



Harford County, Maryland HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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Introduction

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This special round of funding is called the "HOME-ARP" program. In September of 2021, HUD awarded Harford County, Maryland \$1,820,904 in HOME-ARP funds.

The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide homeless assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include acquisition and development of affordable housing, tenant based rental assistance, provision of supportive services (such as housing counseling, homeless prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance), and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

Funds must primarily benefit individuals and households in the following qualifying populations:

- Individuals experiencing homelessness (as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 "Homeless" (1), (2), or (3))
- Individuals at risk of homelessness (as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 "At risk of homelessness")
- Individuals fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, (as defined in 24 CFR 5.2003) and
- Other populations with high risk of housing instability (including highly cost-burdened low-income households, households who have moved two or more times in the last 60 days, and households living in a hotel/motel)

Harford County is a HOME program Participating Jurisdiction (PJ). Its allocation will take a two-pronged approach to assist the qualifying populations listed above. The highest concentration of qualifying populations is along the Route 40 corridor, primarily in Edgewood/Joppa and Aberdeen (Fig. 1).

Priority 1: Increase Emergency Shelter Beds

Priority 2: Increase Rental Assistance with A Veteran Preference

Part 1:

HUD Allocation Plan

Consultation

In accordance with Section V.A of the Notice (page 13), before developing its HOME-ARP allocation plan, at a minimum, a PJ must consult with:

- CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area,
- homeless service providers,
- 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.

Local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

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

Harford County prepared its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and the Harford County Citizen Participation Plan. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, much of the consultation took place virtually, although Harford County did hold two in-person needs assessments hearings where community development staff presented homeless and affordable housing data and solicited feedback from attendees. These hearings, held in two different locations in Harford County, were well attended and garnered valuable community input. Community Development staff presented information on the HOME-ARP allocation plan process to the Harford County Roundtable, a local homeless coalition made up of service providers, educators, law enforcement, government agencies, and faith-based organizations dedicated to eliminating homelessness and increasing affordable housing. In addition, Harford County Community Development staff met one-on-one with more than a dozen direct service providers, local non-profits, and government agencies. Throughout the year-long consultation process, Harford County solicited feedback through a widely advertised online community needs assessment survey which received more than 100 responses.

The Harford County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan sets forth a priority funding plan that will help Harford County assist individuals and households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations by providing funding for non-congregate shelter acquisition and development, tenant based rental assistance, and supportive services.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Associated Catholic Charities	Non-profit homeless shelter and services provider	Virtual Teams Meeting 1-31-22	Needs: on-site mental health and wrap around services Staffing – outreach to landlords – very difficult to secure housing even with assistance payments – possible expansion of Anna's House facility
EPICENTER, Edgewood	Non-profit that serves at-risk	1:1 November 2022	EPICENTER is one of several connected locations throughout Harford County who provide a drop-in center for homeless individuals and connect low income individuals to a variety of services. They also provide in-person volunteer-client relationships. As EPICENTER develops a combined Food/Clothing Center in Edgewood, they expressed a need for more emergency shelter beds and more coordinated wraparound services to pick up clients whom they introduce to the homeless system.
FCCAU	Non-profit homeless shelter and services provider	In Person 2-22-22 – public hearing	Submitted written comments – particularly concerned about the lack of shelter and permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals.
Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna	Non-profit affordable housing developer	2/22/22 in person public hearing	Data presented looked good – Habitat is hoping there is opportunity for affordable homeownership in the ARP.
Harford Community Action Agency	Non-profit homeless services agency CoC	Multiple 1:1s	Multiple discussions and meetings with HCAA – HCAA administers coordinated entry for homeless services

			for Harford County. Not enough emergency shelter, rental assistance, case management, and affordable housing.
Harford County Community Services and Department of Aging	Local government agency -	1:1 meetings, phone calls November and December 2022	Community Services and its subsidiary the Department of Aging address the needs of senior, disabled, disadvantaged youth, and other populations with wraparound services and grant funds. Community Services submitted its grant-in-aid numbers for the HOME-ARP plan, and commented that seniors in the Department of Aging system most likely fall in the At-Risk or Other Qualifying Populations.
Harford County Department of Social Services	Local Government – child welfare		
Harford County Health Department	Local Government Health Agency	Multiple Conversations	Harford County has a lack of affordable rental housing. HCV waitlist is too long and there are very limited options for affordable multi-family rental housing in areas of opportunity.
Harford County Housing Agency	PHA	In Person 11-1-2022	Harford County Housing Agency has more than 6,000 households on the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist, indicating a demand for affordable rental housing.
Harford County Local Housing Coalition	Local branch of the Maryland Balance of State – CoC Lead	Multiple	The Harford County LHC is a group of service providers that provide a variety of social and other services to low – moderate income residents of Harford County. The Lead Agency of the LHC is the Harford Community

			Action Agency. The outreach team noted the need for emergency shelter for adults, affordable housing, support services, and TBRA.
Harford Family House	Non-profit homeless shelter services provider	10/04/2022 in person 1:1	Met with ED of Harford Family House – organization merged with FCCAU which operates the County's only emergency shelter, (Welcome One) effective July 1, 2022. Was reminded that Harford County submitted a CDBG project to HUD in the 2017 AAP to expand Welcome One. The project was inexplicitly put on hold and has never moved forward. The County has an extensive waitlist for emergency shelter and its time the County move forward on the expansion. Harford Family House would like to see HOME-ARP used to expand Welcome One and create non-congregate shelter space to meet the increased demand for beds. Also, HFH noted that there is a lack of affordable multi-family rentals in the County and suggested funding could be used for TBRA or Rapid Rehousing.
Havre de Grace Housing Authority	PHA	Phone – 10-2022	Havre de Grace Housing Authority is the only other PHA in the County. The HdGHA administers Somerset Manor, a 60-unit project-based housing authority. Somerset Manor would like to see funding for improvements to the Housing Authority, as well as funding for TBRA.

Klein Crisis Center	24/7 Mental Health care provider and walk in clinic	Telephone 12-2022	The Klein Crisis Center has been overwhelmed since its inception. The agency provides a variety of mental health services but is also a frequent stop for individuals experiencing homelessness – particularly during freezing weather. The agency indicated that Harford County needs additional emergency shelter beds as well as 24/7 emergency shelter access.
Maryland Balance of State	The CoC Lead Agency	1:1 meetings with the 2 individuals who serve as the Harford County Representatives on the Balance of State Board	The MD Balance of State is the CoC lead for the County. HMIS and other data support the need for expansion of emergency shelter beds for chronically homeless adults, the development of affordable housing for very low-income individuals, the need for additional permanent supportive housing, and support services – particularly case management – for individuals who receive rental assistance to ensure they are successful renters.
Mason-Dixon Community Services	Non-profit social service provider Non-profit homeless prevention services provider	12-2022 – In Person	Mason-Dixon Community Service provides human services to low-income residents living in rural northern Harford County, Maryland. MDCS expressed interest in rental assistance funding as rents have continued to increase and clients are finding difficulty locating affordable rental units.
New Day Wellness Center	Non-profit healthcare facility that serves primarily QPs	1:1 December 2022	New Day provides a drop-in center for homeless persons in Aberdeen. Staff and volunteers provide some

			food, a warm place to sit, and programs to obtain identification, employment, and other wraparound services. New Day staff indicated a significant need for more shelter beds.
NStep	Non-profit job training organization	Telephone Call	NStep provides employment training for low-moderate income youth.
Office of Mental Health - Core Services Agency	Local – government Agency - Homeless services provider	1:1 March 10, 2022	Ms. Kraus noted that it has become increasingly more difficult to locate affordable/low-income housing; there is a workforce shortage in behavioral health making it difficult to find treatment for individuals without insurance; and there has been an increase in usage of mobile crisis and hotline calls but funding has remained stagnant.
SARC	Non-profit domestic violence Shelter and services provider	In Person – various	SARC provides emergency shelter and supportive services to individuals fleeing from domestic violence. The shelter recently underwent an expansion and is now positioned to adequately serve the DV population. However, SARC recognizes the need for additional emergency shelter for other populations as well as the need for affordable housing.
The Arc	Non-profit focused on people with disabilities	Telephone Call 4/2022	
US Dept of Veteran Affairs- Aberdeen, MD Satellite Station	Federal Government	Telephone Call: 3/9/22 12:30 pm	Heather Evans- Service Member Coordinator/Readjustment Counselor:

