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PURPOSE

HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which was passed to deliver economic relief to Americans as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly people of color, immigrants, and low-wage workers. HOME-ARP funding will provide relief to specific Qualifying Populations including people who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, and other populations who are experiencing housing instability. Funds are being administered through the Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD's) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Fargo is 1 of 651 State and local Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) that qualified to receive a HOME-ARP grant.

Funds must be used for production or preservation of affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), supportive services, homeless prevention services, housing counseling, and/or the purchase and development of non-congregate shelter. Funds will be awarded directly to providers and housing developers, as well as be administered by the City of Fargo; no direct payments will be made from the City to individuals or households. This HOME-ARP Allocation Plan outlines the process of identifying needs, gaps, and project and activity selection. For more information on the HOME American Rescue Plan Program, please visit: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/overview/.

CONSULTATION

Before developing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the City of Fargo was required to consult with agencies that work with the following populations. These populations are considered "Qualifying Populations" for the HOME-ARP funds.

Qualifying Populations

- Homeless
- At risk of being homeless
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations experiencing housing instability

Required Agencies to Consult – See Exhibit A for specific agencies that were consulted

- Continuum of Care (CoC) serving Fargo
- Homeless service providers
- Domestic violence service providers
- Veterans' groups
- Public housing agency
- Public agencies that address the needs of the people mentioned above
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities

Consultation Methods Used

- Public input meeting with poll
- Individual phone & in-person conversations
- Email outreach

North Dakota Continuum of Care & Ongoing Consultation

The North Dakota CoC covers the entire state, including Fargo. It serves homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the Qualifying Populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities. The City of Fargo's Public Health Department, in particular the Gladys Ray Shelter (emergency homeless shelter) and its Harm Reduction and Downtown Engagement Center teams, and the Planning & Development Department participate in multiple weekly and monthly meetings with the CoC, area emergency shelters, homeless and housing service providers, the Fargo Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness, and affordable housing developers. The City is also represented on and attends meetings of the North Dakota Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness, which works to address homelessness challenges and track and report progress toward addressing these challenges. Additionally, the CoC was consulted about this plan and directly contacted to provide input and review of the plan prior to its submission to HUD. The needs expressed by the ND CoC align with the needs resulting from the assessment and consultation with homeless and housing services providers within the region. See Exhibit A for a summary of the CoC's input. No additional comments were provided by the CoC prior to submission of the Allocation Plan to HUD.

SUMMARY

To connect all providers and interested entities in a single discussion, the City of Fargo hosted a virtual public input meeting on housing and homelessness, primarily focused on the HOME-ARP Program. The benefit to hosting everyone in a single discussion is for the participants to hear each other's needs and connect with each other's resources and potentially partner on solutions. Because the City of Fargo has ongoing contact with each meeting participant, the discussion held during the meeting was only one of many that occurred/occur regarding the needs of people experiencing homelessness and those who are at risk of homelessness. Like other communities nationwide, the COVID-19 pandemic intensified homelessness, housing, and mental/physical health issues. As a result, the intensity of planning and problem solving was matched. The City of Fargo's Planning & Development Department played a vital role in the pandemic response for Fargo's homeless community in terms of networking, identifying gaps, presenting, and in some cases delivering multi-million dollar solutions, albeit temporary (i.e., rental assistance directly working with landlords). The City continues to work through issues that have been compounded by the pandemic, while at the same time trying to build the capacity of partners to strategize further as a system and collaborate or partner on solutions.

The housing and homelessness virtual public input meeting was held on October 28th, 2021. See Exhibit B for the PowerPoint slides and chat box discussion; a recording of the meeting is available upon

request. After describing eligible activities of the HOME-ARP program, each participant was asked to provide input on their agency's greatest need, both verbally and in the chat box, specifically related to the eligible activities described. These were later prioritized by the percentage of responses received for each category (Figure 1). Supportive Services ranked the highest among all categories. Breaking down the Supportive Services category even further, In-Housing Support/Stabilization services were the highest ranking supportive service identified (Figure 2). Homelessness Prevention and Landlord Engagement were second and ranked equally (both 21 percent), but when combined they equal the In-Housing Support/Stabilization category (42 percent). This data demonstrates that these are the three most important supportive services needed and the highest priority. This data aligns with how the City has prioritized its other COVID-19 and HUD funding over the past two years, as well as with what providers have been reporting since pre-pandemic times.

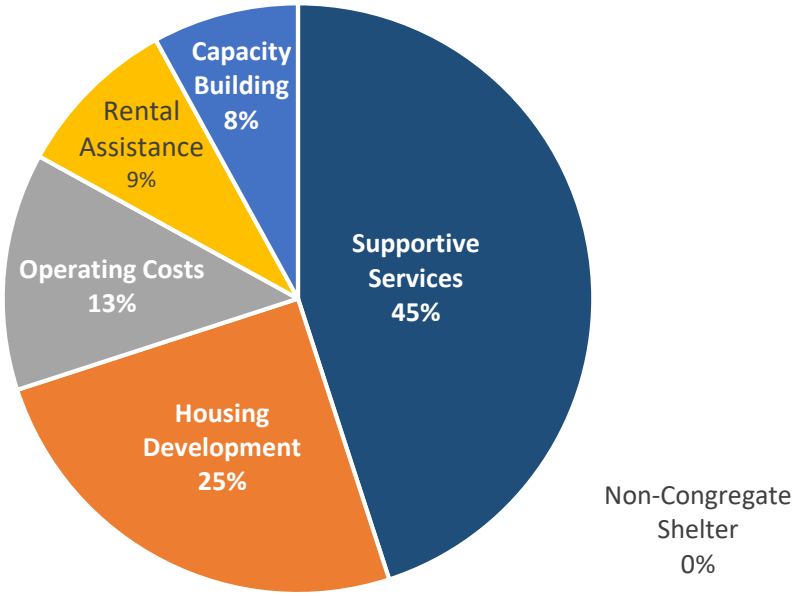


Figure 1. Housing & Homeless Priorities from Poll during Public Input Meeting

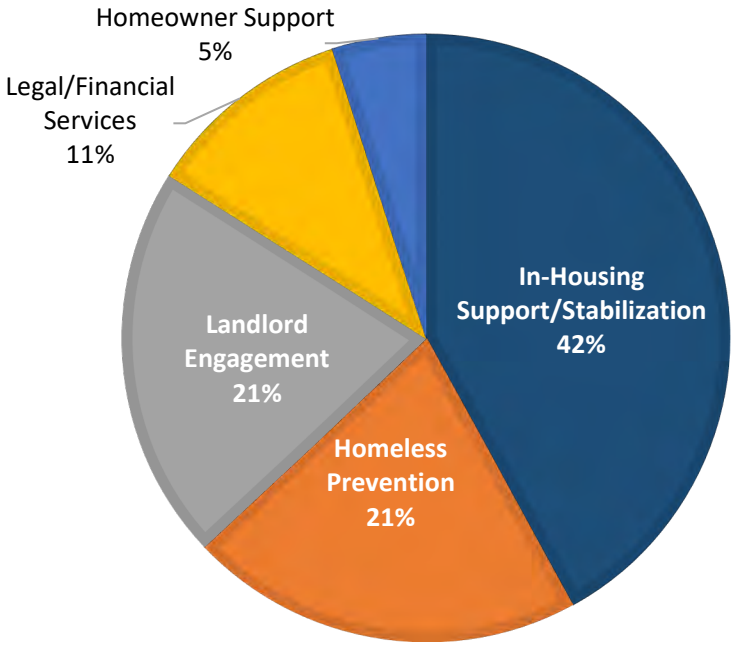


Figure 2. Supportive Services Breakdown from Public Input Meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stakeholder participation is central to the City of Fargo in identifying community development needs, assessing the effectiveness of existing housing and community development programs, and strategizing community priorities and solutions. Participation is encouraged and sought from all citizens and emphasizes the involvement of agencies working with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Input is obtained through ongoing consultation with housing and homeless service providers, adjacent units of local government, and discussions with citizens. All of the organizations working with the Qualifying Populations received information on the development of this plan and the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the HOME-ARP funds. See Exhibit A for a list of these organizations and the feedback they provided.

The public was informed about the HOME-ARP Program, priorities, timelines, needs, types of projects eligible for funding, and the process for selecting projects. Prior to the solicitation, selection, and approval of the HOME-ARP projects, a series of meetings and additional outreach were done. Staff first held the virtual public input meeting, then held a 15-day public comment period from June 16-30, 2022 for the selected activities and draft plan. During the comment period, a public hearing was held at a regular City Commission meeting on June 27, 2022, and then on the agenda for final approval to submit the plan to HUD at the July 11, 2022 City Commission meeting. Additionally, the City's Native American Commission, Human Rights Commission, and the Community Development Committee were invited to the virtual public input meeting, public hearing, and were made aware of the schedule for public comment and approval, as well as received a digital copy of the plan to provide comments. A list of people who were contacted directly for public comment on the draft allocation plan are listed in Exhibit E.

All public meetings were accessible to people with disabilities and publicized through news media contacts. Alternative formats of the information or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, including the availability of interpretation and translation services, were available upon request through the Planning and Development Department. Auxiliary aids or other services were also offered upon request to hearing or sight-impaired residents to enable full participation in the citizen participation process.

Describe Efforts to Broaden Public Participation: Announcement of the City of Fargo's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was published as a public notice in *The Forum* on June 15th, 2022 (See Exhibit D), emailed to persons interested in housing and homelessness, and publicized through a media release and the City's website (www.FargoND.gov). The notice explains the contents and purposes of the plan, locations of where it is available for review, and how to obtain a copy. Public notices on the City's website are accessible for translation into over 100 languages. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was available during the public comment period on the City's website, and was also distributed to area libraries, Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Fargo Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness, the CoC, and the City of Fargo's Downtown Engagement Center for viewing and targeted feedback.

Additionally, past public participation at in-person public input meetings has been low, so in an effort to not only reach more people, but also as a COVID-19 precaution, the City of Fargo held a virtual public input meeting which was better attended than a typical in-person meeting. Additionally, people were more receptive and participatory in the process. Discussions among housing and homeless service providers has also increased greatly during the pandemic, which has positively impacted participation.

Overall, no comments were received during the public comment period. However, data was updated during the public comment period to incorporate the release of the 2022 State of Homelessness data on June 28, 2022.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must include the demographic composition, unmet needs, and a narrative of all four Qualifying Populations. In addition, this analysis must include gaps within current shelter and housing inventory and delivery system. Data resources include point-in-time counts, housing inventory counts, the North Dakota Continuum of Care, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families and their need for additional housing, shelter, and services.

