility operators identified key needs. Review of the Homeless Management Information Systems data revealed the mix of persons currently identified as needing assistance.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

The City of Warren will enter into agreements with individual agencies responsible for constructing or rehabilitating non-congregate care facilities. Those agencies will then be responsible for securing contractors, etc. The City will administer the grant program and ensure that each recipient is compliant with HUD requirements. For support services, the City will solicit proposals from area service providers.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

For service funding grants, the City of Warren will contract with qualified service providers and administer those contracts.

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:

NA

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 473,600		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 1,800,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 401,223	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,674,823		

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

The City will solicit proposals from facility and service providers and evaluate them in light of the priority needs identified in this needs assessment and gap analysis.

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 only low-barrier emergency shelter offers only congregate facilities with families accommodated in four hotel rooms. The hotel is located on the edge of Warren away from basic services, and continued availability and funding are not assured.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The HOME Consortium does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to produce new affordable housing.

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:

NA

Preferences

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

The new non-congregate-care shelter units will give preference to homeless families and individuals registered with the Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry program. Priority will be given to persons with disabilities.

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:

This preference is justified by the lack of existing facilities for this segment of the qualifying population other than hotel vouchers, which cannot be funded indefinitely, and the domestic violence shelter.

Referral Methods

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

Referrals for the homeless and imminently homeless will be drawn primarily from the Coordinated Entry network. Additional referrals of persons and families not identified in the HMIS will be accepted from Housing Collaborative members and other organizations (e.g., Warren City Schools, houses of worship, hospitals, courts, police department).

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):

To supplement the CE process, additional referrals of persons and families not identified in the HMIS will be accepted from Housing Collaborative members and other organizations (e.g., Warren City Schools, houses of worship, hospitals, courts, police department).

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):

The CE prioritizes housing for homeless individuals and households in imminent danger of physical harm, households with children, individuals with a disability or households that include someone with a disability and other homeless individuals and households.

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):

For emergency shelter and transitional housing, the CE priorities will be observed. For supportive services, prioritization will depend on the nature of the specific service being provided (e.g., sexual abuse counseling, rental eviction prevention) and then first come, first served.

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:

No.

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:

NA

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):

NA

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:

- *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*

The HOME Consortium does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

- *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.*

NA

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

NA

- *Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.*
NA
- *State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.*
NA
- *Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:*
NA

Appendix A. Needs Survey Form

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NEEDS SURVEY



PUBLIC ALERTS

NEEDS SURVEY

The City of Warren, as fiscal agent for the Warren-Trumbull HOME Consortium, has been granted \$2.6 million from the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan to provide homeless assistance and supportive services in its jurisdiction. The City of Warren Community Development Department is requesting that you complete the Survey below and return it before December 30, 2022. The Survey will be utilized when preparing the Funding Allocation Plan that is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. We appreciate your time and comments. Please [CLICK HERE \(/images/PDFs/community-development/Community_Needs_Survey_for_HOME-ARP_Funds_-_Fill_in_Form.pdf\)](#) to view the survey.

If you have trouble submitting the **Fillable Form (/images/PDFs/community-development/Community_Needs_Survey_for_HOME-ARP_Funds_-_Fill_in_Form.pdf)**, please print/save the form as a PDF and email accordingly.

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Community Development Department
City of Warren

258 E. Market St., Suite 305 • Warren, Ohio 44481
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I AM (check all that apply):

☐ Resident

☐ Business Owner

☐ Non-profit Service Provider _____

Please indicate key services your agency provides target clients

Please rank the following community needs as you see their priority in warranting public funding.

Check "H" for High Priority, "M" for Medium Priority, "L" for Low Priority, or "N" for No Needs.

Types of Needs	H	M	L	N
<u>Housing for homeless and at-risk individuals</u>				
Transitional housing (up to a stay of two years, with support services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Emergency shelters for homeless (short term stays)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Supportive housing (long term community-based housing and services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Construction of new housing for at-risk individuals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rehabilitation of existing housing for at-risk individuals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<u>Supportive Services for homeless and at-risk individuals</u>				
Child Care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Education and job training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Life skills training and health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Rental assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Are there other priorities and community needs for providing homeless assistance and supportive services?

Are there specific projects that you feel should be funded with HOME-ARP dollars?