			<p>Work mostly with those who need mental health services. Only a few times in a year do they refer individuals who are homeless to the VA office in Baltimore for their homeless support services or Perry Point. Some of their clients have utilized SARC as a temporary emergency shelter before coming to them. Most of their clients, however, are not low income so they do not interact with housing support or homeless support services.</p>
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Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

The entities consulted ranged from homeless service providers to Coordinated Entry access points to organizations who serve at-risk and vulnerable populations. Nearly all consulted expressed a need for emergency shelter and increased access to affordable rental housing for the range of populations. Providing services is becoming more difficult as hiring shortages are thinning out service organizations. Affordable housing is harder to find as rents increase and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waitlist is too long.

Harford Family House, who recently merged with FCCAU, consolidated our two largest shelter providers under one organization. They noted FCCAU discussed expanding the shelter to meet need as far back as 2017, and with need rising, more beds are more important than ever.

Public Participation

In accordance with Section V.B of the Notice (page 13), PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

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

Throughout the HOME-ARP allocation plan public participation process, the PJ must follow its applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements and procedures for effective communication, accessibility, and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities and providing meaningful access to participation by limited English proficient (LEP) residents that are in its current citizen participation plan as required by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.115.

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

- ***Date(s) of public notice:*** 2/25/2022, 12/14/2022
- ***Public comment period(s):*** start date - 2/25/2022 end date - 4/1/2022, start date - 1/9/2023 end date - 1/25/2023
- ***Date(s) of public hearing:*** 3/18/2022, 1/10/2023, 1/13/2023

Describe the public participation process:

The Harford County Office of Community and Economic Development (now Housing and Community Development) hosted a public hearing on March 18, 2022 for preliminary comments on the HOME-ARP Allocation, with a public comment period from February 25, 2022 to April 1, 2022. The comment period included an online survey that garnered over 200 results, defining community prioritization in four core areas: Affordable Housing, Non-Congregate Shelter, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, and Supportive Services. At the completion of the first draft, a second public hearing was held for comment on January 10, 2023 and January 13, 2023, with a public comment period from January 9, 2023 to January 25, 2023. Notice was posted through the Aegis local newspaper, online at www.harfordhousing.org, and distributed through personal invitation to members of the Local Homeless Coalition and other related service organizations and stakeholders.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

To broaden public participation, two Public Hearings were advertised on various platforms, including public notices published in The Aegis Newspaper, multiple postings on the County's Facebook account, announcements at local homeless coalition meetings and community meetings, and large font front page announcement on the department's webpage. Meetings were held in different sectors of the County to broaden citizen participation. The County also sent personalized invitations to dozens of service providers and interested persons resulting in a meaningful one-to-one comment session. All outreach disseminated to the public also encouraged them to provide public comments via phone/email and during the public hearings.

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

Participants in the March 2022 public hearing commented that the homelessness data presented was "spot on" accurate, demonstrating the need for non-congregate shelter. Case management must be expanded for a better "safety net." Other participants stated a need for affordable homeownership, as other sources have dwindled during the pandemic. A developer mentioned the high demand and low supply of affordable housing. Another commenter stated individuals do not receive as many services as families, and that rental assistance should be the highest priority.

Harford County Housing and Community Development administered a survey to stakeholders, constituents, and concerned citizens asking for their input on how HOME-ARP funds should be spent. The survey was administered online as well as in person during the initial public hearing. Each respondent was given four (4) priorities based on the eligible activities. Of the 110 people who submitted surveys, 31% listed Affordable Housing as the top priority, 26% listed the Development of Non-Congregate Shelters, 22% listed Rental Assistance, and 21% listed Supportive Services.

For the January 2023 public hearings, Harford County received comments from 2 participants. They requested Harford County consider further eviction prevention, job training, child care, and more emergency beds. They also stressed the need for a community-wide effort to use the funds. Regarding emergency shelter beds, comments suggested either expansion of existing shelter or utilizing new methods such as tiny homes.

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

Comments regarding homeowner assistance, the Housing Choice Voucher admission process, and other Rapid Re-Housing admission process comments were not accepted as they were not relevant to HOME-ARP funding, but separate services provided by other existing funding sources. Commenters were directed to the appropriate organizations and resources regarding their input.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of **all four** of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. If the PJ does not evaluate the needs of one of the qualifying populations, then the PJ has not completed their Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis. 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.

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

Data is compiled for those residing in or those who reported to organizations within the boundaries of Harford County, Maryland. Shelters are located along the Route 40 Corridor in the communities of Edgewood/Joppa, Belcamp, and Aberdeen (Fig. 2).

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

24 CFR 91.5 defines “homeless” as “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...[or] living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements...[or] 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.” ¹

As of July 2022, Harford County, Maryland is a member of the State of Maryland Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC). Homelessness Data is primarily gathered through the HUD Point-in-Time Count (PIT) conducted every year in January by the Local Homeless Coalition (LHC) under the CoC. Those counted must match HUD requirements under 24 CFR 91.5, with their data submitted in the Human Management Information System (HMIS), and therefore meet the definition outlined above. Harford County’s sole domestic violence provider, the Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC), does not input data into HMIS. For this allocation plan, domestic violence numbers are reported from SARC and are separated into the domestic violence category.

COVID-19 pandemic social distancing requirements led to lower numbers in the PIT 2021 than in previous years. Data presented includes PIT 2019 for comparison (Fig. 3).

¹ “Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs,” *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 24 (2017): 488-492. <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2021-title24-vol1/CFR-2021-title24-vol1-sec91-5>

Between 2019 and 2020, Harford County's Primary shelter provider, Harford Family House, changed their transitional housing beds to emergency shelter beds. Therefore, transitional housing beds decreased and emergency shelter beds increased significantly between 2019 and 2021.

2021 PIT

In 2021, Harford County counted 173 homeless persons and 104 homeless households. 139 were counted in emergency shelter, 21 in Transitional Housing, and 13 were unsheltered. Of the 160 in shelter or transitional housing, 87 reported male and 73 reported female. 69 reported white, 66 reported Black or African American, and 25 reported Multiple Races. Zero (0) identified as Hispanic/Latino. Fifty-nine (59) were children under age 18, eleven (11) were persons age 18 to 24, and 90 were persons over age 24. Those unsheltered did not report race or gender. Eight (8) reported as Veterans.

Twenty-five (25) counted reported Chronically Homeless. One (1) household of 5 chronically homeless individuals included children.

2019 PIT

In 2019, Harford County counted 228 homeless persons and 125 homeless households. 116 were counted in emergency shelter, 89 in Transitional Housing, and 23 were unsheltered. Of the 205 in shelter or transitional housing, 109 reported male and 96 reported female. 97 reported White, 80 reported Black or African American, 1 reported Asian, 1 reported American Indian or Alaska Native, and 26 reported Multiple Races. Eighty-six (86) were children under age 18, sixteen (16) were persons age 18 to 24, and 126 were persons over age 24. Four (4) reported as veterans.

Of those unsheltered, 18 reported male, 4 reported female, and 1 reported transgender. 19 reported White, 3 reported Black or African American, and 1 reported American Indian or Alaska Native. Three (3) identified as Hispanic/Latino.