OVERALL PRIORITY NEEDS IDENTIFIED

1. Supportive Services
    a. In-Housing Support/Housing Stabilization
    b. Homeless Prevention & Landlord Engagement
    c. Legal/Financial Services
2. Housing Development
3. Operating Costs

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

1. Homeless
2. At Risk of Homelessness
3. Fleeing or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
4. Other Populations – those who require services of housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability

HOMELESS

The "homeless" Qualifying Population is defined in Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 91.5 (24 CFR 91.5) as:

1. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
    i. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
    ii. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
    iii. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
2. An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:
    i. The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
    ii. No subsequent residence has been identified; and
    iii. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks needed to obtain other permanent housing;
3. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
    i. Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a);
    ii. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;

iii. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and

iv. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or

4. Any individual or family who:
   i. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
   ii. Has no other residence; and
   iii. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g. family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

"Homeless" Size & Demographic Composition

The primary data sources that the City uses to identify the numbers and needs of people experiencing homelessness in Fargo include:

- North Dakota Continuum of Care's (ND CoC) annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count
- Local State of Homelessness Report (SoHR) coordinated between the United Way of Cass Clay and the Fargo Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness

The PIT count involves outreach by several partners to survey all individuals who are sheltered and unsheltered on one night, usually in January. In the recent past, the City has partially funded independent count studies (e.g., Everyone Counts, Wilder Study) coordinated by the Fargo Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness, which offered more pointed information for Fargo's people experiencing homelessness. The last one done was in 2018, therefore there are no numbers available at this time for Fargo alone, but rather a combination of the following geographies:

- North Dakota CoC Region 5 (includes counties Cass, Traill, Steele, Ransom, Sargent, Richland)
- Minnesota West Central CoC region (includes counties Clay, Becker, Wilkin, Otter Tail, Wadena, Traverse, Grant, Stevens, Douglas, Pope).

The ND CoC PIT data for the region including Fargo shows 288 people in the 2021 year who are experiencing homelessness, including those living in transitional housing:

- 184 people sheltered
- 23 unsheltered

- 64 in transitional housing
- 17 in Safe Haven (Housing Inventory Count data shows 16 beds available)

Data resources for the SoHR included the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), US Census data, Community Action Needs Assessments, Shelter Entry List shared by all shelters in the metro area, the Coordinated Entry (CE) Priority List, and the West Central Minnesota CoC Equity Review. The full report was released on June 28, 2022 and is expected to be available soon at the Fargo Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness website (https://www.fmhomeless.org/state-of-homelessness) with references listed as they appeared at the time of the report.

The SoHR number is 493 because it combines both the ND and West Central CoC regions. It also adds youth reported by the schools and doubled up counts, which puts the number at 957. Some of the main reasons why the numbers vary between the ND CoC PIT and the SoHR are:

- ND CoC PIT data does not include people who are doubled up or sleeping with a friend or family
- ND CoC PIT data includes only those who meet HUD's literal definition of homelessness
- SoHR data includes 2 CoC regions
- SoHR conducts a broader definition of homelessness and therefore counts more people
- SoHR uses both the HUD Housing Inventory Count (HIC) numbers as their proxy for shelter beds (emergency and transitional housing beds) and a Shelter Bed Prioritization list kept by all emergency shelters. Note: This year, point-in-time numbers were not available for those on the Shelter Bed Prioritization list, which in the past has included where they were located (i.e., on the street vs. doubled up). This data is anticipated to be available again for the 2023 SoHR. Also note that not everyone on the Shelter Bed Prioritization list will be counted in HMIS data because only those who access homeless services or a shelter are entered into HMIS.
  For doubled up counts, the SoHR used the number of students who had been identified as homeless by their school, minus the number of school aged children reported in the emergency shelters at that point in time. For the 2022 SoHR, the schools were able to provide the number of students identified and the percentage that were doubled up vs. sheltered or unsheltered.

In the 2021 HUD HIC, a total of 646 beds existed in Fargo (See Table 1 for Fargo beds) and 1,072 exist in the Minnesota West Central CoC region, totaling 1,718 beds in the region. A total of 957 people are homeless in the region at any given point in time. The number of people experiencing homelessness and the need for beds vary throughout the year, so there are times when shelters and other housing options are at capacity and turning people away. Throughout 2021, the SoHR states that the following people were seeking shelter:

- 856 single men
- 524 single women
- 224 families with children
- 7 married couples without children

It also states that as of spring 2022, 650 students were identified as homeless (60 more than last year); 66 percent were doubled up. However, counting people who are doubled up is difficult due to the

inability to find them, so the counts are generally considered undercounted.

Table 1. 2021 HUD Housing Inventory Count (HIC) – Fargo only

Source of Beds	Bed Count	Type
City of Fargo Gladys Ray Shelter	35	Emergency Shelter
City of Fargo Hotel Vouchers Emergency	6	Emergency Shelter
Fraser Ltd.	15 seasonal	Emergency Shelter
Youthworks	5	Emergency Shelter
New Life Center	55	Emergency Shelter
New Life Center Other	39 (33 seasonal)	Emergency Shelter
YWCA	72	Emergency Shelter
SUBTOTAL	**227**	**Emergency Shelter**
Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority (FHRA) Cooper House	42	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
FHRA RASHP	55	PSH
FHRA Shelter Plus Care SRO	18	PSH
FHRA VASH Vouchers	111	PSH
Fraser Ltd.	33	PSH
YWCA SHP Consolidated Permanent	16	PSH
SUBTOTAL	**275**	**Permanent Supportive Housing**
Centre Inc. Project HART Low Demand	16	Safe Haven
SUBTOTAL	**16**	**Safe Haven**
Centre Inc. Project HART Service Intensive	15	Transitional Housing
Fraser Ltd.	5	Transitional Housing
YWCA Transitional Housing	24	Transitional Housing
YWCA DOJ Transitional Housing	24	Transitional Housing
YWCA Joint TH/Rapid Rehousing TH	8	Transitional Housing
SUBTOTAL	**76**	**Transitional Housing**
City of Fargo Rapid Rehousing ESG	21	Rapid Rehousing
YWCA Joint TH/Rapid Rehousing TH	10	Rapid Rehousing
SENDCAA Region 5 ESG Rapid Rehousing	9	Rapid Rehousing
SENDCAA Region 5 SSVF Rapid Rehousing	3	Rapid Rehousing
SUBTOTAL	**43**	**Rapid Rehousing**
SENDCAA Edge Artist Flats	9	Other Permanent Supportive Housing
SUBTOTAL	**9**	**Other Permanent Supportive Housing**
TOTAL	**646**	**HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT – Fargo only**

Demographic data in the report indicated that 87 percent of the people experiencing homelessness were single adults without children, 12 percent were families with children, 1 percent were an unknown household type, and less than 1 percent were youth only, with or without their own children. Most of those who are experiencing homelessness in the community are between the ages of 25-54. Overall, 51 percent identify as male (15 percent decrease from 2020), 43 percent as female (10 percent increase from 2020), 1 percent as no single gender, and 5 percent were transgender.

More than half identified as White, 20 percent as Black or African American, 19 percent as Native American or Native Alaskan, less than 1 percent were Asian and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 8 percent were multiple races, and less than 1 percent were unknown, not collected, or refused to provide. A total of 10 percent identified as having Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. The number of non-White and Hispanic/Latino people who are homeless is significantly disproportionate to the race and ethnicity breakdown of the metro area as a whole, which is more than 80 percent White alone and 96 percent non-Hispanic/Latino (2020 Census Data).

More than 64 percent (17 percent more than 2020) of people experiencing homelessness have a mental health problem, 39 percent have a substance abuse disorder, and 44 percent have a chronic health condition. All three of these categories overlap to some extent, which is further delineated in the SoHR.

A total of 28 percent of those counted stated they were homeless because they were fleeing domestic violence. The YWCA of Cass Clay stated in the report that they had a 7% increase in domestic violence calls, mostly likely resulting from the pandemic. The coordinated entry process showed that 39 percent of the women reported fleeing domestic violence. More on this population is described in the section covering the "Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Human Trafficking" Qualifying Population of this plan.

There is minimal data on veteran homelessness counts, primarily because the region has nearly achieved functional zero with the Veteran's Administration's involvement in homeless outreach and programming. At any given time, there are 30 Veterans who are homeless (2021 SoHR).

"Homeless" Unmet Housing & Service Needs – Priority Needs

Priority Need - The most reported need among homeless service providers is more supportive services, mostly for housing supports and prevention/diversion services. These services are needed to keep people housed, particularly those who have recently been housed and even more for those who were chronically homeless. It is not uncommon for people to lose their housing because of the lack of housing supports available, particularly considering that most of the homeless population has a mental health problem, substance abuse disorder, or a chronic health condition. It takes a considerable amount of support to keep people housed when they are experiencing so many challenges.

Other needs include more permanent supportive housing with wrap around support services, transportation, affordable child care, peer support workforce development, and increased wages for staff providing supportive services for the homeless population. Capacity is also an issue for supportive services delivery, which will be further described in the service delivery section of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis.

AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

The "at risk of homelessness" Qualifying Population is defined in Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 91.5 (24 CFR 91.5) as:

1. An individual or family who:
    i. Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD;
    ii. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, E.G., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the "Homeless" definition in this section; and
    iii. Meets one of the following conditions:

        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 people 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;
2. A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies as "homeless" under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or
3. A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies as "homeless" under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

"At Risk of Homelessness" Size & Demographic Composition

This data is based on housing crisis calls screened by Presentation Partners in Housing (PPiH) in Cass County from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. The initial screening was done by PPiH for referral to partner agencies including SouthEastern North Dakota Community Action Agency (SENDCAA), the Salvation Army, etc. PPiH and SENDCAA are the primary agencies delivering prevention and diversion programming for the local at risk population.

A total of 4,378 individuals who were at-risk of homelessness were served by these agencies during the 12-month period. A total of 47 percent were White, 32 percent were Black or African American, 11 percent were Native American, and 10 percent were "Other" or Multi-Racial. A total of 7 percent identified as Hispanic or Latino. A total of 1,357 individuals had a disability. A total of 175 were elderly (62 or older). Female Head of Households totaled 994; male totaled 690. Single Individual Households totaled 842; Single Parent Households totaled 589; and Two Parent Households totaled 253.

Like in the State of Homelessness Report, there is a great deal of additional data on this population, which would be available upon request and within a reasonable amount of time as some data sources take a long time to customize in terms of reports. This in itself is a common weakness in the system: data availability, access, and turnaround times. Ideally, there would be a fully functioning, universal coordinated entry system that contained diverse and abundant live data as often requested by grantors, researchers, consultants, leaders, and citizens. Existing HMIS and CE data systems, for example, are generally lacking and unable to provide all of the desired information, information that could be useful in identifying problems and demonstrating the need, which ultimately supports the solutions and the funding of those solutions.

"At Risk of Homelessness" Unmet Housing & Service Needs – Priority Need

Priority Need - The greatest unmet need for those at risk of homelessness is to increase prevention and diversion intervention programming and minimize barriers to housing in order to keep people housed or rapidly re-house people who have lost their housing.