Additional Concerns and Suggestions:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE

Please return your survey no later than **12-30-22** to any of the Community Development staff or by mail to:

Community Development Department
258 E. Market St., Suite 305
Warren, Ohio 44481
or return by email to:
Lori A. Lemasters
llemasters@warren.org

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Both locations are handicap-accessible buildings. If you require an interpreter for the hearing impaired or a translator for non-English speaking persons, please give the Community Development 48 hours notice.

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FEBRUARY 27, 2023

M E E T I N G N O T I C E

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN –
RON WHITE has called a meeting on:**

**TUESDAY–MARCH 14, 2023 AT 3:00 PM
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

RE: Home ARP Grant Allocations Plan

**Request the Director, Law Director, Mike Keys, CD Committee
Members and any other interested persons to be in attendance.**

**Brenda E. Smith
Clerk of Council**



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PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
12:00 pm (NOON)

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CITY OF WARREN - HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Contact Information

Name Dominic Mararri
Address 155 Tod Ave NW
Warren OH 44485
Telephone 330-989-0132
E-mail Dmararri wfm @ Gmail.com.

Want to build a new mission to provide housing,
food services for community.



signature

3-29-23

date

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
4:00 PM

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CITY OF WARREN - HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Contact Information

Name	Melissa Phillips
Address	609 Perkins Dr. NW
	Warren, OH 44483
Telephone	(330) 770-6140
E-mail	melissa@wrapcorp.org

I am the director of Sunshine Warren Homes. We are a nonprofit housing agency with nearly 200 single family housing units in the City of Warren, the second-largest affordable housing agency to Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority. Due to the nature of HOME-ARP funds, we were likely not consulted due to the fact that we do not serve traditional homeless populations. However, we serve currently housed populations at risk of homelessness. I believe the City of Warren HOME-ARP plan needs reevaluated, as we are an entity that can address many of the needs addressed in the plan. Our agency qualifies per CPD Notice 21-10 page 2: "ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those who are...at risk of homelessness, as defined in Section 401 of McKinney-Vento;

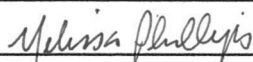
(a) has income below 30 percent of median income for geographic area (Section 401, The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act).

We would like the HOME-ARP Draft to consider development of affordable rental housing in the final plan submitted to HUD, specifically rehabilitation dollars. We also ask the City to consider nonprofit capacity building, as we are posed to assist other area agencies with supportive housing needs. A collective plan could be established with capacity building funds. Finally, an "hardship fund" could be established for qualifying tenants and HOME-ARP funds could support tenant-based rental assistance.

In December 2022, I took over as Director for the organization. The operating model is that our clients benefit from housing units that are currently well below HUD Fair Market Value and we work with clients who are in arrears to avoid eviction. However, due to this operating model, the cash flow of the organization does not support the capital expenditures fund to make much needed housing repairs. To grow and sustain the organization, HOME-ARP would allow Sunshine Warren Homes to continue to provide safe and affordable housing to hundreds of Warren residents. Data in the HOME-ARP plan suggest that increased rent would lead to more evictions in a housing market that does not have enough quality housing to support the demand and our organization is posed to increase rent to fund our necessary housing repairs, unless we receive grant assistance.

Our units were rehabilitated or built new in the late 1990s, financed in part by HOME loans from the City. We intend to submit a proposal for financial support as a subrecipient for HOME-ARP and are submitting public comments to share more about our organization's needs.

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Signature

03/29/23

Date

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City of Warren—HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
Public Comment

Melissa Phillips
melissa@wrapcorp.org

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One of the most important uses of grant funds for our organization would be financial assistance to make repairs to our homes to ensure rentals (and hopefully future sales to homeowners) would guarantee our home are healthy and safe, as well as supportive services such as financial literacy to make sure our folks understand how to be renters/homeowners and not risk eviction/foreclosure.

Additionally, our robust housing inventory makes us an ideal candidate to partner with area service providers to manage supportive housing, as we may be able to provide the homes if they could provide services. The HOME-ARP plan made us aware of this need and the board is willing to consider partnerships.

We hope the HOME-ARP draft is amended to include rehabilitation of affordable rental units, nonprofit capacity building and tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA).

