

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template

Guidance

- *To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:*
 - *Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;*
 - *Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,*
 - *Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.*
- *To submit: a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as an attachment next to the “HOME-ARP allocation plan” option on either the AD-26 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan).*
- *PJs must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on either the AD-26 or AD-25 screen, as applicable:*
 - *Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;*
 - *Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;*
 - *Anti-Lobbying;*
 - *Authority of Jurisdiction;*
 - *Section 3; and,*
 - *HOME-ARP specific certification.*

Participating Jurisdiction: City of Woonsocket, RI

Date: 2/16/2023

Consultation

Before developing its plan, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area, 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, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Summarize the consultation process:

Several agencies in Woonsocket were consulted before and during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. During this consultation process, the amount of HOME-ARP funds was discussed, the requirements of the program, and the most urgent needs of the qualifying populations as defined by HUD. The feedback from these discussions is summarized in the following chart.

List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care	Phone	The most urgent needs for the homeless population were discussed.
NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley	Affordable Housing Developer	Phone	Through ongoing discussions with NWBRV, the primary needs for qualifying populations in the development of additional permanent supportive housing.
RI Housing	Public Agency	Phone	Discussions with members of RI Housing team resulted in additional information supporting the need for an increase in the total production of housing, inclusive of affordable rental housing throughout the state.
HousingWorks RI	Policy / Advocacy	Phone	Research provided by HousingWorks RI, detailed in its Housing Fact Book 2022, shows that 50% of all renters in the City of Woonsocket are cost burdened.
Community Care Alliance	Homeless Provider	Phone / Email	Discussed overall housing and service needs of the homeless in the city.
Sojourner House	Domestic Violence Agency	Phone / Email	Added additional information about the community needs for housing and services for victims of domestic violence.
Habitat for Humanity	Affordable Housing Non-Profit	Phone	Discussed housing needs in the city of Woonsocket, including the need for additional affordable housing.
RI Coalition to End Homelessness	Policy / Advocacy HMIS System	Zoom	Assisted in the compilation of homelessness data.
Thundermist / Health Equity Zone	Managed Care Organization	Phone / Email	Discussed overall medical and behavioral health needs of the homeless in the city.
United Veterans Council of Woonsocket	Veterans Group	Phone	Discussed overall housing and service needs of veterans in the city.
Woonsocket Housing Authority	Public Housing Agency	Phone / Email	Discussed strategies of providing housing choice vouchers to qualifying populations and waiting list for public housing.

Public Participation

PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of no less than 15 calendar days. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

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

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

The Department of Planning and Development Department implemented a broad-based community engagement approach to encouraging participation by citizens and other stakeholders. Citizen participation efforts included the following.

The public was given two opportunities to comment on the HOME ARP Allocation Plan and the activities that are being submitted to the Department of Housing & Urban Development.

The first Public Notice and the proposed Allocation Plan was uploaded to the City’s website on January 9, 2023. Public Notice was advertised in the Woonsocket Call on January 14, 2023.

- ***Date of First Public Notice: January 14, 2023***
- ***First Public Comment Period: January 9, 2023 – January 30, 2023***

There were no public comments received.

A second Public Notice was advertised in the Woonsocket Call on February 6, 2023 for the Public Hearing that occurred on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

- ***Date of Second Public Notice: February 6, 2023***
- ***Second Public Comment Period: February 4, 2023 – February 20, 2023***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: February 8, 2023***

During the public hearing there were two questions as

- Question 1 – Seeking confirmation that the 6 units being created (from slideshow, page 6) would be from the \$1.3M figure noted on page 5 of the slideshow.
- Question 2 – Asked for the anticipated timeframe for release of NOFA and RFP.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

Efforts were made to promote and encourage citizen participation in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan preparation process. Outreach efforts took place both in-person and through virtual meeting platforms. Documents were made available for review by the public through City's website and two public notices were printed in the local newspaper.

Information about the City's assistance for individuals with disabilities and translation assistance was provided in both Public Notices.

A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process:

During the public hearing there were two questions as Answers to the Public Comments are as follows.

- **Question 1** – Seeking confirmation that the 6 units being created (from slideshow, page 6) would be from the \$1.3M figure noted on page 5 of the slideshow.
Answer: That is correct.
- **Question 2** – Asked for the anticipated timeframe for release of NOFA and RFP.
Answer: The RFP will be developed and issues no later than September 30, 2023. The RFP will be available on the City's website.

There were no other written comments received during either public comment period.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:
All comments received were accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	426	144	738	706	0								
Transitional Housing	170	73	104	97	94								
Permanent Supportive Housing	540	152	803	765	277								
Other Permanent Housing						135	705	30	187				
Sheltered Homeless						156	520	85	182				
Unsheltered Homeless						41	291	6	115				
Current Gap										591	197	840	811

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

OPTIONAL Non-Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	160,997		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	25,241		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	61,683		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		31,960	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		21,440	
Current Gap			6,719

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

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

CPD Notice #21-10 defines the requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP). HUD requires HOME-ARP funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in the following specified “qualifying populations.”

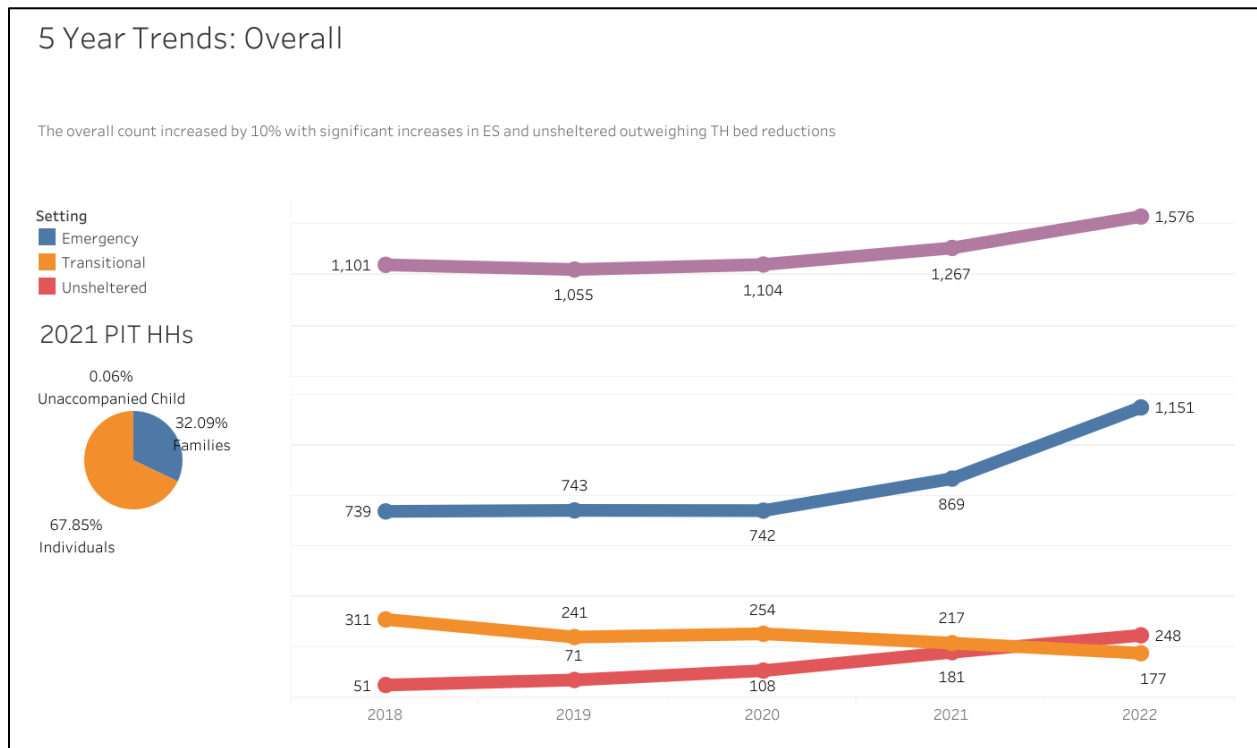
- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