Another high need is for rental, deposit, utility, and arrearages funds so that people can either keep their housing or get into housing. The City of Fargo allocated $3.6 million to rental assistance and eviction prevention since 2020 and has spent nearly 80% of those funds; $2.28 million of that was spent within 45 days early on during the pandemic. This alone is indicative of the great need for direct assistance. Finally, another great need is to increase affordable housing development projects. Since 2017, the City has allocated nearly $5 million for affordable housing development, adding 253 new units including both rental and homeowner units.

FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

For HOME-ARP, this Qualifying Population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. This

population includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit. In the case of sexual assault, this also includes cases where an individual reasonably believes there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the individual remains within the same dwelling unit that the individual is currently occupying, or the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-day period preceding the date of the request for transfer.

Domestic violence, which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

1. A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term "spouse or intimate partner of the victim" includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship);
2. A person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
3. A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
4. A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving HOME-ARP funds; or
5. Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Dating violence, which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means violence committed by a person:

1. Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
2. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
    i. The length of the relationship;
    ii. The type of relationship; and
    iii. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual assault, which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, Tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking, which is defined in 24 CFR 5.2003 means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

1. Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others; or
2. Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Human Trafficking, includes both sex and labor trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102). These are defined as:

1. Sex trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
2. Labor trafficking means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

"Fleeing or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking" Size & Demographic Composition

The YWCA of Cass Clay, the community's primary emergency shelter and supportive housing option for people in this Qualifying Population, reported that data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in Cass and Clay Counties, reveals that almost a quarter (24%) of all homeless seeking services for the first time had histories of domestic violence. Of those with a history of domestic violence, 34 percent identified fleeing domestic violence as the reason for their current homeless situation.

Almost all of the people (95 percent) served by the YWCA of Cass Clay have a history of domestic violence and a physical/mental health condition (see below for breakdown). As much as 75 percent of those experiencing domestic violence were fleeing at time of entry. The YWCA reported that 240 individuals were housed last year, which included 99 adults and 141 children. More than half of those served were adults with children (56 percent) and 99 percent reported being female head of household. Most of those served range in age from 25-44 years old. A total of 2 percent were veterans, which is reported to be higher than usual. A total of 36 percent of those served identified as White; 39 percent as Black or African American, or African; and 24 percent as Native American, Alaska Native, or Indigenous; and 1 percent Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Again, this data is demonstrating the disproportionate number of people of color who are experiencing violence and homelessness, in comparison to the actual breakdown of race and ethnicity in the overall population of Fargo.

Physical and Mental Health Conditions

- Mental Health Disorder 42%
- Alcohol/Drug Use 18%
- Chronic Health Cond. 15%
- Developmental Delay 6.5%
- Physical Disability 13%

The Rape and Abuse Crisis Center (RACC) served 2,608 people in 2021; 237 were children. All were victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, and/or stalking and harassment (an 11.5 percent increase from 2020). Additional demographics for their clientele are listed below:

Demographics (2021)

- 72.5% were new clients
- 92% female
- 7.5% male
- 0.5% Transgender/other gender identity
- 64% ND-based clients
- Most clients were Caucasian
- 30% of clients from underserved populations (e.g., LGBTQ+, people of color, Native American, veterans, Limited English Proficiency, disabled, inmates, homeless, refugees)
- 4% of clients were homeless
- 8.5% of clients sought emergency shelter assistance

Abuse types (2021) - Some clients experience more than one type of victimization

- 67% domestic violence
- 27% sexual assault
- 6.4% other (e.g., stalking, harassment, threats)
- 1.3% human trafficking

When information on this population was requested from the Fargo Police Department, they reported that the specific data on this population is collected by the agencies serving them, such as the YWCA and RACC as provided above, for example. They did not have any of their own data on this population.

"Fleeing or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking" Unmet Housing & Service Needs – Priority Needs

Priority Need - The greatest unmet need for people in this population is safe housing options that are suitable for them and/or their family. For example, the YWCA is seeing larger families in need of housing to accommodate all household members, which is not easily found in the existing housing inventory. It was reported that from the data collected throughout the community and from the YWCA's own experience, there is a "tremendous" need for supportive housing. In 2020, 292 women and children applied to live in YWCA Supportive Housing and the YWCA only had the capacity to help 46 individuals or 16 percent of those who applied.

Urgent unmet needs generally include basic necessities such as toiletries, clothes, diapers, food, medication, household supplies, and other everyday items. Transportation and affordable, quality childcare are also common needs for people in this Qualifying Population.

OTHER POPULATIONS

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 and where providing supportive services or

assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability:

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 a household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below:
    i. Has annual income that is less than or equal to 30 percent of the area median income, as determined by HUD, and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50 percent of monthly household income toward housing costs);
    ii. Has annual income that is less than or equal to 50 percent of the area median income, as determined by HUD, and meets one of the following conditions from the "At Risk of Homelessness" definition established at 24 CFR 91.5, a-g (see At Risk of Homelessness section above)

"Other Populations" Size & Demographic Composition

For Other Populations, a majority of the data available is on populations that fit within the definitions of other Qualifying Populations. The City of Fargo was able to obtain some data from the Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority on the average wait times for people on their housing voucher lists, which is one year. For public housing units, the time ranges from six months to two years depending on the property and the size of the unit available versus needed. When asked about time-limited housing, it was report that none of the public housing programs are time limited. This was information that was suggested by HUD for collection on Other Populations.

During consultation and data collection for this section, it was found that "Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness" mostly fell under the Qualifying Population "At Risk of Homelessness" definition and are reported in that section. The families and individuals that are not likely reported on in that section, but the City is hearing from, are new American, refugee, immigrant, and people of color who are 'falling through the cracks' as far as accessing mainstream housing assistance. The City's Planning & Development Department has been closely working with these subpopulations (Other Populations) to hear where people are 'falling through' and working to narrow and close those gaps. However, at least four local non-profits serving these special populations are taking on risk to prevent homelessness, either by using their own organization's funds to pay for direct assistance or by co-signing on leases to get people housed. While it is most likely that these individuals and families would fall into other Qualifying Populations, we do not have the data to support that; only anecdotally. Again, the City is working closely with mainstream housing assistance providers, particularly SENDCAA and Presentation Partners in Housing, as well as FirstLink 2-1-1, to close those gaps and get people connected to those resources. At times, the need for Islamic lending also comes up in these discussions, but that is more specific to first-time homebuyers and business entrepreneurs, which will not be discussed in this plan because the focus is on homelessness.

For those who are "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability", the 2021 updated Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data (years 2014-2018) shows that there are a total of 6,805 households experiencing severe housing cost burden in Fargo or nearly 13 percent, 1,055 of those are owners and 5,750 are renters. All the people reported in the available data who were "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability" had incomes below 30 percent of the area median income, which means they fall under the Qualifying Population of those "At Risk of Homelessness" and were reported in that section of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis.

Note that veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria for one of the Qualifying Populations described above are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance

"Other Populations" Unmet Housing & Service Needs – Priority Needs

Priority Need - The greatest unmet needs for people falling into the Other Populations category is the affordability and availability of housing options, as well as direct assistance.

Additionally, people that do not fit in Other Qualifying Populations generally have the same concerns and needs as those in a majority of the other Qualifying Populations, particularly those who are at risk of homelessness and those fleeing domestic violence. Transportation, affordable child care, barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing, earning a living wage, financial literacy, and at times learning basic independent life skills are all significant needs that are most often reported on by service providers.

CURRENT GAPS IN SHELTER & HOUSING INVENTORY AND SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM

The City of Fargo determined the level of need and gaps in the shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in this plan, more specifically from Housing Inventory Count data and what was heard in consultations and during the public input meeting, as well as what the City continues to hear and see on an ongoing basis.

Current Gaps in Shelter Inventory – the gap in shelter inventory continues to be handling overflow during seasonal highs and lows in outside temperatures, and when transient people enter the community, both of which are unpredictable but their occurrence is certain. Currently, shelters are doing what they can to accommodate higher intake numbers, but the need is to have an immediate and prescribed response to these needs. Short-term solutions are currently being considered and involve the City's Emergency Management Team. Some options might include opening extra space upon an emergency declaration (e.g., opening the Civic Center) or providing hotel vouchers temporarily. The long-term solution is ensuring people that were recently homeless or at risk of homelessness stay housed, leaving shelter beds open for people who have nowhere else to go. Strategizing these solutions continues to be a priority need for the City of Fargo.

Current Gaps in Shelter Service Delivery System – the gap in shelter service delivery continues to be addressing overflow shelter as mentioned above, keeping people housed, and keeping staff. Wages need to be increased to living wages and benefits should be provided if they are not currently being provided. The need for additional benefits is being noted, such as having an onsite counselor to help staff with trauma and other mental health needs due to the nature of their work. Another suggestion

has been to increase the peer workforce development so that people who have experienced homelessness and addiction, for example, can mentor people in the shelters or who have been recently housed because they can relate to their situation. Another gap the City of Fargo has noticed is between the shelter delivery system as a whole network being somewhat disjointed in terms of shelters strategizing together. The pandemic has further disjointed the shelter networks because their staff have been so focused on response that it has been difficult to effectively strategize for the future. The City's Planning & Development Department has gone to the extent of inviting nationwide and international consultants to Fargo to assist, but they were all unavailable due to their caseloads and other communities requesting the same services. Shelters are simply doing what they can right now to retain staff, hire staff, and operate.

Another gap is the need for more mobile outreach teams. The City of Fargo operates a Mobile Outreach Program (MOP), which responds on site for people who need assistance. The need does not rise to the level of medical or police, and is a successful program for outreach, deescalating situations, connecting people to services, transporting, etc. The City is considering expanding this program.

Current Gaps in Housing Inventory – the current affordable housing inventory is very low and in some cases zero occupancy for the following housing types (based on what is being reported among service providers and the inventory itself being at capacity): permanent supportive housing, transitional, single room occupancy housing, large unit, and 1-2 bedroom rental units for people whose incomes are 50 percent or more below the area median income, and even more for those who are in the 0-30 percent range. Also, local affordable single family housing developers/organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the local land trust have a demand for entry level, first-time homebuyer homes that exceeds their capacity to fund and build. In most cases, the people moving into these homes are moving from substandard housing and likely experiencing housing cost burden. With organizations like Habitat for Humanity being able to customize mortgage payments to fit the income, housing cost burden is eliminated and people are in a decent, safe, and sanitary new home.

Current Gaps in Housing Service Delivery System – In terms of housing services, such as direct assistance, a significant gap is getting payments to landlords fast enough to prevent eviction. This turnaround time is 3-4 weeks, sometimes longer depending on the funding source. The process and paperwork to access rental assistance or other direct assistance is also too complicated for some applicants and the City has heard from providers serving new Americans, refugees, immigrants, and people of color, that applicants 'give up' on the application before they get through it or they are directed to the wrong programs when calling 2-1-1 or other agencies, for example. This is where the City is working to narrow and close the gap by working directly with local agencies on the intake processes. At times, it often comes down to miscommunication or simply not knowing where a problem is surfacing for the applicant.