CITY OF WARREN - HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

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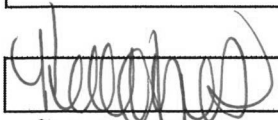
Name	Kelly Hines
Address	3046 Aris St. NW
	Warren, OH 44485
Telephone	(330) 898-1840
E-mail	kelly@sunshinewarrenhomes.org

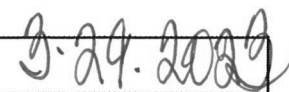
I have been the Property Manager for Sunshine of Warren Trumbull Area, Inc., since the implementation of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program in this area in 1996.

As you know, we primarily service the low income population. Key words being "low income". Though each family is different, they all have one thing in common; living paycheck to paycheck. If their job reduces the number of hours they work, goes out of business or relocates out of the area, that puts our tenants at risk of being homeless. If life throws any kind of curve ball at them ie. car repair, day care costs going up, loss of a loved one, divorce, separation, medical emergency, ANYTHING can put them at risk of losing their home, and by no means would they be able to afford an apartment or a rental home at Fair Market rate.

Because of programs like Sunshine, many people who can't afford to buy a home or rent at Fair Market rates have a place to call home. Additional funding for us would mean we could maintain, repair and revitalize our existing units without having to raise the rents to do so.

The PREVENTION of homelessness (by maintaining, funding and supporting low income housing programs such as Sunshine) should go hand in hand with HOUSING the homeless. That sounds like a WIN-WIN to me !


Signature


Date

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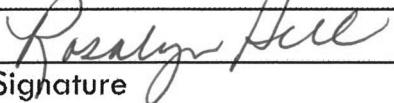
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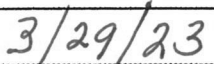
Contact Information

Name	Rosalyn Hill
Address	2358 Parkwood Dr. NW
	Warren, OH 44485
Telephone	(330) 898-1840
E-mail	roz@sunshinewarrenhomes.org

Sunshine of Warren/Trumbull Area, Inc. has provided low income housing to the citizens of Trumbull county for the last 30 years, of which I have had the privilege of serving the residents for the last 25 years. During this time I have come to recognize and appreciate the service that we provide to those who otherwise would not be able to afford decent, safe and affordable housing.

We would love to expand our supportive services to those that we serve by providing financial literacy classes, budgeting, and home ownership classes and information. In order to do that, we need additional funding and resources. Being apart of this grant would give us the opportunity to that and so much more.


Signature


Date

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CITY OF WARREN - HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Contact Information

Name	Liebchen Bryant
Address	1614 Adelaide S.E Warren ,Ohio 44484
Telephone	3303079933
E-mail	Lccullins@yahoo.com

Comments:In regards to funding for Sunshine. I have been a tenent with Sunshine for almost 25 years in short I worked a minimum wage job and could not find affordable housing for myself and my children .I needed a program like Sunshine offered that went by your income providing a decent safe home that was not in the projects.They provided access to a 24 hour emergeny number for various household emergenies like the furnace going out. I believe I would be homeless if there were not a program such as what Sunshine provides.How Sunshine operates is based on a sliding scale,annually you are reviewed and your rent is based on your income and what your expenditures are . With the cost of living rising, food,health care its very difficult to just maintain your current situation.

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.By issuing in grant money to Sunshine they would be able to do much needed repairs to the properties,such as carpeting,structural issues and other needed repairs.With this Sunshine can also develope programs offering help in educating its tenent in how to maintain finacial stability and how to purchase a home among other things.Thank you for you time and consideration

Liebchen Bryant

Signature

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Print

3-29-2023

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Contact Information

Name	Sarah Ethridge
Address	848 Third SW
	Warren, Ohio 44483
Telephone	(330) 394-8959
E-mail	ethridgesarah63@gmail.com

Comments:

I have been a resident of Sunshine for nineteen years, and I live in one of their houses, and the maintenance can only fix the small problems, my roof is leaking, my flooring needs to be replaced, and my driveway is falling in, these are some of the reasons rent should not be raised, they should be able to fix the major problems also,

Sarah Ethridge

Signature

03/29th 2023

Date

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Contact Information

Name	Nancy E. Oliver
Address	1171 Tod Ave. SW
	Warren, Ohio 44485
Telephone	(330) 623-4405
E-mail	nancyoliver@yahoo.com

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I have been a WARREN HOMES II
(Sunshine) TENANT for just over
2 1/2 years.