Homeless Population

Homelessness is a statewide and national issue of great concern. Due to the transient nature of the homeless population, it is difficult to discuss homelessness from the context of the City of Woonsocket alone. Based on the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Data from the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, there were 1,576 persons experiencing homelessness on January 26th, 2022. This represents a 10% increase from the January 2021 PIT count.

- 1,151 persons living in Emergency Shelters (+32%)
- 177 persons living in Transitional Housing (-18%)
- 181 persons Unsheltered (+37%)

Percent shows % change from 2021 Point in Time Count.



There are 317 homeless individuals statewide under the age of 18, another 101 homeless individuals between the ages of 18 and 24, and 1,159 homeless individuals who are 25 years old or older. Almost 68% of the total number of households that experience homelessness are single individuals (1,070 persons). The remaining 32% are family households (506 persons in 155 households).

According to the 2021 RI Kids Count Fact Book, in 2020 there were 323 families with 623 children who stayed at an emergency homeless shelter, domestic violence shelter, or transitional housing facility in Rhode Island. Children made up about one quarter (23%) of the people who used emergency homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and transitional housing in 2020. Forty percent of these children were under age five. Woonsocket School personnel identified 194 children during the 2019-2020 school as homeless, representing 12.5% of the total amount of homeless children in Rhode Island.

Demographics of the Homeless Population are contained in the table below.

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< Sheltered Families Individuals Unsheltered Transition Aged Youth Equity Analysis > Data Table

Descriptive1	Measure1	Year				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Populations/ Subpopulations	Total Number of Persons - Adult-Only HHs	747	730	723	793	1,070
	Total Number of Persons - Adults with Children	354	325	381	474	506
	Total Number of Households - Adults with Children	121	111	121	153	155
	Total Number of CH persons	264	198	226	357	497
	Total Number of CH households	12	189	11	14	23
	Total Number of Households - Child Only					1
	Total Number of Persons - Child-Only HHs					1
Race	American Indian or Alaska Native	19	17	24	18	37
	Asian	14	8	6	5	8
	Black or African-American	289	309	322	437	384
	Multiple Races	116	62	90	134	113
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	4	6	9	5
	White	662	655	656	777	1,030
Ethnicity	Hispanic/Latino	268	256	247	307	348
	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	833	799	857	960	1,229
Gender	Female	420	358	431	522	622
	Gender Non-Conforming	0	0	1	0	6
	Male	677	690	667	739	940
	Transgender	4	7	5	6	9
Age Group	Number of Persons Under 18 yrs	206	197	238	290	317
	Number of Persons 18 - 24 yrs	73	39	48	96	101
	Number of Persons 25+ yrs	822	819	818	881	1,159

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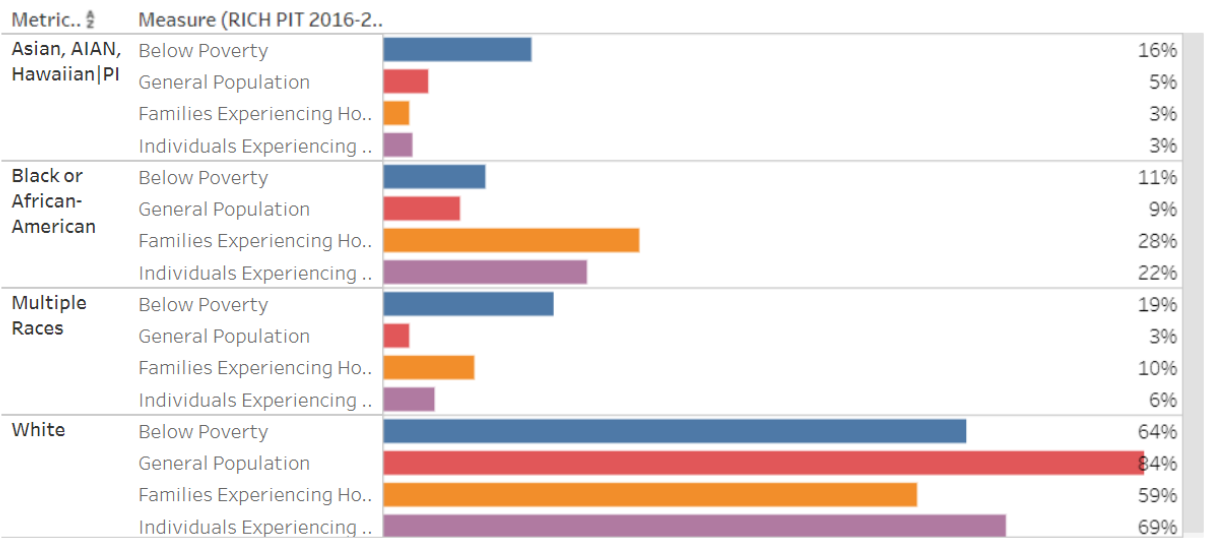
2018
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Clear List

From an equity standpoint, Black or African-American individuals and families, and multi-racial individuals and families experience homelessness at a disproportionate rate. Based on the analysis available from the RI Coalition for the Homeless, Black or African-Americans represent approximately 9% of the total population in the state, but make up 28% of the homeless population. Multi-racial individuals represent approximately 3% of the total population, but account for 6% of the individuals and 10% of families experiencing homelessness.