Another gap the City is hearing about often and we are working on weekly with partners, is the relationship between supportive services and the housing development itself. The relationship between housing developers and supportive services/housing services providers must be in synchrony in order for people to have a successful housing experience that lasts. The City has been hearing, particularly during the pandemic, that there are experts in the field of housing development and those in the field of

housing/homeless service supports, realizing that they need to collaborate in order for people to obtain and maintain their housing. We are seeing a lack of coordination between service providers and affordable housing developers. It is improving, but there is a great funding need for both the physical housing and the social supports to keep people in the housing, including the need for collaboration, cooperation, and partnership between the developers and the service providers. There is a great need for strategizing the future of this relationship and injecting as many funds into this type of work as there are available in order to sustain it. The uncertainty of the future and how to best use these one-time HOME-ARP funds must be at the forefront of strategic planning and has been a topic of discussion throughout the City and its community development, housing, and homeless service partners since the onset of the pandemic.

Using HOME-ARP funds to increase low barrier housing and supportive services should be/will be a demonstration of how this solution works, how it ends homelessness, and how it needs to have a steady funding source that is created from a combination of federal, state, local, and private dollars. HOME-ARP funds have the potential to be leveraged for that future funding through this demonstration/pilot of a collaborative and singular approach (i.e., affordable housing development and supportive services/housing supports working as one). The City will continue to work on this together with the key partners.

CURRENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

To access current resources for Qualifying Populations, the Coordinated Access Referral Entry & Stabilization System (CARES) and FirstLink 2-1-1 hotline are generally used to match people's needs to the appropriate resources. People may also visit the city-operated Downtown Engagement Center (DEC) located at 222 4th Street North (former downtown police department). The staff who operate the Gladys Ray Shelter and Harm Reduction programming also run the DEC. People can access housing supports, mental and physical health services, temporary locker storage, laundry facilities, showers and toilets, and snacks. Hours of operation are 8 AM – 8PM daily. The phone number is 701-476-3723. No appointment is needed.

There is also a resource help card located at https://www.fmhomeless.org/resource-help-card, but it is currently being updated. FirstLink 2-1-1 also has a Community Directory at https://myfirstlink.org/, which offers contact information for youth services, food, mental health/substance use disorder services, housing, support groups, utilities, health care, transportation, prenatal/pregnancy/postpartum services, education, personal and household items, employment, seasonal programs, and consumer services. This directory is a searchable database. Specifically under the housing tab, it provides location and contact information for emergency shelters, housing payment assistance programs, and housing search and information-related data.

The YWCA offers supportive housing, job readiness programming, health referrals and other resources to address root causes of chronic homelessness. Those living in YWCA Supportive Housing can access programming for goal-setting, encouragement, accountability, referrals, and resources to overcome housing barriers. More supportive housing is needed though, because the YWCA has more applicants

than housing. In 2020, they had to turn away more than 80 percent of those who applied; of the 292 applications they received, they were only able to house 16.

HOME-ARP ACTIVITIES

Funds may be used for production or preservation of affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), supportive services, homeless prevention services, housing counseling, and/or the purchase and development of non-congregate shelter.

Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors: Applications were solicited through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (See Exhibit C). A March 16, 2022 publication in *The Forum,* a news release (available in 108 languages), and a website posting announced Fargo's NOFO. The NOFO process was also e-mailed to community development partners on March 17, 2022. Proposals were due on March 31, 2022. A total of six proposals were received from the following agencies:

1. SouthEastern North Dakota Community Action Agency – Prevention & Diversion (to be awarded)
2. Presentation Partners in Housing – Prevention & Diversion (to be awarded)
3. New Life Center – Supportive Services (to be awarded)
4. YWCA Lantern Light – Transitional Housing (to be awarded)
5. *Youthworks – Non-congregate Shelter for Youth (denied)*
6. *Beyond Shelter, Inc. Plaza 1 & 2 Apartments – Affordable Senior Housing Development (denied)*

Internally, the City of Fargo's Downtown Engagement Center (DEC) and Mobile Outreach Program (MOP) for homeless and housing services is also a candidate for HOME-ARP funding.

Review Criteria & Selection Process – All proposals were evaluated based on Qualifying Populations benefit and priority needs, project readiness, cost reasonableness and impact, activity management, experience, past performance, and current resources.

Describe whether the PJ (City of Fargo) will administer eligible activities directly: Activities at the Downtown Engagement Center (DEC) for homeless services will be administered by the City of Fargo directly because the DEC is operated by the City of Fargo's Public Health Department. The HOME-ARP funds will be used for McKinney Vento services at the DEC, which is located at 222 4th Street North in Fargo, North Dakota.

No portion of the City of Fargo's HOME-ARP administrative funds will be provided to a subrecipient or contractor to administer the HOME-ARP grant because the City of Fargo is responsible for the administration of the entire HOME-ARP grant.

No amount of HOME-ARP funding is planned for funding non-profit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs.

HOME-ARP FUNDING

The City of Fargo was awarded a total of $1,697,107 in one-time funding to respond to homelessness and housing-related issues among populations who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, and those experiencing housing instability. Funds may be used for activities mentioned in the prior section, HOME-ARP Activities. HOME-ARP funds and activities must be substantially amended into the City's 2021 HUD Annual Action Plan, which will happen in concurrence with this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Citizens were provided with the minimum 15-day required comment period to review this plan and the 2021 HUD Action Plan amendments. For full details on the selected activities, see Exhibit D.

Describe how the City of Fargo will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis: The overarching needs that were reported among service providers were Supportive Services including In-Housing Support/Housing Stabilization, Homeless Prevention & Landlord Engagement, Legal/Financial Services, then Housing Development, and finally Operating Costs. The City of Fargo is proposing an allocation of HOME-ARP funds to Supportive Services and Housing Development (See Table 3).

Table 2. Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	$1,147,107	68%	None
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	$0	0%	None
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	$0	0%	None
Development of Affordable Housing	$550,000	32%	None
Non-Profit Operation	$0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	$0	0%	5%
Admin. & Planning	$0	0%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	**$1,697,107**	**100%**	-

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 outreach the City conducted confirmed and/or provided the rationale to fund activities that the community has been in need of for a long time. As previously mentioned, the relationship between housing and supportive services/housing supports must be in synchrony in order for people to have a successful housing experience that lasts. Using HOME-ARP funds to increase low barrier housing options and growing supportive services, including prevention and diversion will be a demonstration of how this solution works, how it ends homelessness, and how it needs to have a steady funding source that is created from a combination of federal, state, local, and private dollars, all of which will be less than the public cost of homelessness. According to the North Dakota Plan to End Homelessness, the Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the State of the Homelessness report, taxpayers pay as much as $30,000-

$50,000 per year, per person for someone who is chronically homeless. That is approximately $4.1 million for the entire state of North Dakota in a single year. HOME-ARP funds have the potential to be leveraged for that future funding through this demonstration/pilot of a collaborative and singular approach, affordable housing development and supportive services/housing supports working as one.

HOME-ARP activities and projects must not violate fair housing and civil rights requirements. Projects that limit eligibility based on a protected class are ineligible (e.g., single-sex rental housing, single adults-only shelter, etc.). No person from a Qualifying Population will be excluded from HOME-ARP assisted projects and/or funding.

HOME-ARP PRODUCTION HOUSING GOALS

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for Qualifying Populations that the City of Fargo will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation: 4 HOME-ARP transitional housing units (19 units to be rehabbed using other funding sources, for a total of 23 units) for all Qualifying Populations with prioritization given to people fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

Table 3. Housing Production Goal Calculation Table

	HOME-ARP Rental Housing Project/Lantern Light
Housing characteristics required by the Qualifying Populations	
Qualifying Populations targeted for HOME-ARP rental housing (average household size)	All Qualifying Populations will be eligible to access Lantern Light, but it will give preference to people fleeing or attempting to flee violence. This preference prioritization method is through coordinated entry using vulnerability and is further described in the Preferences section of this plan.
Average household size	Varies
Unit size needed (number of bedrooms)	Varies based on population, from 1 bedroom to 4+ bedrooms.
Amenities	Safe and near transit, employment opportunities, childcare, healthcare.
HOME-ARP Funding	
Total amount of HOME-ARP funding allocated to jurisdiction	**$1,697,107**
Amount of HOME-ARP expected to be used for admin, NFP operating and capacity building	$0
Amount of HOME-ARP available for HOME-ARP eligible activities	**$1,697,107**
Amount of HOME-ARP allocated to non-rental housing eligible activities	$1,147,107 to Supportive Services

Amount of HOME-ARP available for rental housing operations and reserves	**$550,000**
Estimated amount for ongoing operating costs or operating cost assistance reserve	$27,500
Amount of HOME-ARP available for rental housing development	**$522,500**
Estimated amount from other housing development funding sources	$5,716,636
Total amount available for rental housing development	$6,239,136
Average per unit development cost for Qualifying Population	$271,267
Estimated HOME-ARP Housing Production Goal	**4 HOME-ARP units** (19 State HOME units) = 23

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

The 4 units will be rehabbed as part of the YWCA's Lantern Light project. Additional housing that is low-barrier and affordable is a critical need for our community as indicated in the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis section. YWCA Supportive Housing offers job readiness programming, health referrals and other resources to address root causes of chronic homelessness. According to FM Area Homeless Coalition, the key barriers reported to safe, stable housing are poor credit and rental history, unemployment and lack of livable wages, transportation, and lack of affordable rents. Other reasons are past evictions or un-renewed leases, and loss of jobs or hours. Common barriers to jobs are physical and mental health, transportation, childcare, and criminal backgrounds. Those living in YWCA Supportive Housing can access the goal-setting, encouragement, accountability, referrals, and resources to overcome these barriers.

Lantern Light has particular relevance to survivors of domestic violence, a key trigger of homelessness. Data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in Cass and Clay Counties, the year most currently available, reveals that approximately 24 percent of all homeless-seeking services for the first time had histories of domestic violence. Of those with a history of domestic violence, 34 percent identified fleeing domestic violence as the reason for their current homeless situation. For YWCA, 86 percent of those seeking YWCA Shelter last year were fleeing domestic violence. The YWCA's Supportive Housing team is particularly knowledgeable of the effects of trauma and adept at serving domestic violence survivors. All Qualifying Populations will have access to Lantern Light, with preference given to those who are most vulnerable and fleeing violence as indicated by coordinated entry.

PREFERENCES

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific Qualifying Population or category within a Qualifying Population (i.e., subpopulation – elderly, persons with disabilities, chronically homeless) to receive assistance. A preference permits one eligible applicant to receive priority over another eligible applicant who does not qualify for a preference. For example, a person who is chronically homeless receives priority for assistance before someone who is homeless, but does not meet the definition of "chronically homeless". A method of prioritization, such as coordinated entry and/or a vulnerability index score, is used by most of the homeless service providers in the community, including those who will receive HOME-ARP funding. Such preferences must be identified in this plan.