Nineteen (19) counted reported Chronically Homeless. Eight (8) of the 19 were unsheltered.²

Veteran-by-Name List

Harford County through the Harford Community Action Agency keeps an up-to-date Veteran-by-Name list of homeless veterans in the Coordinate Entry system. As of December 2022, six (6) households are on the list. Ages range from 50 years old to 73 years old. Three

² US Department of Housing and Urban Development, "CoC Homeless Populations and Subpopulations Report – MD-502: Harford County CoC" (2021, 2019). https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-homeless-populations-and-subpopulations-reports/?filter_Year=2021&filter_Scope=CoC&filter_State=MD&filter_CoC=MD-502&program=CoC&group=PopSub

(3) identify as White and 3 identify as Black or African American. Four (4) are female, and two (2) are male. One (1) male is chronically homeless. All are either living in cars or inside and outside of motels.

Other Data

While the official PIT numbers are used to determine nationwide statistics, it is important to note local numbers, which may or may not meet the HUD definition, report significantly higher. Of the 5,180 households the Harford Community Action Agency served in 2021, 505 (approximately 10%) reported their housing as “Homeless,” 220 reported “Other,” and 103 reported “Unspecified.” Of the 10,658 individuals served, 340 reported either Active Duty or Veteran Status.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

24 CFR 91.5 defines “at-risk of homelessness” as “an individual or family who has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; does not have sufficient resources or support networks...AND meets one of the following conditions:” Those conditions include moving twice or more in 60 days, “couch-surfing,” undergoing eviction within 21 days, living in a hotel/motel paid by their own funds, living in a larger housing unit with 1.5 or people per room, exiting an publicly funded institution, or is living with characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.³

The HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), using 2015-2019 American Community Survey (ACS) data, reports 11,245 households with 30% or less than the median family income (Extremely Low Income, or ELI). See Figure 2a. for 2023 HUD median income levels. Per the definition, each of these households may qualify as “At Risk” depending on factors not reported through this data. At least 4,390 of these households are “At Risk” because they experienced at least 1 of 4 housing problems. The highest geographic concentration of these ELI households is: Northeast County and parts of Bel Air (10-20% of population), Edgewood/Joppa, Abingdon, Havre de Grace, and the Aberdeen area (20-35%), and Aberdeen proper (over 35%)⁴ (Fig. 4).

Harford County outlines the following populations as non-homeless with special needs in its consolidated plan:⁵

³ *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 24.

⁴ HUD, Office of Policy Development and Research, “Consolidated Planning/CHAS Data” (accessed 2022), https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-homeless-populations-and-subpopulations-reports/?filter_Year=2021&filter_Scope=CoC&filter_State=MD&filter_CoC=MD-502&program=CoC&group=PopSub.

⁵ Harford County Government, Office of Community and Economic Development, “Consolidated Plan FY 2021-2025 (FFY 2020-2024)”. <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/525/Consolidated-Reports>.

Elderly Persons (65 years and older) – According to the most recent American Community Survey (2021 5-Year), 16.2% of Harford County are 65 and over, maintaining the same percentage as 3 years ago. Many of these households are on fixed incomes indicating a need for affordable housing and housing rehabilitation assistance.

Frail Elderly – According to the most recent American Community Survey data, 30% of elderly persons, living in Harford County have a disability and can be classified as frail elderly. Many of these households are on a fixed income indicating a need for accessibility modifications and housing rehabilitation assistance to senior housing units.

Disabled – According to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey, approximately 10.6% of Harford County residents have a disability. In addition, 11.2% of those households with a disability live at or below poverty line compared with just 6.5% of the entire population. There is a great need for accessible housing, affordable housing, and supportive services for disabled households.

Developmentally Disabled – According to the American Community Survey, approximately 10,369 individuals living in Harford County have a cognitive disability.⁶

Severely Mentally Ill - According to the Office of Mental Health, Core Service Agency of Harford County, 8,153 individuals were served in FY2018 through the public mental health system (2,536 children/adolescents, 497 transitional youth (18-21) and 4,771 adults.) This was a 3.7% increase over the previous year. Of those served in the public mental health system, 205 people were uninsured an increase of 9%. There is a need for affordable housing with support services for households with developmentally disabled individuals.

Persons with Alcohol or Drug Addiction – According to the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), all parts of Harford County have been affected by the opioid crisis and it affects people of all ages. Drug addiction does not discriminate, it is prevalent in every race, culture, and sexual orientation. It crosses geographic, social, and economic boundaries.

Overdoses jumped significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the State of Maryland 2021 Q3 Unintentional Drug- and Alcohol-Related Intoxication Deaths report, Harford County saw an increase in deaths in almost every category. The trend is rising again, although not yet as high as the peak in 2017-2018. Total drug and alcohol-related intoxication deaths from January to September 2021 were 70, a 27% increase from the same time period in 2020.⁷

⁶ US Census Bureau, "American Community Survey, 2021 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables" (accessed 2022), <https://data.census.gov/>.

⁷ State of Maryland Department of Health, Vital Statistics Administration, "Unintentional Drug- and Alcohol-Related Intoxication Deaths in Maryland" (2021). <https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/overdose.aspx>

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

The HOME-ARP Notice defines this population as “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.”⁸

The 2021 PIT counted 11 homeless persons fleeing domestic violence.⁹

SARC, Harford County’s domestic violence resource center, keeps detailed records of those served. SARC provides a 24-hour Helpline, crisis intervention, 28-bed confidentially located safehouse, counseling, legal representation and advocacy, prevention, and outreach services. In Fiscal Year 2022, SARC served 1,480 clients: 1,078 were new clients, and 821 were female-headed households. The 28-bed domestic violence safehouse provided 8,154 bednights to victims fleeing highly lethal domestic violence situations, averaging 100 clients per year (including children). In 2023, SARC is completing its safehouse renovation to expand to 40 beds. Demographic information is limited due to client confidentiality. Generally, most clients come from Aberdeen, Edgewood, and Bel Air. 50% identify as two or more races (likely for confidentiality), 35% identify white, and 15% identify black or African-American. 2% identify as Hispanic or Latino.

SARC moves clients to transitional housing or provides tenant-based rental assistance to clients transitioning from the safehouse when necessary.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice:

The HOME-ARP Notice outlines four categories of “Other Populations”:

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

⁸ HUD, “Notice: CPD-21-10, Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program” (September 13, 2021), <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6479/notice-cpd-2110-requirements-for-the-use-of-funds-in-the-home-arp-program/>.

⁹ HUD, “CoC Homeless Populations and Subpopulations Report.”

assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.

2. **At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability** is defined as household who meets either paragraph (i) or (ii) below:

- a. (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);
- b. (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
- c. **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.¹⁰

HUD Data – CHAS

According to the CHAS data from the 2015-2019 ACS, 11,245 households reported income less than 30% of the area median income. 6,835 were experiencing severe cost burden (50% or more of monthly housing income toward housing costs). 9,370 households reported income between 30% and 50% of the area median income. 2,280 were experiencing severe cost burden. Severe cost burden was experienced almost equally by renters and owners, except for households between 30% and 50% of the area median income, where owners comprised 64% and renters comprised 36%.

¹⁰ HUD, "Notice: CPD-21-10."