Equity Analysis

Race



Ethnicity



Individuals and Families at Risk of Homelessness

HUD defines those at risk of homelessness as individuals and families who have an income below 30% of the area median income (AMI), do not have sufficient resources or support networks to prevent them from becoming homeless, or live with instability such as moving two or more times during the last 60 days due to economic reasons, living with others due to economic hardship, lives in an overcrowded home, etc.

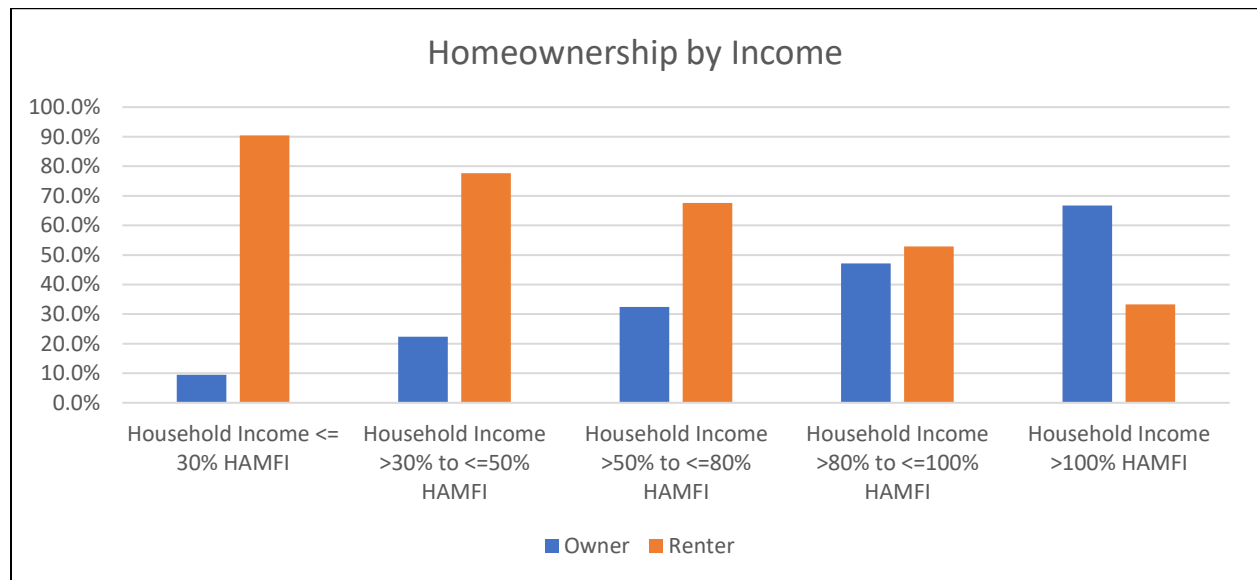
Household income, and the proportion of income spent on housing, are important indicators of those at-risk of homelessness. HUD identifies families spending more than 30% of their income on housing as Cost Burdened, and those spending 50% or more of their income on housing are Severely Cost Burdened. There is a strong correlation between low-income status and cost burden. The lower a household's income, the more likely they are to be cost burdened.

The below table is derived from the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) and shows the total number of households at various income levels.

Income Distribution Overview	Owner	Renter	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	395	3,755	4,150
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	640	2,220	2,860
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	1,050	2,185	3,235
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	750	840	1,590
Household Income >100% HAMFI	3,220	1,605	4,825
Total	6,060	10,605	16,665

Source: 2015-2019 CHAS

The higher one's income, the more likely they are to own a home in Woonsocket.

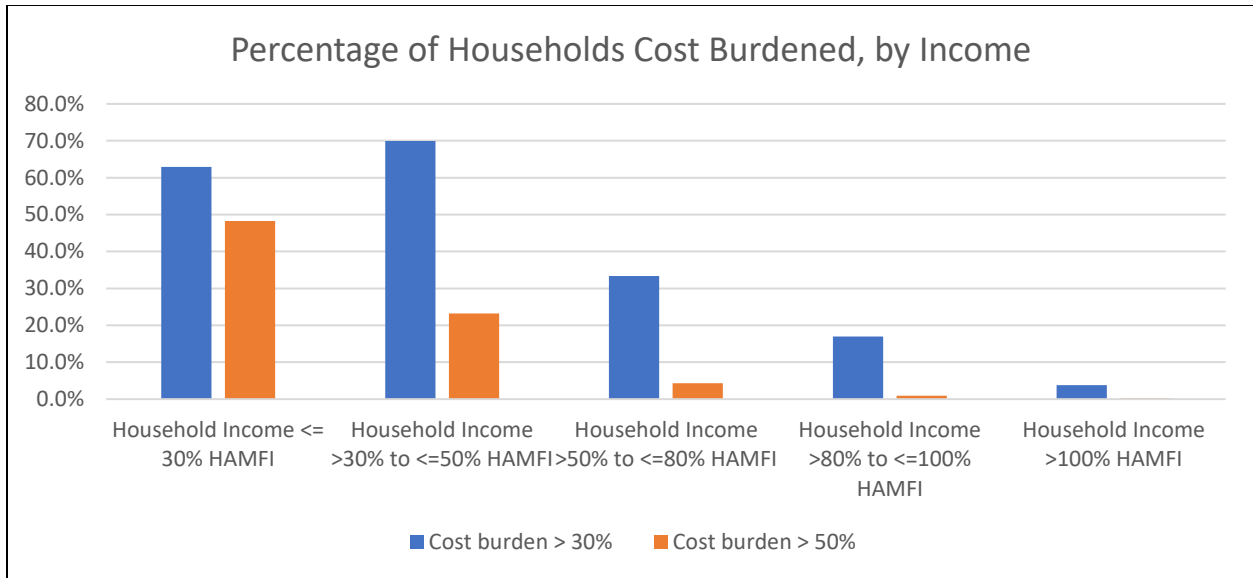


Income by Cost Burden (Owners and Renters)	Cost burden > 30%	Cost burden > 50%	Total
Household Income <= 30% HAMFI	2,610	2,005	4,150
Household Income >30% to <=50% HAMFI	2,000	665	2,860
Household Income >50% to <=80% HAMFI	1,080	140	3,235
Household Income >80% to <=100% HAMFI	270	15	1,590
Household Income >100% HAMFI	185	10	4,825
Total	6,145	2,835	16,665

Source: 2015-2019 CHAS

Approximately 37% of Woonsocket households are Cost Burdened, and 17% of Woonsocket households are Severely Cost Burdened. However, lower-income households are substantially more likely to be cost burdened than higher-income households.