Identify whether the City of Fargo 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 City of Fargo will be giving preference in one HOME-ARP activity, Lantern Light (specifically for people fleeing violence), therefore giving preference to one Qualifying Population over another.

Additionally, the existing coordinated entry system utilizes a vulnerability scoring tool to prioritize people who need help the most, which prioritizes those experiencing chronic homelessness. People who are not given preference will be assisted by other providers in the community with which the YWCA and other sheltering and housing agencies will provide references for so their needs may be met.

If the City of Fargo intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. Our homeless response system is referred to as CARES, which is Coordinated Access, Referral, Entry, & Stabilization System, our region's approach to the HUD's mandate that each CoC operate a Coordinated Entry (CE) System. CARES coordinates prevention, diversion, emergency shelter, supportive housing, and stabilization services in the North Dakota and West Central MN Continuum of Care regions. People are prioritized for emergency shelter and supportive housing programs based on vulnerability, client choice, eligibility, and program openings.

The specific prioritization process used for Lantern Light transitional housing will be as follows:

Prioritization will be a mixed approach. For the Permanent Supportive Housing funded through a HUD CoC grant, applicants for 8 out of 23 units will be screened using a Housing Prioritization Tool (HPT). Our current Supportive Housing Programs follow the Housing First approach to rehouse families as quickly as possible and provide voluntary supportive services as needed. Low barrier entry is a priority and prospective participants are screened using the HPT. Housing providers in our region meet on a weekly basis to review HPT scores of homeless individuals in the HomeLinks system. Openings in housing programs are outlined in the categories of low, medium, and high and are used to match homeless individuals with the housing program that is the best fit for their unique needs.

The remaining 15 units will have domestic violence and homeless preferences on the tenant selection criteria with the management firm hired to manage the property and leasing. YWCA Emergency Shelter and other local homeless shelters are a common entry point for YWCA Supportive Housing, with shelter staff identifying prospects to apply for a YWCA housing program. The shelter itself gains referrals from

all law enforcement, social service agencies, mental health providers and churches. In addition, YWCA is listed as a resource with 2-1-1, on the YWCA website, and social media channels. Referrals come from multiple sources and those facing violence and homelessness will be provided a preference.

The project will comply fully with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Federal Fair Housing Act, Executive Order 11063, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and any legislation protecting the individual rights of residents, applicants, or staff which may subsequently be enacted.

Under Federal law, it is illegal to discriminate against any person or group of persons because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or source of income.

No applicant may be denied tenancy solely based on criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking of the applicant otherwise qualifies for admission or occupancy and it is a covered housing program.

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 the individuals and families in the Qualifying Population or subpopulation of Qualifying Population, consistent with the City of Fargo's Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis: The priority needs identified in the Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis were Supportive Services and Affordable Housing. Those who are most vulnerable will be housed first and/or get the supportive services they need to stay housed. For the people trying to flee violence, having a priority to get out of that dangerous situation is critical and one of the only ways to meet their needs.

Referral Methods – the City of Fargo is not required to describe referral methods in this plan, but if referrals will be used to refer a person from a Qualifying Population to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the City and its HOME-ARP subrecipients must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Planning and Development (CPD) Notice 21-10 issued September 13, 2021 (page 10), Subject: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program, "Referral Methods for Projects or Activities".

Identify the referral methods that the City of Fargo intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. Multiple referral methods may be used in HOME-ARP programs. Presentation Partners in Housing refers people to SENDCAA based on their needs only because SENDCAA is able to provide more specialized services for some of their clients. The YWCA also receives referrals from a number of organizations to their services.

If the City of Fargo 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. The CoC's CE includes all Qualifying Populations as verified by the CoC.

If the City of Fargo 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. When someone is referred from another agency, it is only for specialized services and/or those individuals will still be taken in based on the vulnerability score and the CE process.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP Rental Housing or Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) Project

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

- The City of Fargo must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.

- The City of Fargo may not exclude otherwise eligible Qualifying Populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.

- Within the Qualifying Populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). The City of Fargo must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gaps identified by the PJ in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.

- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the CPD-21-10 Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular Qualifying Population or segment of the Qualifying Population <u>if the limitation is described in the City of Fargo's HOME-ARP allocation plan.</u>

- The City of Fargo may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

Describe whether the City of Fargo 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 CPD-21-10 Notice: the City of Fargo will not be imposing any limitations on rental housing or NCS projects in terms of limiting eligibility to a particular population.

If the City of Fargo 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 City of Fargo's Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis: No limitations will be implemented.

If a limitation was identified, describe how the City of Fargo 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 City of Fargo's HOME-ARP projects or activities): No limitations will be implemented.

To avoid potential fair housing and civil rights violations, HUD strongly recommends that the City of Fargo does not impose limitations if implementing a preference would accomplish the City's goal of serving a specific Qualifying Population or subpopulation of a Qualifying Population.

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	FARGO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Public Housing Agency
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: To learn about specific housing needs and populations most in need of quality affordable housing; to partner on understanding housing-related issues and developing housing solutions together.
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Need supportive services, along with additional affordable housing options for current supportive housing residents to graduate into.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	FAMILY HEALTHCARE CENTER & HOMELESS HEALTH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Health Care, Disability
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021) and Non-Homeless and Non-Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (12/1/2021); Email Outreach Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: To further build the relationship; to better understand healthcare needs of Family HealthCare's & Homeless Health's clients, including people experiencing homelessness; to problem solve together where relevant.
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Need supportive services for housing stabilization. Substance use disorder, mental health issues, and trauma require supportive services to stabilize the situation and keep people housed.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	YWCA CASS CLAY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing/Children/Victims of Domestic Violence

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021) and Non-Homeless and Non-Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (12/1/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication <u>Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination:</u> To continue building relationship between City and homeless service provider; to better understand the needs of adults and children fleeing domestic violence in this community; to create a safer community and assist in providing safe places for adults and children experiencing violence.
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Affordable supportive housing, renovation for affordable housing, housing supports. Rent Bridge program, not moving fast enough. Supportive services important, but concerns about using for operations and sustainability plan. Use rather for development of affordable housing stock and state use rental assistance funds.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	UNITED WAY OF CASS CLAY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Service Funder/Foundation
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021) and Non-Homeless and Non-Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (12/1/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication <u>Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination:</u> To maintain relationship; to better understand the needs of local non-profits assisting persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
	Qualifying Populations Served	Funds organizations serving Qualifying Populations.
	Feedback	Supportive services; appropriate housing stabilization services to keep people housed. Lack of individuals to do the work and do it well, underpaid and overwhelmed. Need to support the work and operations. Need to invest in people to achieve stable housing.

5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	GLADYS RAY SHELTER/DOWNTOWN ENGAGEMENT CENTER/HARM REDUCTION/FARGO CASS PUBLIC HEALTH - CITY OF FARGO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Homeless service provider (City-operated)
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: To build departmental relationship; to understand the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness; to problem solve together to identify solutions to help end and prevent homelessness; provide a safe shelter option for those who are homeless.
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Need housing, housing supports and supportive services - in home supports focused on recovery, health care, and personal care, peer support workforce development, operations at the Downtown Engagement Center as it develops its role in promoting collaboration and efficiency. Pay decent wage and less time having staff in shelter, but rather in housing supports to keep people housed is goal.
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	BEYOND SHELTER, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Affordable housing developer
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021) and Non-Homeless and Non-Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (12/1/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: To maintain relationship; to better understand housing needs; to develop complex housing solutions together; to assist in developing quality affordable housing for Fargo residents.
	Qualifying Populations Served	All – builds housing for Qualifying Populations.

	Feedback	Need more housing development and in-house, coordinated support services for people who are homeless or at risk, more multi-family affordable rental options. Need more rental assistance, services and service partners, and development capital. Build or rehab units for people coming out of homelessness. Housing needs supports to ensure success with tenant. Relies on partnerships with those offering supportive services. Concern about using one-time money for operations. Prioritize development of permanent supportive housing with wrap around services.
7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	NEW LIFE CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - homeless
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to build relationship; to better understand the needs of the homeless population served by New Life Center; to problem solve together where relevant
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Biggest challenge is staffing and finding open housing units.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	SOUTHEASTERN NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing/Children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to build relationship; to better understand the needs of SENDCAA and their clients; to end and prevent homelessness; to problem solve together where relevant
	Qualifying Populations Served	All

	Feedback	Greatest need is funds for supportive service to help people obtain and maintain and housing. Staff for maintaining current level of services and adding more community based housing supportive services for population currently homeless and at risk of homelessness. Homeowners also in need of repairs to keep housing safe and sanitary. Hard to find rehab dollars.
9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – CITY OF FARGO/CITY OF MOORHEAD, MN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other Government - Local
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021) and Non-Homeless and Non-Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (12/1/2021) <u>Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination:</u> to improve departmental and jurisdictional relationships and knowledge of community development needs
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Community Development Committee members – prioritize housing development and operating costs, but concerned about one-time funding and sustainability, also need Islamic lending.
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CENTRE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing/Employment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach <u>Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination:</u> to build relationship and better understand the needs of people recently coming out of correctional facilities
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Need felon-friendly housing.
	Agency/Group/Organization	LAKE AGASSIZ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

11	**Agency/Group/Organization Type**	Services – Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to maintain and grow relationship; to better understand the needs of low to moderate income households wanting to become homeowners; to build homes together
	Qualifying Populations Served	Other Populations (those experiencing housing instability)
	Feedback	Prioritized housing development, capacity building, and non-profit operating costs. Lack funds to build more than 75% of the need. Employee compensation and retainage. Increase partnerships.
12	**Agency/Group/Organization**	HIGH PLAINS FAIR HOUSING CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing/Fair Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to maintain relationship; to better understand human rights and fair housing needs
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Need Supportive Services Fair Housing/Mediation/legal support for eviction prevention. Sees need for affordable housing development, too, with one time funding.
13	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CHISOM HOUSING GROUP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Fair Housing

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021) and Non-Homeless and Non-Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (12/1/2021); Email Outreach; Periodic Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to maintain and build relationship; to better understand the needs of residents at the former Community Homes (now the Arbors at McCormick Park)
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Need rental assistance, supportive services including language services, financial literacy and supports, documentation assistance, and helping with case management to keep residents in their home. Risk mitigation funding to assist with applicants who have prior landlord or utility debts would be helpful, which often delays admissions or prevents people from getting housing.
14	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CASS CLAY COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CCCLT)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021) and Non-Homeless and Non-Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (12/1/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to maintain and grow relationship; to better understand the needs of low to moderate income households wanting to become homeowners; to build homes together
	Qualifying Populations Served	Other Populations (those experiencing housing instability)
	Feedback	Need more home opportunities within Fargo's core neighborhoods.
15	**Agency/Group/Organization**	PRESENTATION PARTNERS IN HOUSING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Housing

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to build relationship; to better understand the needs of PPiH and their clients; to end and prevent homelessness; to problem solve together where relevant
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Greatest need is sustaining existing (including short-term supports that are COVID specific) and ramping up current homeless prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing resources to slow the inflow of people entering shelters; need those beds for others who have no other options. Need to add additional Housing Stability Specialists to focus on ending chronic homelessness through supportive services in collaboration with other local agencies. Supportive services to housing/keeping housed most vulnerable individuals/families. Staffing and homeless prevention supports, followed closely by rental assistance. Expand housing navigation programming. Improve landlord partnerships.
16	**Agency/Group/Organization**	HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (VA HUD-VASH)
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment/Homelessness Needs – Veterans
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to build relationship and better understand the needs of veterans
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Greatest need is finding landlords willing to take harder to house veterans. Possibly offering a landlord incentive for renting or a risk mitigation fund. More single occupancy housing, difficult time finding units.