During that time the organization
has been very ATTENTIVE to my
needs. Repair requests are addressed
in a timely and professional manner.
OFFICE STAFF is always COURTEOUS
as well as friendly.

As a RETIRED SENIOR CITIZEN, the
AFFORDABLE RENT and great housing are
A TRUE blessing. I would recommend
these folks highly to others!!

Nancy E. Oliver

Signature

see signature above & original attached.

Date

3-28-2023

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MARCH 28, 2023

NANCY E. OLIVER
1171 TOD AVE. SW
WARREN, OH 44485
Nancy.Oliver@yahoo.com
330-623-4405

To whom it may concern:

I have been a WARREN HOMES II
(SUNSHINE) TENANT for just over
2 1/2 years.

DURING THAT TIME THE ORGANIZATION
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Contact Information

Name	Erica Allen
Address	1929 Burton St. SE
	Warren, OH 44484
Telephone	(330) 369-9998
E-mail	Ericaallen48@gmail.com

Comments:

HELLO, 3/29/23
MY NAME IS ERICA ALLEN
I RESIDE AT 1929 BURTON ST SE
WARREN, OH. I'VE LIVED THERE FOR
OVER EIGHT YEARS. I BELIEVE THAT
IS BECAUSE WARREN HOME INC II
IS AN AMAZING COMPANY TO RENT
FROM. MY RENT IS VERY AFFORDABLE
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I'M VERY
GRATEFUL. WARREN HOMES INC II
STAFF IS VERY PROFESSIONAL AND
THE MAINTENANCE CREW IS VERY
EFFICIENT. I AM PROUD TO BE
A TENANT AND LOOK FORWARD TO
MANY MORE YEARS.

Sincerely
Erica Allen
330 369-9998
ERICAALLEN48@gmail.com

See signature above and original attached

Signature

03/29/23

Date

Please note that by completing this form it will become Public Record and it will be included in the City of Warren - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan submission to H.U.D.

HELLO,

3/29/2023

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I RESIDE AT 1929 BURTON ST. SE.
WARREN, OH. I'VE LIVED THERE FOR
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Sincerely

Erica Allen

330 369-4998

ERICAALLEN48@gmail.com

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):**

*** Other (Specify):**

*** 3. Date Received:**

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

39-0202

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M-21-DP-39-0202

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:** City of Warren, Ohio

*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

34-6002974

*** c. UEI:**

JNXQEAY4MH35

d. Address:

*** Street1:** 391 Mahoning Ave NW

Street2:

*** City:** Warren

County/Parish:

*** State:** OH: Ohio

Province:

*** Country:** USA: UNITED STATES

*** Zip / Postal Code:** 44483-4604

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community Development

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

*** First Name:**

Michael

Middle Name:

D.

*** Last Name:**

Keys

Suffix:

Title: Director of Community Development

Organizational Affiliation:

*** Telephone Number:** 330-841-2565

Fax Number: 330-841-2643

*** Email:** mkeys@warren.org

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

M-21-DP-39-0202

* Title:

HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)

13. Competition Identification Number:

N/A

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Projects listed in our 2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

OH-017

* b. Program/Project

OH-017

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

09/20/2021

* b. End Date:

09/30/2030

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	2,674,823.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	2,674,823.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

William

Middle Name:

D.

* Last Name:

Franklin

Suffix:

* Title:

Mayor

* Telephone Number:

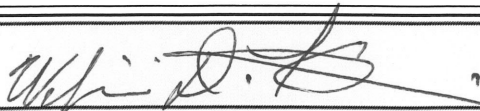
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Fax Number:

* Email:

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* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

03/03/2023

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4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Warren, Ohio	DATE SUBMITTED 03/03/2023

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	<div data-bbox="878 1325 1464 1356" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Mayor</div>
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
<div data-bbox="99 1461 857 1493" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">City of Warren, Ohio</div>	<div data-bbox="878 1461 1464 1493" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">03/03/2023</div>

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

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


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

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Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.



Signature of Authorized Official

03-03-2023

Date

Mayor

Title