Nearly 63% of households earning up to 30% of the Area Median Income are Cost Burdened, while 48% are Severely Cost Burdened. Among those earning between 30% and 50% AMI, 70% of households are Cost Burdened and 23% are Severely Cost Burdened.



These 6,145 Cost Burdened Households are at-risk of homelessness based on HUD’s definition; however, the 2,835 Severely Cost Burdened Households are of highest concern, particularly those earning less than 50% of the area median income.

Another concern that represents a risk of homelessness are housing units that do not have complete plumbing or kitchen facilities. The table below shows that there are 52 occupied Woonsocket housing units that lack complete plumbing facilities, and 110 units that lack complete kitchen facilities. These households also need housing units that have complete plumbing and kitchen facilities.

	Total #	Percentage
Occupied housing units	16,515	100.0%
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	52	0.3%
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	110	0.7%
No telephone service available	267	1.6%

Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates (DP04)

Doubling up is another potential early signal for individuals and families that may be at risk of homelessness. Overcrowded housing units of more than one person per room represent 552 occupied housing units in Woonsocket (3.4%). However, the 108 housing units that have 1.51 or more persons per room are most concerning.

	Total #	Percentage
Occupied housing units	16,515	100.0%
1.00 or less	15,963	96.7%
1.01 to 1.50	444	2.7%
1.51 or more	108	0.7%

Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates (DP04)

Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking

In calendar year 2020, there were 9,269 individual victims of domestic violence that received help in the state of Rhode Island; 333 adults and children stayed in shelters/safe homes, and 127 adults and children lived in transitional housing. It must be noted that, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, only half of all domestic-violence victimizations are reported to police, with reporting rates similar for intimate-partner violence and violence committed by other relatives. A critical need for victims of domestic violence is stable affordable housing that allows people and their children to leave an abusive environment and become stable and independent.

Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness

Another indication of the number of renters in the state that are housing insecure is the demand for emergency rental assistance. As of December 1, 2021, RIHousing had approved \$65.9 million in rent and utility assistance for 9,874 households. Sixty-eight percent of the households receiving rent and utility assistance earn less than 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) and 89% earn less than 50% of AMI. Of the applicants who provided demographic information, 54% identified as racial minorities and 34% identified as Hispanic or Latino. Another 6,743 applications were in review on December 1, 2021.

Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

Until recently, activities to divert families and individuals from the shelter and homelessness system, known as diversion activities, were largely an afterthought, but in Rhode Island, the state's largest homeless service provider, Crossroads RI operates a Diversion program that receives over 100 calls a month from families and individuals trying to avoid homelessness. The most common diversion activities include security deposit assistance, utility assistance and moving expenses. This is a clear indication of people's economic insecurity, lacking the resources necessary to move from one apartment to another as rental prices increase.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

- *Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;*
- *Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;*
- *Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness;*
and,
- *Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:*

The most important unmet need for qualifying populations in the production of high-quality affordable housing, including permanent supportive rental housing for individuals with higher-level service needs above and beyond just affordable housing.

Based on the 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Woonsocket has 18,680 total housing units, of which 16,515 are occupied and 2,165 are vacant. The City's 18,680 housing units represents a 1% decline in the total number of housing units from 2010, when there were

18,872 total housing units in the city. Much of the analysis below will focus on occupied housing units; however, it is important to remember that many of Woonsocket’s 2,165 vacant housing units could be converted or rehabilitated to accommodate specific housing needs that will become apparent through this analysis.

Among the occupied housing units, the vacancy rate in Woonsocket is higher than the state average. The homeowner vacancy rate is 3.3% while the renter vacancy rate stands at 6.5%. The below chart shows the total number of housing units by type. Almost one-quarter of all housing units in the city is single-family detached units. Duplexes and three- and four-family homes comprise 16.8% and 25.1% respectively.

<i>Type of Unit</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>% of Total (2020)</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Total housing units	18,872	18,680	100%	-1.0%
1-unit, detached	5,059	4,571	24.5%	-10.7%
1-unit, attached	426	379	2.0%	-12.4%
2 units	2,823	3,140	16.8%	10.1%
3 or 4 units	5,111	4,684	25.1%	-9.1%
5 to 9 units	3,083	2,759	14.8%	-11.7%
10 to 19 units	809	1,414	7.6%	42.8%
20 or more units	1,529	1,646	8.8%	7.1%
Mobile home	32	87	0.5%	63.2%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0	0	0.0%	0.0%

Source: 2010 and 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Woonsocket has a very high percentage of renters. Among the 16,515 occupied housing units in Woonsocket, 37% are owner-occupied and 63% are renter occupied. The number of owner-occupied units have decreased by 10.5% between 2010 and 2020, while the number of renter-occupied units increased by 5.4%. The total number of occupied units decreased by 1.0% between 2010 and 2020. During this period the average household size increased for both owner-occupied and renter-occupied units.

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>% of Total (2020)</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Occupied housing units	16,602	16,515	100%	-1.0%
Owner-occupied	6,796	6,151	37.2%	-10.5%
Renter-occupied	9,806	10,364	62.8%	5.4%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.59	2.66		2.6%
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.31	2.36		2.1%

Source: 2010 and 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates

When looking at occupancy by race and ethnicity, it is clear that White families in Woonsocket are more likely to own the properties they live in rather than rent. Every other racial and ethnic category is more likely to rent than to own the properties they live in.

	<i>Occupied housing units</i>	<i>Percent occupied housing units</i>	<i>Owner-occupied housing units</i>	<i>Percent owner-occupied housing units</i>	<i>Renter-occupied housing units</i>	<i>Percent renter-occupied housing units</i>
Occupied housing units	16,515		6,151		10,364	
White	12,385	75.0%	5,360	87.1%	7,025	67.8%
Black or African American	1,367	8.3%	228	3.7%	1,139	11.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	114	0.7%	0	0.0%	114	1.1%
Asian	916	5.5%	289	4.7%	627	6.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Some other race	769	4.7%	192	3.1%	577	5.6%
Two or more races	964	5.8%	82	1.3%	882	8.5%
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,520	15.3%	391	6.4%	2,129	20.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	11,315	68.5%	5,218	84.8%	6,097	58.8%

Source: 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates (S2502)

The network of care in Woonsocket is established to connect homeless persons with mainstream services, such as Medicaid and Social Security benefits, to maximize the amount of assistance households can access. Utilizing coordinated entry, service providers match clients with appropriate services to increase access to health and social service programs that they qualify for. These efforts are paired with services provided throughout the larger region to create a system of wrap-around services to help households in as many ways as possible. The City partners closely with Community Care Alliance, Thundermist, and Neighborworks Blackstone River Valley to provide services to the needs of various homeless subpopulations.