17	**Agency/Group/Organization**	HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF FARGO-MOORHEAD (HBA FM)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to better understand housing needs in the community
	Qualifying Populations Served	None
	Feedback	Inventory is a big problem, cannot keep up or diverse enough capacity. Diversion and Amazon workers will likely lead to no housing at all.
18	**Agency/Group/Organization**	NORTH DAKOTA HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Fair Housing/Human Rights
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to maintain relationship; to better understand human rights and fair housing needs
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	State resources not being spent fast enough.
19	**Agency/Group/Organization Type**	IMMIGRANT DEVELOPMENT CENTER
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to maintain relationship; to better understand needs of new Americans, refugees, and immigrants.
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Supportive services preventing homelessness. Lutheran Social Services is gone now and they used to co-sign for rental leases; build relationships with homeowners and families who want to rent; new policies require credit scores 650 and more in order to rent in FM area; wants to help families sustain their housing.

19	**Agency/Group/Organization Type**	NORTH DAKOTA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC)
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	One-on-one meeting with CoC & City of Fargo (7/16/2021 and 8/17/21); attended the Homelessness and Housing Needs Virtual Town Hall Meeting (10/28/2021); Email Outreach; Ongoing Communication Anticipated outcome/areas or areas for improved coordination: to build relationship; to better understand the needs of the homeless population served by the ND CoC; to problem solve together where relevant
	Qualifying Populations Served	All
	Feedback	Prevention is not covered financially by CoC at the time of interview and it needs to be funded, it takes a lot of strategic partnerships to prevent and end homelessness, by enhancing this process, trauma is reduced and a sense of stability is provided. CoC states promoting community wide support is necessary in order to quickly house/rehouse (we need our partners). Data collection important. It is a challenging funding piece – circular problem funding data, resources, and/or agencies that provide data (not all data collected in HMIS is what is wanted – limited). Coordinated entry has been a struggle but Fargo is functioning at much higher level than rest of the state likely due to more funding opportunities, more PSH and affordable housing for all people is needed. Resources (staff) and wrap around services to stabilize people in housing needs to be funded. The definition of homelessness is also a problem because there are so many different definitions; some people are counted under one definition and not another which makes it a funding issue (and difficult) to get people into housing.

While you wait... Please share the following information in the chat box:

1. Name
2. Organization
3. Organization's Greatest Need
4. Thank you!

Reminder... This meeting is specifically for needs related to:

1. Homelessness
2. Low Income Housing
3. We will be having a separate meeting for everything else! Dec. 1, 2021

AGENDA

1. **Introductions** (Name and organization) – In chat box
2. **Parking Lot & Rules** – 2 minutes
3. **Intro to HOME ARP & 2022 funds** – 5 minutes
4. **Quick Poll** – 2 minutes
5. **Round robin on:** 45 minutes – 1 hour
   a) Greatest issue and/or obstacle your organization faces
   b) Is there a current solution to this issue? What is it briefly and is it being implemented?
6. **Wrap Up & Questions** – 5-10 minutes

RESOURCES 1st! – See chat box for links

So don't worry about writing everything down...

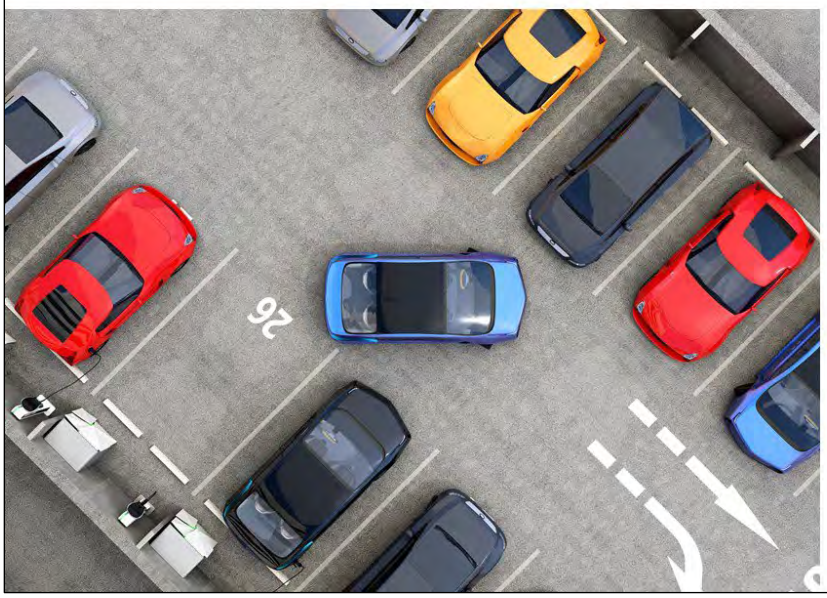
Slides are available! They were attached to the Outlook invite this morning.

Get your detailed HOME-ARP questions answered at HUD…

- **https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp**
- Supportive Services Eligibility Details available at Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Subtitle B, Chapter V, Subchapter C, Part 587 (also linked within above link) **https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578#578.53**

If you are unable to find answers, please contact us at planning@fargond.gov or 701-241-1474.

PARKING LOT & RULES



1. **"Parking Lot"** – because we're limited on time, we will be creating a list of any ideas that may need to be saved for a later discussion. This meeting is to identify needs and help you prepare for application.

2. **Rules** – raise your hand if you have a question or comment, we'll be watching for hands; stay muted when not talking; interact with us.

INTRO TO HOME-ARP & 2022 FUNDS

Two separate sources of funds, both from HUD:

1. One-time **HOME-ARP** allocation = $1,697,107
   a) For homelessness and very low income housing only
   b) Not to be confused with the City of Fargo's general ARP funds

2. Annual (**2022**) allocation = Estimated $800,000 (CDBG) and $500,000 (HOME) for a total of $1,300,000+/-

That's almost 3 million dollars!

HOME-ARP

Why? To reduce homelessness and increase housing stability by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter.

Who can we assist with HOME-ARP funds?

- **Homeless** as defined in Section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- **At-risk of homelessness**, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1));
- **Victims of domestic violence** – fleeing, or attempting to flee, as defined by the Secretary;
- **Other vulnerable populations** where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability;

Also included are veterans and families that include a veteran family member who meets one of the preceding criteria.

HOME-ARP

What can we do with HOME-ARP funds?

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Homeless prevention services
- Supportive services outside of a shelter that help people obtain and maintain housing, including the day-to-day operation of the facility from which services are offered (i.e., maintenance, repair, security, furniture, utilities, equipment), including:
  - Case management, outreach
  - Child care for children of families experiencing homelessness
  - Transitional or permanent supportive housing projects
  - Housing counseling
  - Education services, life skills training, legal services
  - Mental health services, substance abuse treatment, outpatient treatment,
  - Employment assistance and job training
  - Moving costs, utilities, food, transportation
- Purchase and development of non-congregate shelter which can later be converted to emergency shelter (ESG), permanent supportive housing (CoC), or affordable housing (HOME)
- Production or preservation of affordable housing
- Up to 5% of the allocation can be used for non-profit and homeless providers' operations; even more for capacity building

2022 HUD CDBG & HOME Funds

Goals of 2022 Year of 5-Year Consolidated Plan

- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**
- **Homeless Prevention/Eviction Prevention**
- **Fair Housing**
- **Public facility or infrastructure activities for non-housing benefit**

QUICK POLL ON YOUR TOP HOUSING OR HOMELESSNESS PRIORITY

1. **RENTAL ASSISTANCE**
2. **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – Specifically**
3. **NON-PROFIT OPERATING COSTS**
4. **CAPACITY BUILDING**
5. **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (including transitional or permanent supportive housing)**
6. **NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER**
7. **OTHER NOT LISTED – please list in chat box**

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

1. **Remember Parking Lot**
2. **Round robin on:** 45 minutes – 1 hour
   a) Greatest issue and/or obstacle your organization faces
   b) Is there a current solution to this issue? What is it briefly and is it being implemented?

WRAP UP

1. **Meeting analysis/poll results/priorities**
2. **Guidelines and timelines for applying for funds**

October 28, 2021 Virtual Town Hall Meeting -- HUD HOME-ARP and 2022 Funds
Chat Box Discussion Items

12:27 PM
Nicole Crutchfield to Everyone
Welcome Everyone! Please enter your name, organization and your organization's greatest need in the chat box while we wait for everyone to arrive.

12:28 PM
Trent to Everyone
Trent and Sam Case Clay CLT home opportunities within the core neighborhoods

12:31 PM
Jasmine Flaten to Everyone
Jasmine Flaten

12:32 PM
kim Seeb to Everyone
Kim Seeb, Family Healthcare/Homeless Health

12:32 PM

Lisa Rotvold to Everyone
Lisa Rotvold, Beyond Shelter, Inc. We see rental assistance, services & service partners, and development capital as high priorities.

12:32 PM
Thomas Hill to Everyone
Thomas Hill, United Way of Cass-Clay

12:32 PM
Joshua Huffman to Everyone
Joshua Huffman, City of Moorhead

12:32 PM
Sarah Hasbargen to Everyone
Good Afternoon! Sarah Hasbargen with SENDCAA. Our organization's greatest need is funds for supportive services to help people obtain and maintain housing.

12:32 PM
Jasmine Flaten to Everyone
Jasmine Flaten, Centre Inc, felon friendly housing.

12:32 PM
Sarah Kennedy to Everyone
Sarah Kennedy, Presentation Partners in Housing, org's greatest need is sustaining existing (including short-term supports that are COVID specific) and ramping up current homeless prevention and diversion resources

12:32 PM
Sarah Bagley to Everyone
Sarah Bagley, Chisom

12:32 PM
Rocky Schneider to Everyone
Rocky Schneider, Planning Commission, Community Development Committee, and Cass Clay Community Land Trust

12:32 PM
Williams, Jennifer A. to Everyone
Jennifer Williams, VA HUD VASH, greatest need is finding landlords willing to take our harder to house veterans

12:33 PM
Sarah Bagley to Everyone
At The Arbors we need rental assistance, supportive services including language services, and helping with case management to keep residents in their home.