Of the 9,370 households with income between 30% and 50% median income, 5,870 experience at least 1 of 4 severe housing problems. 47% were renters and 53% were owners.¹¹

These households can be difficult to pinpoint, but Harford County has services in the Route 40 Corridor, the Bel Air area, and the Northern County that show their scope and concentration. Data from community partners below may be duplicative, so each partner's information is presented separately in the context of the service(s) they provide. Local totals correspond well with the CHAS data reported to HUD. ***Some numbers reported in this category apply to the "At-Risk" category, but are reported here since there is significant overlap between "At-Risk" and Number 1. in the Other Populations definition.***

Veterans At Risk of Homelessness

The 2021 ACS 5-Year Estimates show 18,820 veterans in Harford County, approximately 9.4% of the population. 88% are male, and 12% are female. 11,706 (62.2%) are age 18 to 64, while 7,114 (37.8%) are age 65 and over (seniors). 523 (2.8%) have an income below the poverty level, and 3,867 (20.6%) have a disability. Of the 523 with income below the poverty level, 153 (29%) age 18 to 64 and do not have a disability, and 151 (29%) age 65 and over do not have a disability.¹² The highest concentration of veterans with an income below the poverty level are in the Belcamp area, South Bel Air, and the Northern County. The highest concentration of veterans with disabilities are in the Route 40 corridor and South Bel Air (Fig. 5). HCAA reported 163 veterans and 177 active military were given service referrals to food, employment assistance, housing, etc. in Fiscal Year 2021. Harford County Housing Agency manages 22 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. Currently, 17 vouchers are in use. These vouchers are referred by the VA in Cecil County and Baltimore County, so not all referred are Harford County residents. There is no VA center in Harford County. Based on the numbers, it is likely that some Harford County veterans and their families do not have easy access to VASH, especially if they do not meet the homeless qualifications, and would benefit from a more local program that can reach them through Coordinated Entry and other local referral avenues.

Found in Faith Fresh Start Furniture Program - 250

Found in Faith Ministries (FIF), formally located in Joppa and now based in Aberdeen, provides free furniture to low-income families moving into new homes. Their network of volunteers from local churches and community groups helps move beds, dressers, tables, and other items from FIF's warehouse to the clients' new home. Recipients can be included in "Other Populations" because they report either Low or Extremely Low Income, and do not have the support networks to purchase, borrow, or inherit furniture.

¹¹ HUD, "Consolidated Planning/CHAS Data."

¹² Census Bureau, "ACS, 2021 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables."

In Fiscal Year 2022, FIF served 250 households. The majority identified as Black or African American, and reported from the Edgewood area. The second highest reporting area was Aberdeen.

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance – 1,968

Harford County executed its first phase allocation of CARES Act Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1) through the Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA). Clients who received assistance were at-risk of eviction or missing rental payments due to a COVID-19 related emergency. HCAA distributed one-time payment assistance, with each application handled on a case-by-case basis.

ERA1 recipients may comprise the largest Other Populations category, as many were households newly introduced to housing instability during the pandemic. HCAA administered funds to 848 families, 1,968 individuals total. Prior to receiving funds, 1,936 individuals were expecting eviction and 32 were homeless. After receiving funds, 1,149 individuals are still housed, 787 are at-risk of losing housing, and 32 are homeless.

Of those served, 1,100 identified as Black or African American. 453 identified as white, 134 identified as bi-racial or multi-racial, and 84 identified as Hispanic/Latino. 826 were age 0 to 17, 1,011 were age 18 to 54, and 131 were age 55 and over. The highest concentration of recipients was in Edgewood/Joppa (500), followed by Aberdeen (197), Bel Air (136), and Abingdon (132).

Harford County Department of Community Services Grant Beneficiaries – 11,880

The Harford County Department of Community Services funds nonprofit organizations who serve the elderly, disabled, non-English speakers, disadvantaged youth, and individuals/families experiencing hardship because of addiction. In Fiscal Year 2022, grant funds served 11,880 clients. 24 clients were homeless (minimal overlap). 5,058 identified as white, 4,125 identified as black or African-American, and 565 identified as Hispanic. 5,046 reported income at or below 30% of the median area income, 9,639 reported between 30% and 50%, and 1,396 reported between 50% and 80%. The highest concentration of clients was in Edgewood/Joppa with 3,127, Aberdeen with 2,535, Bel Air with 2,149, and Havre de Grace with 1,656.

Clients who receive services largely fall under the subcategories described in the “At-Risk” category, but overlap with Other Populations as clients who receive 30%-50% area median income are predominant.

Harford County Department of Aging – 1,606

The Harford County Department of Aging targets the County’s seniors without sufficient support networks by providing food (mobile and in designated senior centers), assisted living subsidies, and caregiving services. Seniors served are an “Other Population” since they would face homelessness if they did not receive this assistance. In 2022, the Department of Aging served 1,606 clients: 31 receive caregiving services (must have

difficulty with 3 or more activities of daily living), 18 receive Case Management, 21 receive assisted living subsidies, 530 participated in the congregate meal program, and 604 received home-delivered meals.

Harford Community Action Agency – 10,658

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) serves low-income Harford County residents with food assistance, energy assistance, case management, and other wraparound services. HCAA also manages Harford County's Coordinated Entry system and submits data to HMIS. Some numbers may also be duplicated with the "Homeless" and "At Risk" qualifying population categories. HCAA served 10,658 individuals, with 1,373 receiving more than one (1) service. 5,180 families received services, with 1,356 receiving more than one (1). 3,925 households reported 150% or below poverty level, with 1,921 reporting up to 50%.

Children made up 34% of those served. Adults age 18 to 55 made up 43%, and adults age 55 and over made up 23%. Single-member households made up 51% of the 5,180 households served. 40% of individuals were male, and 60% were female. 60% of households also reported living in rental units.

Mason-Dixon Community Services – 9,902

Mason-Dixon (MDCS) in Street serves disadvantaged individuals and families in the rural Northern County with food assistance, case management, employment counseling, energy assistance, youth support, and more. Clients' income must be no more than 185% of the federal poverty level guidelines to qualify for assistance. In Fiscal Year 2022, MCDS served 15 low-income households with emergency energy assistance, provided mobile food pantry services to 204 households, provided 12 low-income households with emergency financial assistance, and provided 1,996 households with referral services to homeless shelters, employment services, and other services. Programs target clients who reside in rural Northern Harford County.

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:

Referrals for shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent-Supportive Housing, and Rapid Re-Housing must be processed through Coordinate Entry managed by the Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA).

Emergency Shelter

The HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report (HIC) for Harford County lists 34 Emergency Shelter family units with 114 beds and 30 adult-only beds year-round, with an additional 40 seasonal beds. There are 16 transitional housing beds of 4 units. 126 permanent supportive housing (PSH) beds make

up 49 family units. 10 PSH beds are for adults only. 32 rapid-rehousing (RRH) beds make up 8 family units.¹³

Associated Catholic Charities manages Anna's House, an 11-bed family emergency shelter in Bel Air. Harford Family House operates both Welcome One, a 30-bed emergency shelter for adults in Belcamp, and Harford Family House, a 75-bed, 23-unit family shelter in Aberdeen. The Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) supports the Hope for the Homeless Alliance Emergency Winter Shelter with motel vouchers for 40 beds available January through March. HCAA also provides emergency motel vouchers on a case-by-case basis during the cold weather months (Fig. 6).

Permanent Supportive Housing

Anna's House also operates 17 PSH units throughout Harford County: 10 for chronic adults, 3 for chronic families (11 beds), and 4 for non-chronic families (8 beds). The Office on Mental Health operates 22 family units (44 beds). Harford Family House operates 6 family units with 28 beds. Prologue, Inc. manages 9 PSH beds for chronic adults. The Harford County Housing Agency (in the Department of Housing and Community Development) manages 14 family units of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) with 35 beds for veterans and their families. Veteran beds must be referred by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offices either in Cecil County or Baltimore County. Harford County does not have a VA office.

Rapid Re-Housing and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

The Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) operates a Rapid Re-Housing program with 8 family units (32) beds. Sheppard Pratt (formerly Alliance, Inc.) receives funding for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) that assist very low-income veteran families who are at-risk or are already experiencing episodic homelessness and present permanent housing options to each household. Case management and short-term rental assistance are a part of the SSVF program that will assist with measures of independence and stability.