According to data from the RI Coalition for the Homeless, there were 3,242 individuals in shelters throughout the 2018 calendar year. Among those, 2,521 were adults and 721 were in families. The January 2022 PIT count showed 1,576 individuals were experiencing homelessness. Among those, there are 317 homeless individuals under the age of 18, another 101 homeless individuals between the ages of 18 and 24, and 1,159 homeless individuals who are 25 years old or older. Almost 68% of the total number of households that experience homelessness are single individuals (1,070 persons). The remaining 32% are family households (506 persons in 155 households).

The various types of services that are required for the homeless population include emergency shelters for men, women, families, and couples; facilities for the homeless that provide for many of their basic needs including showers, laundry, meals, clothing, transportation, toiletries, and other daily essentials; workforce development and vocational job training; health care and mental health treatment and counseling; substance abuse recovery; relocation and placement services; and case management and planning services for ending a household's homeless status.

Among those at-risk of homelessness, there are 6,585 household that are Cost Burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing. Among those, there are 3,240 that are Severely Cost Burdened, spending more than 50% of their income on housing. Additionally, there are 52 housing units that lack complete plumbing facilities and 110 units that lack complete kitchen facilities (some of these may be the same). Overcrowded housing units of more than one person per room represent 552 occupied housing units in Pawtucket, with 108 housing units having 1.51 or more persons per room. These are the most concerning and represent the most significant risks of homelessness.

Because income correlates so closely with housing stability, the growth of higher-quality jobs and the increase in wages are critical to addressing the risk of homelessness. Unfortunately, wages have not kept pace with overall housing costs in the state. The 2022 Housing Fact Book shows the median single-family home price in Woonsocket grew 71% between 2016 and 2021, from \$169,349 to \$290,000. In order to purchase the average home in Woonsocket, a household would need an income of \$84,089 – the median household income in Woonsocket is \$44,310. In contrast, the average rental cost for a two-bedroom home in Woonsocket actually declined by 6% between 2016 and 2021, from \$1,279 to \$1,202. The income needed to afford the average rental price is \$48,160. Unfortunately, the median household income for renters in Woonsocket is \$32,176.

Based on data from the RI Association of Realtors, Woonsocket has seen an increase in the Median Home Price for single-family homes increase by 118% between the years of 2011 and 2021, while multi-family homes increased by an astounding 258% during the same period.

	Single Family		Multi-Family	
	Total Homes Sold	Median Home Price	Total Homes Sold	Median Home Price
2011	132	\$133,125	93	\$93,500
2012	151	\$123,900	95	\$86,100
2013	162	\$124,000	107	\$95,000
2014	182	\$135,000	111	\$106,000
2015	209	\$138,000	118	\$129,950
2016	261	\$155,000	149	\$125,000
2017	283	\$180,000	154	\$163,750
2018	242	\$202,750	197	\$220,000
2019	249	\$223,900	195	\$235,000
2020	272	\$251,000	178	\$275,500
2021	274	\$290,000	234	\$335,000

Source: RI Association of Realtors, Residential Sales Statistics

Increased home values can be a blessing and a curse. While individuals selling their homes while home values are increasing generates wealth for the seller, it also burdens homebuyers and renters with increased housing costs. The below charts show housing costs for homeowners and renters, in absolute values and as a percentage of their income.

Monthly Owner Costs	2020	% of Total	2010	% of Total
Housing units with a mortgage	3,969	100%	4,859	100%
Less than \$600	91	2.3%	112	2.3%
\$600 to \$999	320	8.1%	296	6.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	1,150	29.0%	1,200	24.7%
\$1,500 to \$1,999	1,375	34.6%	1,453	29.9%
\$2,000 or more	1,033	26.0%	1,793	36.9%
Median (dollars)	\$1,668		\$1,773	

Source: 2020 and 2010 ACS 5-Year Estimates

GROSS RENT	2010	2010	2020	2020
Occupied units paying rent	9,556	100%	10,168	100%
Less than \$200	690	7.2%	352	3.5%
\$200 to \$299	913	9.6%	1,049	10.3%
\$300 to \$499	1,294	13.5%	629	6.2%
\$500 to \$749	3,919	41.0%	2,768	27.2%
\$750 to \$999	2,350	24.6%	3,370	33.1%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	363	3.8%	1,881	18.5%
\$1,500 or more	27	0.3%	119	1.2%
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GRAPI)				
Occupied units paying rent (excluding units where GRAPI cannot be computed)	9,806	100%	10,364	100%
Less than 15.0 percent	988	10.1%	1,415	13.7%
15.0 to 19.9 percent	1,176	12.0%	1,289	12.4%
20.0 to 24.9 percent	1,149	11.7%	1,040	10.0%
25.0 to 29.9 percent	1,627	16.6%	1,265	12.2%
30.0 to 34.9 percent	1,140	11.6%	887	8.6%
35.0 to 39.9 percent	419	4.3%	806	7.8%
40.0 to 49.9 percent	660	6.7%	738	7.1%
50.0 percent or more	2,165	22.1%	2,510	24.2%

Source: 2020 and 2010 ACS 5-Year Estimates

Similar to many other states in the country, Rhode Island is experiencing an extremely low vacancy rate in its rental market. While a healthy rental market would have a vacancy rate of 6% - 7%, Rhode Island's vacancy rate is below 1.5% (down 1.9% since the first quarter of 2020). The result is increased competition for rental units, higher prices and a market that disadvantages individuals perceived as being risky tenants. This low-vacancy rate combined with rising housing costs, coupled with the COVID-related de-densification of the emergency shelters, has left many more individuals and families sleeping outside or in their cars, for longer periods of time.

Most of these vulnerable individuals experiencing street and shelter homelessness have been homeless for at least 4 months and often for up to 1 year or more. Research has taught us that the longer an individual remains homeless the more ill they become, requiring greater support.

The community-based organizations that care for individuals are also understaffed and struggling to meet the growing demands of the homeless population. Since the beginning of the pandemic Rhode Island has seen a more than 100% increase in unsheltered homelessness. Congregate shelters that while not ideal, provided an opportunity to support many individuals in a safe space, have had to reduce their capacity. Concurrently, direct service professionals have been difficult to recruit and retain. This environment has put enormous pressure on existing staff and left many vulnerable Rhode Islanders unserved or underserved.