12:34 PM
Beth Olson to Everyone

Beth Olson, Presentation Partners in Housing- Housing Navigation's greatest need is to add additional Housing Stability Specialists to focus on ending chronic homelessness through supportive services in collaboration with other local agencies.

12:34 PM
Mark Puppe, HBA of FM to Everyone
Mark Puppe, Home Builders Assoc of F-M

12:34 PM
Sanjay Mendis - New Life Center to Everyone
Sanjay Mendis - New Life Center

12:34 PM
Jan Eliassen to Everyone
Jan Eliassen - of course the usual including housing, housing supports, peer support workforce development. But also operations at the engagement center as we develop its role in promoting collaboration and efficiency

12:35 PM
Owner to Everyone
Barry Nelson, Fargo Human Relations Commission; ND Human Rights Coalition

12:36 PM
Erin Prochnow to Everyone
Erin Prochnow, YWCA Cass Clay, affordable supportive housing, renovation for affordable housing, housing supports.

12:36 PM
Linda Klebe to Everyone
Linda Klebe Community Development

12:43 PM
Sarah Bagley to Organizers
2, 3 and 4

12:43 PM
Trenton Gerads to Everyone
CCCLT - Capacity Building

12:43 PM
Michelle Rydz to Everyone
2-Supportive Services Fair Housing/Mediation/legal support for eviction prevention

12:43 PM
Erin Prochnow to Everyone
5 - more affordable housing stock, then 2 specifically advocates/navigators

12:43 PM
Joe Rizzo to Everyone

Housing Development

12:43 PM
Jim Nelson to Everyone
Jim Nelson, Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity - Housing Development, Capacity Building, non-profit operating costs

12:43 PM
Sarah Hasbargen to Everyone
2. Supportive services: Staff for maintaining current level of services and adding more community based housing supportive services for population currently homeless and at risk of homelessness.

12:43 PM
Lisa Rotvold to Everyone
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12:43 PM
Owner to Everyone
Housing development

12:43 PM
Brandon Kjelden to Everyone
Supportive Services to obtain and maintain housing.

12:43 PM
Rocky Schneider to Everyone
Operating and capacity

12:43 PM
Beth Olson to Everyone
2- Supportive Services- specifically for prevention, diversion, and housing/keeping housed most vulnerable individuals/families

12:43 PM
Thomas Hill to Everyone
supportive services-appropriate housing stabilization services to keep people housed

12:44 PM
Linda Klebe to Everyone
Housing development and operating costs

12:44 PM
Sarah Kennedy to Everyone
Supportive services (2) including staffing and homeless prevention supports. Followed closely by rental assistance

12:44 PM
Jan Eliassen to Everyone
supportive services - in home supports focused on recovery, health care, and personal care

12:44 PM
Sarah Bagley to Everyone
2 - supportive services - we need more case management to help keep people in homes. financial literacy and supports, documentation assistance

12:44 PM
Sanjay Mendis - New Life Center to Everyone
2. Supportive Services for people currently homeless

12:45 PM
Williams, Jennifer A. to Everyone
Landlords willing to rent to harder to house veterans. Possibly offering a landlord incentive for renting or a risk mitigation fund

12:46 PM
Sarah Bagley to Everyone
risk mitigation funding to assist with applicants who have prior landlord or utility debts would be helpful. that often delays admissions or prevents people from getting housing.

12:46 PM
kim Seeb to Everyone
services to help people stabilize and stay in housing. Affordable housing is always a need but once someone who has substance use disorder and mental health issues as well as trauma are housed there are so many things that are needed to stabilize the situation.

12:47 PM
Sarah Bagley to Everyone
agreed with Kim - we have ample units but a lot of turnover because people fall behind, or violate lease terms in ways that are preventable with support and case management.

12:47 PM
Sarah Bagley to Organizers
apologies - but I may need to jump up before you get to me in the chat. I've tried to leave comments in the chat with some of our needs.

12:50 PM
Fowzia Adde to Everyone
I would like to also add about root causes of homelessness that is what IDC supports,- I am able to talk about it

1:00 PM
Sanjay Mendis - New Life Center to Everyone
Our biggest challenge is staffing our shelter and our clients not being able to to get in to housing soon enough because simply lack of open units for them to move in to

Erin Prochnow & Barry Nelson – concerned about one time funding and not being able to sustain programming, need to spend money on more affordable, accessible housing stock; questioning slow output of State funding

1:06 PM
Chris Brungardt to Everyone
I apologize that I need to jump to a different meeting. However, we agree with the need of supportive services. Along with additional affordable housing for people in supportive housing to graduate.

Fowzia – help families sustain housing, before they become homeless

Thomas Hill to Everyone
Can you reiterate the spending timeline for these funds

1:19 PM
Owner to Everyone
Thanks, Nicole, for clarifying on the federal monies and directing where we need to be asking that question and advocating.

1:20 PM
Owner to Everyone
Thanks, everyone, for being a part of my education. Got to jump off.

1:20 PM
Catlyn Christie to Everyone
Planning@FargoND.gov

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701-241-1474

1:20 PM
Jasmine Markusen to Everyone
Links to Resources:

1:20 PM
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https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp

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https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578#578.53

1:23 PM
Linda Klebe to Everyone
Have we had anyone go to the courthouse to intervene in an eviction process? The court schedule would be one way to get ahead of an eviction. Not sure if the renters are actively looking for that resource. Arrears.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO)

Program:
Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)

Funding Opportunity Title: "HOME-ARP Notice of Funding Opportunity"

Due Date for Proposals: 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022

Overview

The City of Fargo is seeking proposals for its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. All proposals will be evaluated based on benefit to Qualifying Populations, project readiness, cost reasonableness and impact, activity management, experience, past performance, and current resources. Failure to respond accurately to any submission requirement could result in an incomplete proposal.

Additionally, HOME-ARP funds are subject to all applicable federal environmental and labor requirements, including the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (i.e., the use of Davis Bacon wage rates for affected projects), and Relocation and Accessibility standards. Please note that federal regulations now require all subrecipients of federal funds to be registered on SAM.gov and obtain a UEI.

Funding Opportunity Description

I. Program Description

These one-time funds granted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development are intended specifically to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations in an effort to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

These funds must be used for activities that will assist at least one of the following Qualifying Populations:

A. Individuals or families who are homeless[i]
B. Individuals or families who are at risk of homelessness[ii]
C. Individuals or families who are fleeing or attempting to flee from domestic violence[iii], dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
D. Other individuals or families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness or who are at the greatest risk of housing instability, including:
   a. Households who have annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, OR

b. Households who have annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income AND are considered to meet a criteria for "at risk of homelessness"

E. Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet a Qualifying Population criteria as described above.

II. Award Information

A. Available Funds – Funding of approximately $1,700,000 is available through this NOFO.

B. Number of Awards – The City of Fargo expects to make up to 5 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

C. Minimum/Maximum Award Information

Estimated Total Funding:	$1,700,000 +/-
Minimum Award Amount:	$200,000
Maximum Award Amount:	$1,700,000 +/-

D. Period of Performance

Estimated Project Start Date: Summer 2022

End Date: Depending on project type, 1- 3 years

III. Eligible Activities – In order of funding priority

Activity	Description
Provision of Supportive Services (1)	• Services must be new or provide a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service. • Services must benefit those who are homeless or at high risk of becoming homeless, as described on page one. • Services can include, but are not limited to, those concerned with child care, employment assistance or job training, food accessibility, certain legal services, assistance with obtaining or retaining housing, and financial assistance costs such as security and utility deposits or payment of rental arrears.
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) units (2)	• NCS provides private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families and does not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. • Costs may include: Acquisition of land and construction of NCS or acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing structures such as motels, hotels, or other facilities to be used for NCS.
Development and Support of Affordable Housing (3)	• The acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. • A minimum of 70% of the rental units assisted with HOME-ARP funds must be occupied by the Qualifying Populations listed in Section I of this Notice of Funding Opportunity; up to 30% of the rental units may be occupied by low-income households not meeting the criteria of a Qualifying Population.
Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance (4)	• Operating assistance and capacity building assistance cannot exceed the greater of 50% of the general operating expenses of the organization for that fiscal year or $50,000 respectively and funds must go to the general operations, not operations for a specific project.

	• Additionally, any nonprofit given such funds must be able to successfully administer another, separate HOME-ARP activity within 24 months of funding from this category. o If applying for Nonprofit Operating or Capacity Building Assistance, applicants must submit an **additional proposal** describing the separate HOME-ARP activity that they would be overseeing after the award of these funds

A. <u>Ineligible Activities</u>

1. Homebuyer or existing homeowner assistance
    a. Including the development of affordable housing for homeownership and homeowner rehabilitation
2. Congregate shelters, including emergency shelters
3. Any activities that do not assist a Qualifying Population, as defined on page one
4. Operating costs for a HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter project
5. Financing for political activities
6. Income payments

IV. Applicant and Submission Information

A. Instructions

1. Submit proposal as a single PDF no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022, at https://fileshare.fargond.gov/index.php/s/6HR67E3oo9fEzKt
2. PDF must include your organization's name (e.g., "Helping Hands 2022 NOFO Proposal")
3. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted

B. Content & Format of Proposals

1. <u>Cover Letter</u> (must include):
    a. Organization's basic information,
    b. Brief summary of proposed project or program.
        i. The need being addressed,
        ii. The amount of HOME-ARP funding requested,
        iii. The project location,
        iv. The project/program lead,
        v. Any sub-consultants that would be involved in project/program (if applicable),
        vi. Contact information for the organization.

2. <u>Project/Program Summary (</u>1 page max., must include):
    a. The full project description,
        i. If proposing a program, indicate whether it is a new service or an increase to an existing service.
    b. How many people or households the program or project will serve,
    c. Which Qualifying Population will be served,
    d. How beneficiary data will be recorded,
        i. Will there be an application process? Will the program or project only serve a Qualifying Population?
    e. If applying for a building rehabilitation project, please include photos that show the existing conditions to provide context.

3. Project/Program Budget:
   a. Provide a detailed agency operations budget and a budget for the proposed project/program with the amount requested included.
   b. Indicate any funding already secured with amounts and sources.
      i. Include any pending sources.

4. Project/Program Timeline: Include start/finish date and milestones.

5. Project/Program Experience:
   a. Provide details about your experience with CDBG or HOME funds and similar projects
      i. Grant amount, projects/program, dates, etc.
   b. Provide information on any collaboration with organizations who provide similar services in the area, if applicable.
      i. What gap in available services is your program or project filling in the area?