To reduce the number of homeless individuals, Harford County provides TBRA to formerly homeless households. During the past year, Harford County was able to assist ten households with TBRA and recently increased funding for the program allowing five additional households to be served. Additional supportive services include case management services which include referrals to providers that provide varying support services including food, utility, and other assistance designed to provide a safety-net for at-risk households. Leading by Example provides mental health services to homeless

¹³ HUD, "2021 CoC Housing Inventory Count Report – MD-502: Harford County CoC" (2021), https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-housing-inventory-count-reports/?filter_Year=2021&filter_Scope=CoC&filter_State=MD&filter_CoC=MD-502&program=CoC&group=HIC.

individuals, Office of Mental Health Core Service Agency provides mental health services to homeless and at-risk of homeless; The Klein Family Harford Crisis Center provides 24 hours/7 day a week crisis care for mental health and addiction issues for adults and children.

Affordable Housing and Rental Assistance

In HUD's CPD Maps Planning tool, 8.52% of Harford County rental units are affordable to households making 30% or lower than the area median income (approximately 1,704), and 25.89% of Harford County rental units are affordable to households making 30% to 50% of the area median income (approximately 5,172). The highest concentration of these units is in Aberdeen and Edgewood, as well as units available to Very Low Income (30%-50% median income) renters in the Northern County.¹⁴ The Havre de Grace Housing Authority operates a 60-unit public housing complex in Havre de Grace. Havre de Grace Housing Authority has an admissions de-concentration policy which promotes income integration by targeting available assistance to families at or below 80% of AMI by employing preferences aimed at families who are working and adopting rent policies to support and encourage work.

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program provide rental assistance to extremely low- and low-income households. Eligible households pay no more than 30 percent of their annual income for rent. HOPWA (Housing Assistance for Persons living with Aids) provides assistance to income eligible households that have a least one occupant with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS. Eligible households pay no more than 30 percent of their annual income for rent.

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) helps Harford County Households become financially independent in a five-year time frame by providing individualized case management and financial literacy, coupled with on-going rental assistance.

Domestic Violence Shelter and Services

Harford County's lead domestic violence resource is the Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC). SARC operates a 40-bed emergency shelter safehouse where clients receive case management and services toward employment assistance and new housing. Catholic Charities' Anna's House also operates 4 units of transitional housing with 16 beds for victims fleeing domestic violence, typically for SARC clients leaving the Emergency Shelter. SARC operates a 24-hour emergency hotline for domestic violence victims, and provides services for anyone in Harford County experiencing domestic violence, not just for those in shelter.

¹⁴ HUD, "CPD Maps Consolidated Planning Tool" (accessed 2022), <https://egis.hud.gov/cpdmaps/>.

Supportive Services

Harford County has a myriad of nonprofit, governmental, and faith-based organizations who provide services. See Appendix 4 for the homeless street card's comprehensive list.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The community survey highlighted the need for more non-congregate beds combined with focused case management services. Comments included:

“Build additional non-congregate shelter inventory.”

“Social workers embedded in congregate affordable housing buildings/complexes/areas.”

“Mental health individuals need their own space as well as those in recovery; Families should be in their own space.”

“Rooms are beneficial to deter from the bullying that occurs in the shelter mentality.”

“Hotel rooms (such as used during Covid) permitting more autonomy than shelter; however, it omitted the accountability and responsibility for self-development.”

Harford County needs more non-congregate shelter beds, specifically for individuals. According to the needs and gaps analysis table (data from the 2021 Point-in-Time Count and 2021 Housing Inventory Count), family beds and units are roughly on par with the current demand, while individual beds are at least 36 short. Community comments show how hotel room stays separated those with mental health and recovery issues for a more calming environment, but the seclusion of hotel room stays limited access to case management. Homeless individuals and families need access to a non-congregate environment where intense case management is readily available for transition into semi-permanent or permanent housing. Data shows homelessness is spread throughout the Route 40 corridor with concentrations in Edgewood and Joppa. Single-bed shelter is available in Belcamp, halfway between those locations and requiring transportation.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The community survey expressed that there is a dearth of affordable housing with rent still rising, an urgent need to assist at-risk individuals and families experiencing long-term poverty, and a desire for partnerships with local housing complexes. Comments included:

“Individuals that work and still need help.”

“Livable wage for 1 adult w/ child is over \$30/hr, much higher than pay of avg worker; Many families in poverty are single adults w/ children who struggle to find affordable housing.”

“Currently available for those affected by poverty & not those w/ long term, entrenched poverty.”

“Each are high importance; Many individuals & family needs are not met due to lack of funding & services; Help with security deposit.”

“New developments must provide the self-sufficiency services listed in their leases and contract documents.”

“Eviction prevention support, budgeting help, easier access to flexible transportation (Uber gift cards to allow clients to get to & from areas that Harford County Public Transportation doesn’t reach).”

“If subsidized/income based housing is not available, rental assistance could be used to allow people to afford rent.”

Per the needs and gaps analysis table (data from the 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy), Harford County needs at least 2,686 more units affordable to households earning 30% or less of the annual median income, meaning it is likely that households within this income bracket will enter homelessness without proper support networks. Individuals and families who received State Emergency Rental Assistance no longer have access and are adding to the pool of Extremely Low Income households as rents continue to rise. Unmet needs, then, are twofold. First, non-congregate shelter units are essential as we anticipate more At-Risk households entering homelessness. Second, continued preventive measures such as rental assistance are imperative to slow down new households who may enter the Coordinated Entry system. Survey respondents emphasized intensive case management paired with affordable housing and/or rental assistance in the form of security deposit payments or yearly plans.

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

Harford County through the Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center (SARC) recently (January 2023) expanded its safehouse beds for DV victims from 28 to 40 to meet the demand for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking. Although needs may continue to grow, current needs are sufficiently met compared to unmet needs for other qualifying populations.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

Other populations share the same unmet needs as at-risk individuals: affordable housing and post-pandemic rental assistance. Further comments from the community survey included:

“Wrap around service that address the clients’ barriers for not being able to access fair housing; knowledge of how to establish and maintain credit stability.”

“Need to help unemployed become employed so they feel a sense of accomplishment; want a contributing society.”

“Training case managers in rural communities to connect people to services to help become self-sustaining; Job training programs & business partnerships to hire low-income residents, veterans, disabled, etc.; Temp. assistance w/ transportation.”

“Incorporate several layers of assistance if needs are assessed & determined at the point an application is received, increasing success of applicants willing to do the work.”

“Consider an incentive plan incorporating existing housing complexes to engage in housing needs.”

With rising rents and expired state rental assistance, the Other Populations described in this plan will also move to at-risk, if not homelessness, if any current support services are cut back or reallocated. Specifically, Harford County’s most apparent unmet need is for Veterans At Risk of Homelessness. 2021 5-year American Community Survey data shows 219 veterans live at or below the poverty level **and** report a disability. VASH vouchers are available to those who qualify, but are referred through the Veterans’ Affairs (VA) offices in Cecil and Baltimore Counties. Harford County does not have a local VA office. Veterans who are at-risk, but do not qualify to participate in the homeless Coordinated Entry system, have extremely limited local options for affordable housing. Twelve (12) are on the waitlist for Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), and 6 are on the homeless veteran-by-name list.

Ending veteran homelessness in Harford County is within sight, but pandemic-era pressures on affordable housing are keeping that goal out of reach. Homeless veteran numbers will increase if veteran housing services do not increase first.

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

1. Current emergency shelter numbers show sufficient family units and beds, but insufficient single units and beds.
2. Rental units affordable to households making 30% or lower than the annual median income are 2,686 fewer than the household total.
3. Veteran-focused services are limited to VA centers outside of Harford County and general services provided through Coordinated Entry and other government/nonprofit organizations.

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of “other populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

Harford County will not use “lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness” as a criterion for “Other Populations.”

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5.

- Expand non-congregate shelter by 20 beds (10 units).

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5.

- Expand non-congregate shelter by 20 beds (10 units)
- Expand rental assistance and supportive services to keep individuals and families in affordable housing

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

- Continue SARC programs and utilize newly-renovated safehouse space

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice.