Nearly 90% of housing choice voucher (HCV) holders rent from a “mom and pop” landlord. Because of the escalating real estate market in the state, many of these small property owners, some of whom are nearing retirement, are increasingly selling their investment properties in this seller’s market. When this happens, tenants are frequently told that they must leave and thus, may abandon their apartments in fear of being displaced by new owners. This has contributed to both an increase in homelessness, as well as a reduction in available rental units. Further, service providers are often called in to provide support and housing assistance with already diminished staffing capacity.

Consistent with the data reported above, based on the most recent Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count. Rhode Island is grappling with a gap of almost 600 family beds and almost 850 beds for individuals experiencing homelessness. For less vulnerable households who may be at-risk or experiencing housing instability the gap is even wider. While the State has almost 161,000 affordable units only 25,241 are affordable for households with incomes at or below 30% of AMI. The level of need among those renters with incomes below 30% AMI reaches just under 32,000 and for those 30-50% of AMI, the total is 21,440 households. This leaves the state with a gap of at least 6,710 households who need assistance.

As the administrator of the Centralized Wait List (CWL), RIHousing manages the HCV program waiting list for the public housing agencies in 19 cities. The CWL provides a single application and portal to apply for the HCV program at each participating PHA. The CWL data contains over 40,000 Rhode Islanders who are seeking subsidized rental assistance through just this one resource. Furthermore, RIHousing alone has 54 housing choice vouchers issued to applicants that are unable to find an apartment to rent. The CES’s HMIS report indicates 96 households with rental assistance searching for an apartment to call home.

All of these conditions point to the critical shortage of housing affordable to low-income households, particularly extremely low-income households and those with special needs. Families and individuals experiencing homelessness also require assistance finding and maintaining affordable housing including wrap-around supportive services. Finally, resources are needed to address temporary financial hardships experienced by these households to divert them from homeless.

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

Shelter Units: As indicated in its 2022 Housing Inventory Count, Rhode Island’s homeless system had 608 emergency shelter beds for people experiencing homelessness and fleeing domestic violence. Since that count, to respond to increased need for shelter, the State’s Office of Housing and Community Development issued funding for an additional 217 emergency shelter beds, bringing the current total beds funded to 824. Unfortunately, there is still a need for additional beds. In November of 2021, the RICoC identified a remaining 150 bed gap to meet current need for crisis emergency shelter in Rhode Island. In response, the state of Rhode Island recently allocated \$5,000,000 to expand winter shelter capacity which includes continuation of multiple non congregate shelter hotel projects throughout the state.

Services: The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has taken several steps to ensure the rapid alignment of healthcare dollars with housing investments. During the pandemic EOHHS allowed for emergency case management funds to be deployed to non-traditional providers, waiving both beneficiaries and organizations to rapidly meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness or at-risk. EOHHS also obtained approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to reimburse for a set of housing stabilization services and increased the rate of reimbursement at the urging of advocates.

The challenge faced by community-based organizations that provide services to the qualified populations is two-fold: First, developing the internal organizational capacity to qualify for the use of federal Medicaid funds; and second, to attract and retain quality direct service staff.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): RIHousing, projects funded through the RI Continuum of Care (“CoC”), and the Rhode Island Office of Housing and OHCD administer several tenant-based rental assistance programs, totaling over \$1.6 million. This investment in TBRA is sourced by state general revenue, CoC grants, and HOME funds.

Permanent Supportive Housing: Through the coordinated entry system individuals and families are prioritized for housing opportunities using a vulnerability index. According to the Housing Inventory Chart, RICH reports permanent supportive housing beds for 540 family members and 803 beds for individuals.

In the Woonsocket area, the following shelters and services are available:

- Family Shelter (operated by Community Care Alliance)
- Emergency Shelters (operated by Community Care Alliance and Harvest)
- Domestic Violence Shelter (operated by Sojourner House)
- Rapid Rehousing (operated by CCA when funding is available)
- Behavioral Health Treatment (CCA, THC, Discovery House, CODAC, Private Practices, etc.)
- Medical Treatment (THC, Dr. Yearwood, etc.)
- Affordable Housing units (depending on availability)
- Subsidized Housing units (depending on availability)
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Diversion Services (provided by Crossroads)

Sojourner House also has a confidential shelter in Woonsocket, a transitional housing program, a permanent supportive housing program, and a rapid re-housing program for families that have experience domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking. Their housing and shelter locations are confidential, but they also have a public office in downtown Woonsocket that is open to the public, and clients can schedule appointments to meet with staff for advocacy appointments, referrals, to receive emotional support, and to access clinical counseling services. Sojourner House also offers a monthly housing clinic where clients and potential clients can access assistance in completing housing applications and receive additional supportive services. Sojourner House also assists clients with completing social security applications to be eligible for benefits.

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

As illustrated above, the gap between available shelter and housing compared with the need is deep and growing. According to the latest HIC, Rhode Island has 1,132 shelter beds for individuals and persons in families and the state recently made a \$5,000,000 investment in adding hypothermia shelter beds for the Winter. With all the existing shelter beds full, an additional 1,064 people that make up 683 households are on a waiting list to access a shelter bed.

The housing inventory picture looks similar with 1,620 permanent supportive housing beds reported in the annual HIC, and a vacancy rate of nearly 0%, the unmet need is overwhelming. The PIT count reported 1,324 individuals or Heads of Households in need of a permanent housing option.

The sustainable model of Medicaid reimbursement for housing support is well underway in Rhode Island, but the capacity of non-traditional service providers to utilize the resource is a challenge. Furthermore, once a provider is eligible to bill Medicaid, or offer housing and other supportive services, hiring and staff retention has become a significant challenge during the pandemic.

The gap between available shelter and housing, compared to the need, is deep and is continuing to grow. In Woonsocket, there is a sizable population of individuals who are currently living unsheltered. In CCA's various shelter programs in the city (winter shelter, hotel/motel voucher program and family shelter) there are over 120 individuals who are residing in emergency shelter. Another 30 or more are unsheltered and living in places not meant for habitation. Shelter stays are longer than average because there is not a lot of affordable housing for these individuals to move into. Residents are encouraged to apply for housing and vouchers upon being admitted to the program and throughout their stay. The average wait time for a Housing Choice Voucher is 1.5 years and people may wait for over 7 years.

Despite the state increasing the bed count through winter shelters and hotel voucher programs, the waitlist for a shelter bed still remains long. Like many other states, hiring and staff retention has become a significant challenge throughout the pandemic. This affects our supportive service delivery system as many of our programs remain short staffed. A few years ago, Community

Care Alliance transitioned its permanent supportive housing to other local agencies because the reimbursement rate was so inadequate, we could no longer sustain this program. Statewide, 472 people were identified as homeless between 4/22 - 5/21. 953 people in 562 households are waiting for emergency shelter. Of these, 127 households, 443 persons were households with children.