6. Project/Program Team: Indicate lead manager and any consultants that will be used on the project.

7. References:
   a. Include references for 3 most recent (within past 5 years) similar projects;
      i. Include contact information for all references.
   b. If proposal is program based, provide 3 references from funders.

8. Proof of SAM Registration: Include screen shot of current registration status in the System for Award Management [See Section IV (C)].

C. System for Award Management (SAM) and Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number.
   1. **SAM Registration Requirement**
      Applicants must be registered or have their registration process underway with https://www.sam.gov/ before submitting their proposal.
   2. **Unique Entity Identifier**
      Applicants must provide a valid UEI. This ID is provided automatically after registration is complete in SAM.gov. More information about this process can be found here: Unique Entity Identifier Update | GSA

V. Proposal Review Information

A. Review Criteria & Selection Process – All proposals will be evaluated based on Qualifying Populations benefit, project readiness, cost reasonableness and impact, activity management, experience, past performance, and current resources.

End of Request for Proposals Notice of Funding Opportunity document.

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[i] **Homeless**, defined as:

a. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence,
b. An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary residence, OR
c. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition but who:

i. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
ii. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during a 60 day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance;
iii. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time

[ii] **At risk of homelessness**, defined as an individual or family who:

a. Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area;
b. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the "Homeless" definition in this section; and
c. Meets one of the following conditions:
    i. Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
    ii. Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
    iii. 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;
    iv. 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;
    v. Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room; or
    vi. 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)

[iii] **Domestic Violence** includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

a. A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim (the term "spouse or intimate partner of the victim" includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship);
b. A person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
c. A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
d. A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the local domestic or family violence laws; or
e. Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

PUBLICATION IN FARGO FORUM NEWSPAPER ON MARCH 16, 2022

ND Affidavit No. 41703

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Dated this 16th day of March, 2022

Legals Clerk

Notary Public

NICHOLE SEITZ
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Jan. 3, 2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
City of Fargo

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Program: HUD HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)

Funding Opportunity Title: HUD HOME-ARP NOFO

Due Date for Proposals: 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022

Submission Instructions

All proposals must be submitted electronically. Full instructions, NOFO, application materials, eligibility requirements, qualifying population definitions and the submission link are located online at: https://fargond.gov/work/bids-rfqs-rfps.

Comments & Suggestions

Comments and suggestions from the public are encouraged through a public comment period and/or at the public hearing. Existing plans are available by request through the Planning and Development Department or online at www.fargond.gov/planninganddevelopment/plansandstudies. See contact information above or below.

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Contact Information

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Home - American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan Seeks Proposals

03/16/2022

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The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) period is open from March 16 through March 31, 2022. Proposals are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. All proposals must be submitted electronically. Full instructions, NOFO details, application materials, eligibility requirements, qualifying population definitions and the submission information can be found at https://fargond.gov/work/bids-rfqs-rfps.

All information related to this NOFO can be viewed in the full public notice published in The Forum newspaper on March 16, 2022. Please contact The City of Fargo at 701.241.1474 for translation services on the public notice, NOFO information or application materials.

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City of Fargo
Notice of Public Hearing & Public Comment Period
HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program
2021 Action Plan Amendment

The City of Fargo is opening a 15-day public comment period starting June 16, 2022, including a public hearing on June 27, 2022 at the regular Fargo City Commission meeting. Multiple items under the City's HUD programs will be open for comment during this period. All items will be given final consideration at the July 11, 2022 City Commission meeting. Each item is summarized in this notice.

Summary of Proposed Amendments to 2021 Annual Action Plan:

1. Allocation Increase – Amend into 2021 Annual Action Plan – HOME-ARP

Adding $1,697,107 to 2021 Annual Action Plan Resources to support homelessness prevention efforts and housing stability as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Draft:

The City has prepared a draft version of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The priorities established within the draft plan result from community consultation and a public input meeting held on October 28, 2021 with community partners. These one-time funds are intended specifically to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations in an effort to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. Comments on this draft should be provided during this comment period.

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PROPOSED 2021 ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Transitional Housing

1. YWCA Lantern Light Apartments - $550,000 in HOME-ARP funds. Rehabilitation of an existing property in south Fargo to develop permanent supportive affordable transitional housing. The project will house and support those experiencing domestic violence, homelessness, or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. The location of this project is at 1101 32 Ave S, Fargo, North Dakota.

Supportive Services

1. Operational Support for Homelessness Prevention & Diversion: SouthEastern North Dakota Community Action Agency (SENDCAA) - $450,000 in HOME-ARP funds. Operational support to increase the organization's capacity to carry out the Homeless Prevention and Diversion & Housing Navigation Programs.

2. Operational Support for Homelessness Prevention & Diversion: Presentation Partners in Housing - $450,000 in HOME-ARP funds. Operational support to increase the organization's capacity to carry out homeless prevention and diversion activities.

3. Operational Support for McKinney Vento Supportive Services: Downtown Engagement Center - $247,107 in HOME-ARP funds. Operational support for homeless and housing-related services at the Downtown Engagement Center located in at 222 4th St N in downtown Fargo.

COMMENTS, ACCESSIBILITY, & SCHEDULE

Comments and suggestions from the public are encouraged through a public comment period and/or at the public hearing. Contact information and schedule are provided below:

15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 16 through June 30, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, June 27, 2022 - 5:15 pm

Fargo City Commission Chambers
225 4th Street North, Fargo, ND 58102

CITY COMMISSION VOTE: Monday, July 11, 2022 – 5:15 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Fargo
Planning and Development Department
Attn: Community Development Planning Coordinator
225 4th Street North, Fargo ND 58102
701.476.4144
Planning@FargoND.gov

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Notice of Public Hearing & Public Comment Period for the Home American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program Allocation Plan and Amendments to the 2021 Annual Action Plan

HOME-ARP Program Draft Allocation Plan and Related 2021 Action Plan Amendments Available for Review

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA – The City of Fargo has prepared a draft version of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and related amendments to the 2021 Annual Action Plan for review. All citizens are welcome to submit comments at any time during the public comment period or at the public hearing. The public comment period runs from June 16 through June 30, 2022, with a public hearing scheduled at the June 27, 2022 City Commission meeting. After final consideration by the City Commission on July 11 at 5:15 p.m., a recommendation regarding these actions will be forwarded to HUD for their review.

Comments submitted by email or telephone are preferred. Communications will be received during the public comment period through June 30, 2022 and should be directed to either Planning@FargoND.gov or by calling 701.476.4144.

For more information, view the full public notice that was published in *The Forum* newspaper on June 15, 2022 and the drafted HOME-ARP allocation plan that was published on the Plans and Studies page of the City of Fargo website. For translation services on the public notice, draft plan and/or proposed amendments, contact The City of Fargo at 701.241.1474.

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MEDIA CONTACT:
Tia Braseth – *Community Development Coordinator*
701.476.4144
TBraseth@FargoND.gov

EXHIBIT E – PEOPLE CONTACTED FOR DIRECT FEEDBACK ON ALLOCATION PLAN

Organization	Persons Contacted
Beyond Shelter, Inc.	Dan Madler, Lisa Rotvold, Joe Rizzo
Chisom Group Arbors at McCormick Park	Sarah Bagley
City of Fargo Community Development Committee	Rocky Schneider, Jennifer Benson, Ken Enockson, Linda Klebe, Sam McDonald
City of Fargo Human Rights Commission	Abdiwali Sharif, Ahmed Shill, Barry Nelson, Carolyn Becraft, Cheryl Schaefle, Cody Severson, Hamida Dakane, Jed Locquiao, Matuor Alier, Nancy Boyle, Sarah Boonstoppel
City of Fargo Mayor	Tim Mahoney
City of Fargo Native American Commission	Amanda Strauss, Ashley Littlewolf, Dale Sayers, Emily Sargent, Rebecca Knutson, Sharon White Bear, Whitney Fear
City of Fargo Public Health, Downtown Engagement Center/Gladys Ray Shelter	Desi Flemming, Jan Eliassen, Jillian Gould, Leah Siewert-Oberg, Jordan Joshua, Dani Gerving
Downtown Community Partnership	Cindy Graffeo - Community Development Committee
Families United for Advocacy	Victoria Johnson
Family HealthCare Center (includes Homeless Health)	Patrick Gulbranson, Kaylin Frappier, Kim Seeb
Fargo City Commission	John Strand
Fargo Housing & Redevelopment Authority	Jill Elliott, Chris Brundgardt - Community Development Committee
FM Coalition to End Homelessness	Alexa Dixon-Griggs
Immigrant Development Center	Fowzia Adde
ND Continuum of Care	Shawnel Willer
North Dakota Housing Finance Agency/State HUD HOME ARP Administrator	Jennifer Henderson, Edward Swiontek
North Dakota State Senate	Tim Mathern
Presentation Partners in Housing	Cheri Gerken, Sarah Kennedy
Rape & Abuse Crisis Center	Chris Johnson
SouthEastern ND Community Action Agency (SENDCAA)	Brandon Kjelden, Sarah Hasbargen
United Way of Cass Clay	Thomas Hill - Community Development Committee
Veterans Administration	Diana Hall
Youthworks	Melissa Heitkamp, Mark Heinert
YWCA of Cass Clay	Erin Prochnow

SF-424, SF-424B, SF-424D, and Certifications

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:	* 2. Type of Application:	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):
☐ Preapplication	☐ New	
☒ Application	☒ Continuation	* Other (Specify):
☐ Changed/Corrected Application	☐ Revision	

* 3. Date Received:	4. Applicant Identifier:
7-25-2022	

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier:
	M-21-MP-38-0220

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Fargo

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):	* c. UEI:
45-6002069	K2QJQ2VH5PM6

d. Address:

* Street1:	225 4th Street North
Street2:	
* City:	Fargo
County/Parish:	
* State:	ND: North Dakota
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	58102-4817

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:	Division Name:
Planning and Development	Community Development

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

Prefix:		* First Name:	Tia
Middle Name:			
* Last Name:	Braseth		
Suffix:			

Title: Planning Coordinator

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:	701-476-4144	Fax Number:	701-241-1526

* Email: tbraseth@fargond.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 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 & Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-239

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

NA

* Title:

NA

13. Competition Identification Number:

HOME-ARP

Title:

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

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

HOME-ARP 2021

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: ND
* b. Program/Project: ND

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

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:
* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	1,697,107.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	1,697,107.00

*** 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.
- [x] 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
- [x] No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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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 218, Section 1001)**

- [x] ** 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:	Dr.
* First Name:	Timothy
Middle Name:	J.
* Last Name:	Mahoney
Suffix:	
* Title:	Mayor
* Telephone Number:	701-241-1310
Fax Number:	701-476-4136
* Email:	tmahoney@FargoND.gov
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	TJMahoney
* Date Signed:	7-25-2022

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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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4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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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.

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3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose
accordingly.

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.

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Signature of Authorized Official

7-25-2022

Date

Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor

Title