- A coordinated rental assistance program matched with supportive services that will house at least 10 families/individuals becoming at-risk of homelessness

Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member

- Preference for veterans and their families to strengthen prevention of veteran homelessness

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

Harford County determined the level of need and gaps required a two-pronged plan to both buffer the increasing risk of homelessness and create a targeted partnership approach to house its most vulnerable individuals and families (Fig. 8).

Priority 1 – Increase Emergency Shelter Beds

The community survey listed non-congregate shelter expansion as the second highest need. Numbers demonstrate a significant lack of single emergency shelter beds, which has been a problem discussed among local homeless services providers for several years. Pandemic-era cost of living increases will pressure the growing at-risk population towards homelessness, so shelter capacity must be higher to be better prepared.

Priority 2 – Increase Affordable Housing with a Veteran Preference

The community survey indicated more affordable housing as its top priority, with rental assistance and supportive services landing at third and fourth priorities. Data also demonstrates a significant lack of affordable housing for the most at-risk population. While affordable housing decreases, the at-risk population increases.

Yet as this trend develops in the next few years, the current HOME-ARP funding allocation for Harford County, when accounting for emergency shelter expansion, is too small to support widespread preventive measures (such as large affordable housing projects).

Instead, funds are enough to provide rental assistance and supportive services to the most vulnerable households along the Route 40 corridor (highest concentration of all qualifying populations specifically in Edgewood/Joppa and Aberdeen). Services are available to these vulnerable populations throughout the entire County, but they are not as focused as they could be for households outside the homeless Coordinated Entry system. COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance demonstrated that funds alone are likely inadequate for keeping households out of homelessness, as 787 of individuals served in Phase 1 were still at-risk of homelessness at program completion (40% of assistance recipients). Harford County will create a rental assistance program that requires service agencies of all types to partner together—no single organization can provide both rental assistance and supportive services. Agencies must collaborate, pairing rental assistance management with a range of services from job training to furniture access to childcare.

Funds can serve 10-20 individuals and families with rental assistance and intensive wraparound services for 3-4 years. Partnering organizations can closely monitor their success and failures in administering the assistance, concluding in an evaluation that will document best and worst practices, as well as check and balances between partners with different strengths. Lessons learned from assisting this targeted population will help create stronger rental assistance that promotes self-sustainability for the broader population as rents continue to rise.

Veterans and their families are the ideal target population. More than 200 live at or below poverty level and report a disability. Since funds available can assist 10-20 households, they can make a much stronger impact within this population as opposed to the general pool of qualifying populations numbering more than 10,000 (decrease veterans at-risk of homelessness by 50% as opposed to decrease total at-risk population by 5%). Veteran preference also brings Harford County closer to the national objective of ending veteran homelessness, which is becoming more difficult due to post-pandemic cost of living increases.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

Harford County will solicit applications for funding and/or select developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors via a competitive request for proposal process. Once Harford County has a HUD-approved allocation plan in place, Housing and Community Development staff will develop a competitive HOME-ARP application process to carry out approved projects. Applications that meet all criteria are not guaranteed an award of funds and successful applications may be funded for less than the amount requested. Funding requests may be adjusted based on underwriting, subsidy layering reviews, the County's determination of the financial gap, proven market-based demand, and economic growth.

Agencies that are currently receiving grant funding, who are also applying for HOME-ARP funds, must be in compliance with all terms of their current agreement(s) and must not have any outstanding audit findings, monitoring findings or concerns as determined by the County.

Harford County may adjust funding requests based on underwriting, subsidy layering review, revised determination of the financial gap, revised evaluation of the HCD proportionate, share proven market-based demands and economic growth.

No work on the project may begin nor can HOME-ARP funds be released until the environmental review process has been completed in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the related authorities listed in HUD's Regulations at 24 CFR Parts 50 and 58. If a development site is purchased or under a purchase agreement prior to or during the funding round, the purchase must not be subject to the receipt of HCD funding.

The applicant may be ineligible to be considered for funding if, in Harford County's discretion, the applicant has demonstrated an untimely use of previously awarded Community Development funds. The applicant shall not exclude any organization or individual from participation under any program funded in whole or in part by Community Development funds on the grounds of age, disability, race, creed, color, national origin, familial status, religion, or sex. No applicant, clients, or contractors that have been suspended or debarred under any federal program may receive Community Development funds (debarred list at <http://epls.arnet.gov>).

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Harford County will not administer eligible activities directly.

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

Harford County will not provide any administrative funds to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

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

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 115,404.40		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 774,309.20		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 750,000		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 182,190.40	10 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,821,904.00		

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

Priority 1 – Increase Emergency Shelter Beds

1. Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters - \$774,309.20 (42.5%)

Needs and gaps demonstrated non-congregate shelter expansion as the most feasible high priority (25% in survey said it was highest priority, shelter beds for individuals are at a deficit). Nearly half of HOME-ARP funds will be dedicated to this priority, as it is half of a two-pronged approach to address growing need in the next several years.

Priority 2 – Increase Affordable Housing with a Veteran Preference

1. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) - \$750,000 (41.2%)

The second part of the two-pronged approach, TBRA will address the majority of needs indicated in the community survey as well alleviate the massive gap in affordable housing for extremely low income households. The \$750,000 estimate is based on the 2023 HUD fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson metro area (\$1,584/month) with increases for

approximately 10 households for 3-4 years.¹⁵ The number averages 4-years rental assistance for 10-20 households with amount of assistance per household variable on income, household number, and tenant turnover.

Veteran preference matches likely number of veterans who require service with the amount of funds available, making the largest impact.

2. Supportive Services - \$115,404.40 (6.3%)

COVID-19 rental assistance demonstrated that rental assistance alone is not always successful. Supportive services are required to ensure stability in housing beyond the 3-4 year timeframe. Considering the whole Priority 2 allocation, supportive services comprise a proportionate 13.3% for case management, referrals, housing search, updating identification, etc.

Administration and Planning - \$182,190.40 (10%)

Harford County will use 10% of HOME-ARP funds to research, compile, present, and submit the allocation plan to HUD. Funds will also support staff management of a grant program for nonprofits to accomplish both priorities, including application, drafting agreements, monitoring, and evaluation.

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:

Priority 1 – Increase Emergency Shelter Beds – 42.5%

The community survey listed non-congregate shelter expansion as the second highest need. Numbers demonstrate a significant lack of single emergency shelter beds, which has been a problem discussed among local homeless services providers for several years. Pandemic-era cost of living increases will pressure the growing at-risk population towards homelessness, so shelter capacity must be higher to be better prepared. Needs and gaps demonstrated non-congregate shelter expansion as the most feasible high priority (25% in survey said it was highest priority, shelter beds for individuals are at a deficit). Half of HOME-ARP funds will be dedicated to this priority, as it is half of a two-pronged approach to address growing need in the next several years.

¹⁵ HUD, "FY 2023 Fair Market Rent Documentation System" (accessed 2022), https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2023_code/2023summary.odn.

Priority 2 – Increase Affordable Housing with a Veteran Preference – 47.5%

The second part of the two-pronged approach, TBRA will address the majority of needs indicated in the community survey as well alleviate the massive gap in affordable housing for extremely low income households. The \$750,000 estimate is based on the 2022 HUD fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson metro area (\$1,584/month) with increases for approximately 10 households for 3-4 years. The number averages 4-years rental assistance for 10-20 households with amount of assistance per household variable on income, household number, and tenant turnover.

Funds are enough to provide rental assistance and supportive services to the most vulnerable households along the Route 40 corridor (highest concentration of all qualifying populations specifically in Edgewood/Joppa and Aberdeen). Services are available to these vulnerable populations throughout the entire County, but they are not as focused as they could be for households outside the homeless Coordinated Entry system. State COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance demonstrated that rental assistance funds alone are likely inadequate for keeping households out of homelessness, as 787 of individuals served in Phase 1 were still at-risk of homelessness at program completion (40% of assistance recipients).