Sojourner House operates a 24-hour hotline that receives multiple requests for shelter and/or housing on a daily basis. The shelter they operate in Woonsocket is at capacity every day, which means that unserved clients often are in unsafe situations for extended periods of time until a shelter bed or apartment becomes available. Similarly, Sojourner House receives many more requests for counseling services than they are able to provide.

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of “other populations” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

The City of Woonsocket will include the following definitions of other populations.

- At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability:
 - (i) Has annual income that is less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs);
 - (ii) has annual income that is less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, AND meets one of the following conditions from paragraph (iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” definition established at 24 CFR 91.5:
 - (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
 - (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 - (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
 - (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
 - (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau;
 - (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or

- (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Ideally, a system should exist that is nimble and responsive enough to stop homelessness before an at-risk household becomes homeless. There are very few resources available for diversion and current efforts are supported by a private foundation grant and a small state investment.

Ultimately, the qualifying populations require affordable housing and effective support services delivered at the right time, with the appropriate intensity. In Rhode Island, the state has deployed rental assistance and funds for security deposits, moving expenses, landlord incentives, utility assistance and furniture, all matched with emergency funds to provide case management support. The key missing links now for most qualifying populations are: (1) available permanent housing opportunities for very low- and extremely low-income families and individuals to call home and, (2) enough well-trained direct service provider staff to sustainably support the growing needs of these qualifying population individuals and households.

Specifically, there is a critical need for additional housing units that accept rental assistance vouchers or are priced affordably for very and extremely low-income households AND the services to accompany them. Most formerly homeless households require very little support long-term, but some require long-term on-going support. The evidence base suggests a system that is equipped to provide the right intensity of services at the right time. These services can be as simple as teaching someone how to pay their rent and complete housing recertifications, to more complicated support such as coordinating urgent behavioral healthcare.

Sheltered and unsheltered homeless population needs

- Survival items
- Basic Needs Assistance
- Food
- Access to behavioral health treatment
- Access to medical treatment
- Harm reduction supplies
- Hygiene Products

Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness

- Rental Assistance
- Case Management
- Financial Literacy
- Workforce development and training
- Food
- Basic Needs Assistance
- Utility Assistance

Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking

- Case Management
- Access to shelter system

- Access to behavioral health treatment
- Housing Services
- RRH Programs

Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness

- Rental Assistance
- Food
- Basic needs assistance
- Workforce development and training
- Affordable Childcare
- Utility Assistance

Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations (cost burdened, overcrowded, doubled up, etc.)

- Rental Assistance
- Housing services
- Food
- Basic needs assistance
- Utility Assistance

For victims of domestic violence, there is a need for greater access to more permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing options for families who have experienced abuse, so individuals can be re-located into their own apartment quickly. It is equally a great need for increased supportive services, which should include trauma-informed clinical counseling services, assistance with obtaining basic needs, providing 24/7 emotional support (through a hotline and also through in-person meetings), rental assistance (so clients who are safely housed can continue to stay in safe location), bilingual support (especially in Spanish/English), and LGBTQ+ cultural competency, and LGBTQ+ specific programming (e.g. we offer LGBTQ+ specific support groups and housing programs), to name a few important needs.

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

Using the state's HMIS, specifically the PIT count and the HIC, we were able to assess the current level of acute need in comparison to the existing inventory currently available. The information system provides vacancy data for emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing, both of which are operating at full capacity. Using data from the CES call center, information was gleaned on how many households are urgently seeking help either prior to their perceived imminent homelessness, or during an episode of homelessness.

Because of on-going concerns from property managers and landlords, the RI CoC board initiated a work group focused on ensuring high quality, sustainable services are made available to those who need and want care. As part of this effort, board members conducted several listening sessions to learn from providers and property managers what the issues were on the ground that exacerbated the issues. The message was quite clear, Rhode Island's system needs more direct service staff, and our service providers need support to access sustainable funding streams, like Medicaid.

Information was collected from Woonsocket area providers of housing and services for homeless individuals and families and other qualifying populations.

Lastly, the American Community Survey and the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy were used to assess the number of cost burdened households and the gap between the number of households earning less than 50% AMI and the number of housing units available and affordable to them.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Woonsocket will solicit projects and activities from nonprofit and for-profit housing developers to support the development of affordable rental housing and the provision of supportive services. Funding will be allocated through an application process open to all eligible entities. An RFP for HOME-ARP funded activities will be drafted and published on the city's website no later than September 30, 2023.

To be considered eligible for Program funds, the city will require that recipients, at a minimum meet the following criteria:

- Make acceptable assurances to the city that it will comply with the requirements of the HOME-ARP Program during the entire period that begins upon selection of the recipient to receive HOME-ARP funds and ending upon the conclusion of all HOME-ARP Program funded activities.
- Demonstrate the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply, and manage the eligible activity.
- Demonstrate its familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with HOME-ARP Program funds to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations of such programs
- Have demonstrated experience and capacity to conduct HOME-ARP Program eligible activities as evidenced by its ability to own, construct, or rehabilitate, and manage and operate an affordable multifamily rental housing development.

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

N/A. The City of Woonsocket will administer the HOME-ARP program directly.

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

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

The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$150,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters			
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)			
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$1,321,451.40		
Non-Profit Operating			
Non-Profit Capacity Building			
Administration and Planning	\$163,494.60	10%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$1,634,946.00		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

The description of the needs detailed above and the discussions with agencies with the experience and expertise serving qualifying populations clearly show that the highest priority needs are: (1) increasing the supply of housing available and affordable to our most vulnerable populations; and (2) expanding supportive services to help vulnerable populations access housing and remain stably housed.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The City of Woonsocket estimates 6 new affordable housing rental units will be created from the recommended allocation above.

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

The City of Woonsocket estimates 6 new affordable housing rental units will be created from the recommended allocation above. These units will assist with housing qualifying populations who are either currently homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

Preferences

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

- *Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).*
- *PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.*

In an effort to provide maximum program flexibility and opportunities to all Woonsocket residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, the City of Woonsocket has elected to not apply preferences among the qualifying populations.

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

N/A

If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:

N/A

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

- ***Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity***
- ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***

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

The City of Woonsocket does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt.

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CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan City of Woonsocket HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan Program

Public Hearing: January 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Public Comment Period: January 9, 2023 - January 30, 2023

In accordance with the federal regulations, 24 CFR, Part 91, Public Notice is hereby given to residents of the City of Woonsocket that a draft version of the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan will be available for review and a 21-day public comment period. During the public comment period one Public Hearing will be held.

The City of Woonsocket was awarded \$1,634,946 in HOME-ARP funds in a one-time allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the City to receive and expend federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the allocation of funding to assist individuals and/or households who are experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness, and/or are other vulnerable populations as described in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Funds can be used to provide affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The Allocation Plan defines the use of federal HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs.

The City is encouraging public comment during this review process. To facilitate this, a public hearing will be held.

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, January 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Woonsocket City Hall, Third Floor, Harris Hall
169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

The public hearing will be used to discuss the allocation of HOME-ARP funds to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability in the City. For more information, phone (401) 767-9232.

21-Day Comment Period: Citizens will have the opportunity to review the City of Woonsocket HOME-ARP Allocation Plan beginning on January 9, 2023 at <https://www.woonsocketri.org/planning-development> or request a copy from the Department of Planning & Development. Public comments regarding the City of Woonsocket HOME-ARP Allocation Plan can be submitted via email to amcdermott@woonsocketri.org or mailed to the Department of Planning & Development, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 faxed to (401) 766-9312. A summary of all public

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2021/2022 Annual Action Plan
City of Woonsocket HOME Investment
Partnerships-American Rescue Plan Program

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February 8th, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Public Comment Period:
February 4, 2023 - February 20, 2023

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The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the City to receive and expend federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the allocation of funding to assist individuals and/or households who are experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness, and/or are other vulnerable populations as described in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Funds can be used to provide affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The Allocation Plan defines the use of federal HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs.

The City is encouraging public comment during this review process. To facilitate this, a public hearing will be held.

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWixYTMxN-WUitZTzhOS00MGQyLWEyMWEtNDAXYTRmO-GRhMDI3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%223bd78c2c-f021-4fd4-9a16-588a2af1ed8b%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22733c06a4-171b-4602-8a17-3ba1745459bd%22%7d
Meeting ID: 269 107 183 874
Passcode: op9MNF

The public hearing will be used to discuss the allocation of HOME-ARP funds to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability in the City. For more information, phone (401) 767-9232.

16-Day Comment Period: Citizens will have the opportunity to review the City of Woonsocket HOME-ARP Allocation Plan beginning on February 4th, 2023 at <https://www.woonsocketri.org/planning-development> or request a copy from the Department of Planning & Development. Public comments regarding the City of Woonsocket HOME-ARP Allocation Plan can be submitted via email to amcdermott@woonsocketri.org or mailed to the Department of Planning & Development, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 faxed to (401) 766-9312. A summary of all public comments will be included in the substantial amendment to the Action Plan to be submitted to HUD on or before February 26, 2023.

Disability Assistance: The City of Woonsocket will make efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to disabled members of the public in accessing City programs. Please contact Alyssa McDermott, Federal Administrator of Programs & Grants, City of Woonsocket, P.O. Box B, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895, 401-767-9232, amcdermott@woonsocketri.org at least 48 hours in advance if you have special needs.

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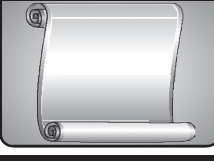


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Public Comment HOME ARP Allocation Plan

The public was given two opportunities to comment on the HOME ARP Allocation Plan and the activities that are being submitted to the Department of Housing & Urban Development.

January 9, 2023 – January 30, 2023

The Public Notice and the proposed Allocation Plan was uploaded to the City's website on January 9, 2023. Public Notice was advertised in the Woonsocket Call on January 14, 2023.

Monday, 1/9/23- There were no written comments received on this day.

Tuesday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Wednesday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Thursday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Friday – There were no written comments received on this day.

Saturday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Sunday – There were no written comments received on this day.

Monday, 1/16/23 – There were no written comments received on this day.

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Sunday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Monday, 1/30/23 - There were no written comments received on this day.

February 4, 2023 – February 20, 2023

Public Notice for the Public Hearing was advertised a second time in the Woonsocket Call on February 6, 2023.

Saturday, 2/4/23 - There were no written comments received on this day.

Sunday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Monday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Tuesday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Wednesday – Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

- Question 1 - Seeking confirmation that the 6 units being created (from slideshow, page 6) would be from the \$1.3M figure noted on page 5 of the slideshow.
- Question 2 - Asked for the anticipated timeframe for release of NOFA and RFP

Thursday - There were no written comments received on this day.

Friday – There were no written comments received on this day.

Saturday, 2/11/23 - There were no written comments received on this day.

Sunday – There were no written comments received on this day.

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Saturday, 2/18/23- There were no written comments received on this day.

Sunday – There were no written comments received on this day.

Monday – There were no written comments received on this day.

Responses to HOME ARP Public Comment Period Questions

1. “I am seeking confirmation that the 6 units being created (from slideshow, page 6) would be form the \$1.3 Million figure noted on page 5 of the slideshow?”

Answer: That is correct.

2. “I am wondering when I can anticipate the timeframe for release of the NOFA/RFP?”

Answer: The RFP will be developed and issues no later than September 30, 2023. The RFP will be available on the City’s website.

HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
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.

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

Rosa Bascelli Hunt
Signature of Authorized Official

03-02-23
Date

Mayer
Title

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424								
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application			* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision			* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>		
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>			4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>					
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State Use Only:								
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>			7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>					
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:								
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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="05-6000587"/>				* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="D6VNYHQ7MDF1"/>				
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e. Organizational Unit:								
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Planning and Development"/>				Division Name: <input type="text"/>				
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:								
Prefix: <input type="text"/>		* First Name: <input type="text" value="Michael"/>						
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>								
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Debrouse"/>								
Suffix: <input type="text"/>								
Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Planning and Development"/>								
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>								
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="401-767-9237"/>				Fax Number: <input type="text"/>				
* Email: <input type="text" value="mdebrouse@woonsocketri.org"/>								

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:**

Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME American Rescue Plan

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

M-22-MC-44-0202

* Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program Program Year 2022

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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

HOME Investment Partnerships Program Program Year 2022-2023

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

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	<input type="text" value="1,634,946.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,634,946.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

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)**

** 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: * First Name:

Middle Name:

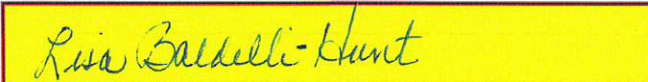
* Last Name:

Suffix:

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* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

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* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

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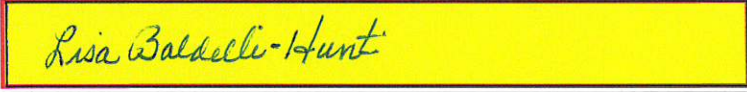
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Woonsocket	DATE SUBMITTED 03-02-23

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2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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