Veterans and their families are the ideal target population. More than 200 live at or below poverty level and report a disability. Since funds available can assist 10-20 households, they can make a much stronger impact within this population as opposed to the general pool of qualifying populations numbering more than 10,000 (decrease veterans at-risk of homelessness by 50% as opposed to decrease total at-risk population by 5%). Veteran preference also brings Harford County closer to the national objective of ending veteran homelessness, which is becoming more difficult due to post-pandemic cost of living increases.

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:

Harford County will use HOME-ARP funds to provide tenant based rental assistance to approximately 10-20 at-risk households for up to four (4) years. The \$750,000 estimate is based on the 2022 HUD fair market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson metro area (\$1,584/month) with increases for approximately 10 households for 3-4 years. The number averages 4-years rental assistance for 10-20 households with amount of assistance per household variable on income, household number, and tenant turnover.

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

Harford County will not produce affordable rental housing with HOME-ARP funds but will provide tenant-based rental assistance.

Preferences and Limitations

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

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

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

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

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

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

housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

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

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

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

For Priority 1 (Non-Congregate Shelter), Harford County Housing (the PJ), the Local Housing Coalition (LHC), and the Maryland Balance of State (CoC) will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to determine a referral process that will follow CoC coordinated entry. MDBoS uses a Housing First model for Coordinated Entry (homeless preference).

All qualifying populations will be eligible for Priority 2 (Tenant Based Rental Assistance). Harford County will use a veteran preference for Priority 2, and veterans must also be a member of any of the four (4) qualifying populations per the HOME-ARP Notice. The PJ will create a referral process with partnering agencies to ensure all qualifying populations have equal access.

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

For Priority 1 (Non-Congregate Shelter), the homeless preference will directly reach those in need of non-congregate shelter through the Coordinated Entry system, specifically homeless individuals (lacking sufficient beds) who would benefit from non-congregate shelter units.

For Priority 2, veterans and their families are the ideal target population. More than 200 live at or below poverty level and report a disability. Since funds available can assist 10-20 households, they can make a much stronger impact within this population as opposed to the general pool of qualifying populations numbering more than 10,000 (decrease veterans at-risk of homelessness by 50% as opposed to decrease total at-risk population by 5%). Veteran preference also brings Harford County closer to the national objective of ending veteran homelessness, which is becoming more difficult due to post-pandemic cost of living increases.

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

- PJs 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.
- A PJ 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). A PJ must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap 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 Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan.
- PJs 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 PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

Harford County will not limit eligibility for HOME-ARP tenant-based rental assistance but will apply preference to veterans.

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

Harford County will not implement limitations.

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

Harford County will not implement limitations.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

Harford County will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds.

Part 2:
Maps, Charts, and Tables

Figure 1 – Harford County Low- to Moderate-Income Population by Block Group

Source: 2011-2015 5-year American Community Survey Data

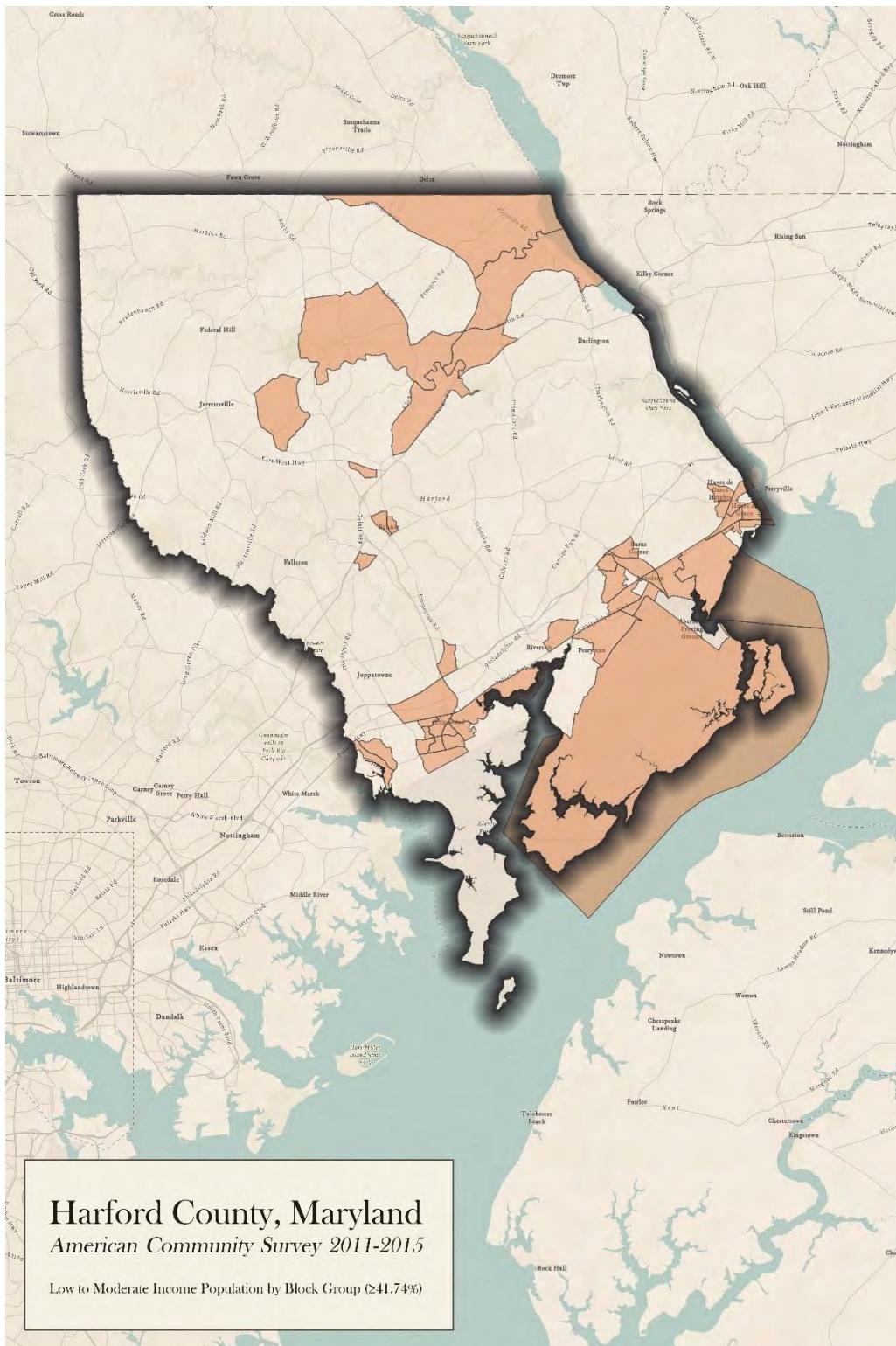


Figure 2 – Harford County Emergency Shelters



**Emergency Freezing Weather Beds in scattered site hotel/motel rooms
**SARC Emergency Safehouse location omitted for confidentiality*

Figure 3 – Harford County 2019 and 2021 Point-in-Time Count (PIT) Comparison

Source: HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations, MD-502, HUD 2019 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations, MD-502

MD-502 Harford County CoC

Point-in Time Date: 1/23/2019

Summary by household type reported:

	Sheltered			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*	Unsheltered	Total
Households without children ⁴	70	2	18	90
Households with at least one adult and one child ⁵	15	20	0	35
Households with only children ⁶	0	0	0	0
Total Homeless Households	85	22	18	125

Summary of persons in each household type:

Persons in households without children ⁴	71	2	23	96
Persons Age 18 to 24	7	1	0	8
Persons Over Age 24	64	1	23	88
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child ⁵	45	37	0	132
Children Under Age 18	28	58	0	86
Persons Age 18 to 24	3	5	0	8
Persons Over Age 24	14	24	0	38
Persons in households with only children ⁶	0	0	0	0
Total Homeless Persons	116	89	23	228

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*	Unsheltered	Total
Hispanic / Latino	12	9	3	24
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	104	80	20	204
Total	116	89	23	228

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	42	54	4	100
Male	74	35	18	127
Transgender	0	0	1	1
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	0	0
Total	116	89	23	228

* Safe Haven programs are included in the Transitional Housing category.

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⁴This category includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults.

⁵This category includes households with one adult and at least one child under age 18.

⁶This category includes persons under age 18, including children in one-child households, adolescent parents and their children, adolescent siblings, or other household configurations composed only of children.

Demographic summary by race:

	Sheltered			Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*	Unsheltered	
Black or African-American	43	37	3	83
White	55	42	19	116
Asian	1	0	0	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	1	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	16	10	0	26
Total	116	89	23	228

Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child ²	Sheltered			Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*	Unsheltered	
Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child ²	0	0	0	0

Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

Chronically Homeless persons in households without children ³	11	0	8	19
Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child ²	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children ³	0	0	0	0
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	11	0	8	19

Summary of all other populations reported:

Severely Mentally Ill	23	7	10	40
Chronic Substance Abuse	16	1	3	20
Veterans	3	1	0	4
HIV/AIDS	1	0	0	1
Victims of Domestic Violence	14	4	0	18
Unaccompanied Youth	7	1	0	8
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth 18-24	7	1	0	8
Parenting Youth	2	3	0	5
Parenting Youth Under 18	0	0	0	0
Parenting Youth 18-24	2	3	0	5
Children of Parenting Youth	6	4	0	10

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MD-502 Harford County CoC**Point-in Time Date: 1/27/2021****Summary by household type reported:**

	Sheltered			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*	Unsheltered**	Total**
Households without children ¹	66	2	—	—
Households with at least one adult and one child ²	20	5	—	—
Households with only children ³	0	0	—	—
Total Homeless Households	86	7	11	104

Summary of persons in each household type:

	69	2	—	—
Persons in households without children ¹	69	2	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	6	0	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	63	2	—	—
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child ²	70	19	—	—
Children Under Age 18	46	13	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	5	0	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	19	6	—	—
Persons in households with only children ³	0	0	—	—
Total Homeless Persons	139	21	13	173

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered			
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*	Unsheltered**	Total**
Hispanic / Latino	19	0	—	—
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	120	21	—	—
Total	139	21	—	—

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	60	13	—	—
Male	79	8	—	—
Transgender	0	0	—	—
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	—	—
Total	139	21	—	—

^{*} Safe Haven programs are included in the Transitional Housing category.^{**}In 2021, HUD gave communities the option to cancel or modify the unsheltered survey portion of their counts based on the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission associated with conducting an in-person survey. As a result, HUD has excluded the unsheltered population sub-totals and all unsheltered sub-population data for this reporting period. The user is cautioned that the unsheltered and total homeless counts reported here may be missing data.¹This category includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults.²This category includes households with one adult and at least one child under age 18.³This category includes persons under age 18, including children in one-child households, adolescent parents and their children, adolescent siblings, or other household configurations composed only of children.

Demographic summary by race:

	Sheltered			Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*			
Black or African-American	49	17		—	—
White	68	1		—	—
Asian	0	0		—	—
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0		—	—
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0		—	—
Multiple Races	22	3		—	—
Total	139	21		—	—

Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

	Sheltered			Unsheltered**	Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*			
Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child ^d	1	0		—	—

Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

Chronically Homeless persons in households without children ^e	20	0	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child ^d	5	0	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children ^f	0	0	—	—
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	25	0	—	—

Summary of all other populations reported:

Severely Mentally Ill	37	2	—	—
Chronic Substance Abuse	10	1	—	—
Veterans	7	1	—	—
HIV/AIDS	1	0	—	—
Victims of Domestic Violence	8	3	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth	6	0	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	0	0	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth 18-24	6	0	—	—
Parenting Youth	4	0	—	—
Parenting Youth Under 18	0	0	—	—
Parenting Youth 18-24	4	0	—	—
Children of Parenting Youth	6	0	—	—

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Figure 4 – Harford County Low-Income Areas with Severe Housing Problems

Source: CPD Maps, from the 2017 5-year American Community Survey

0-30% AMI Households - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Housing Needs and Gap Analysis

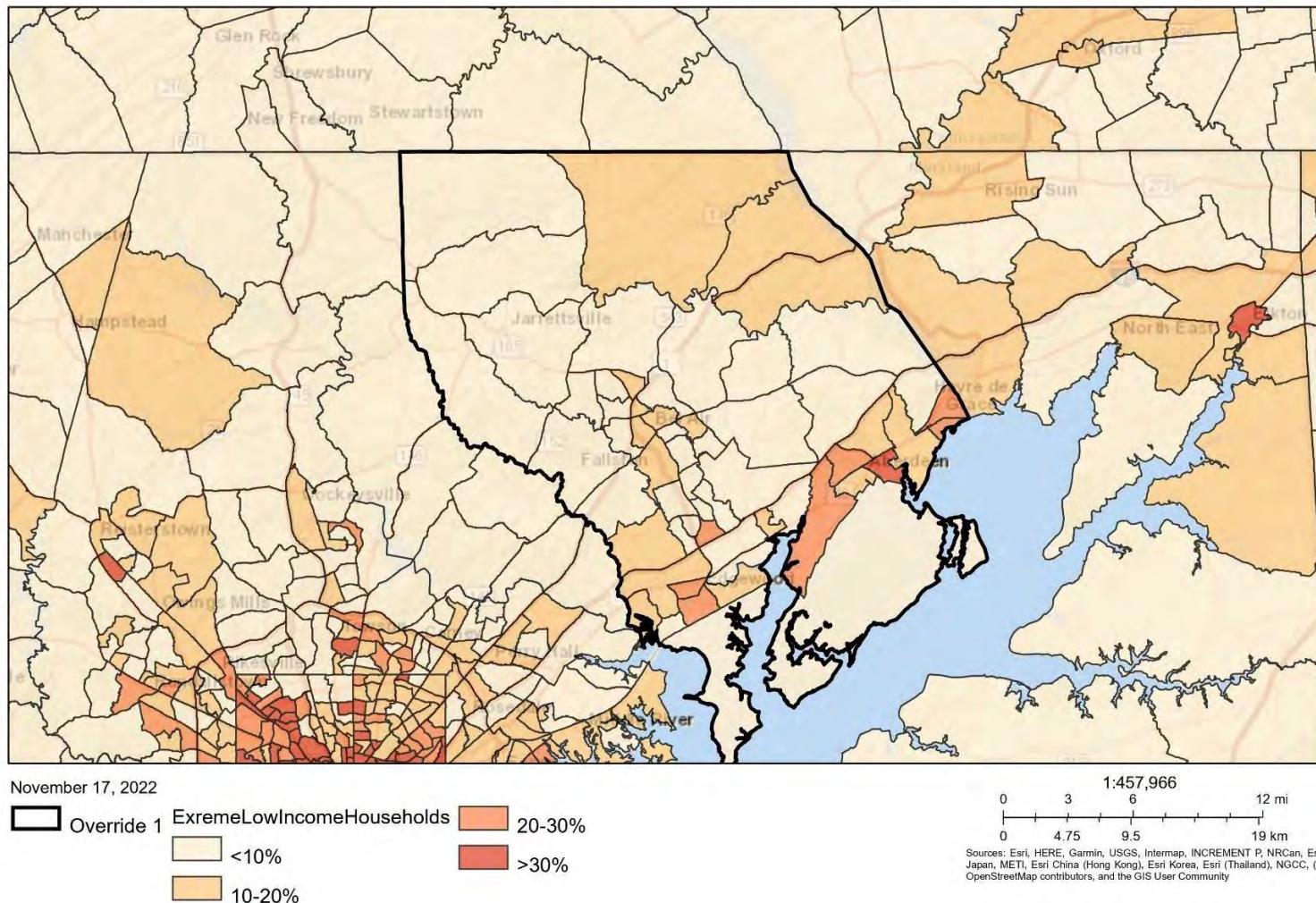
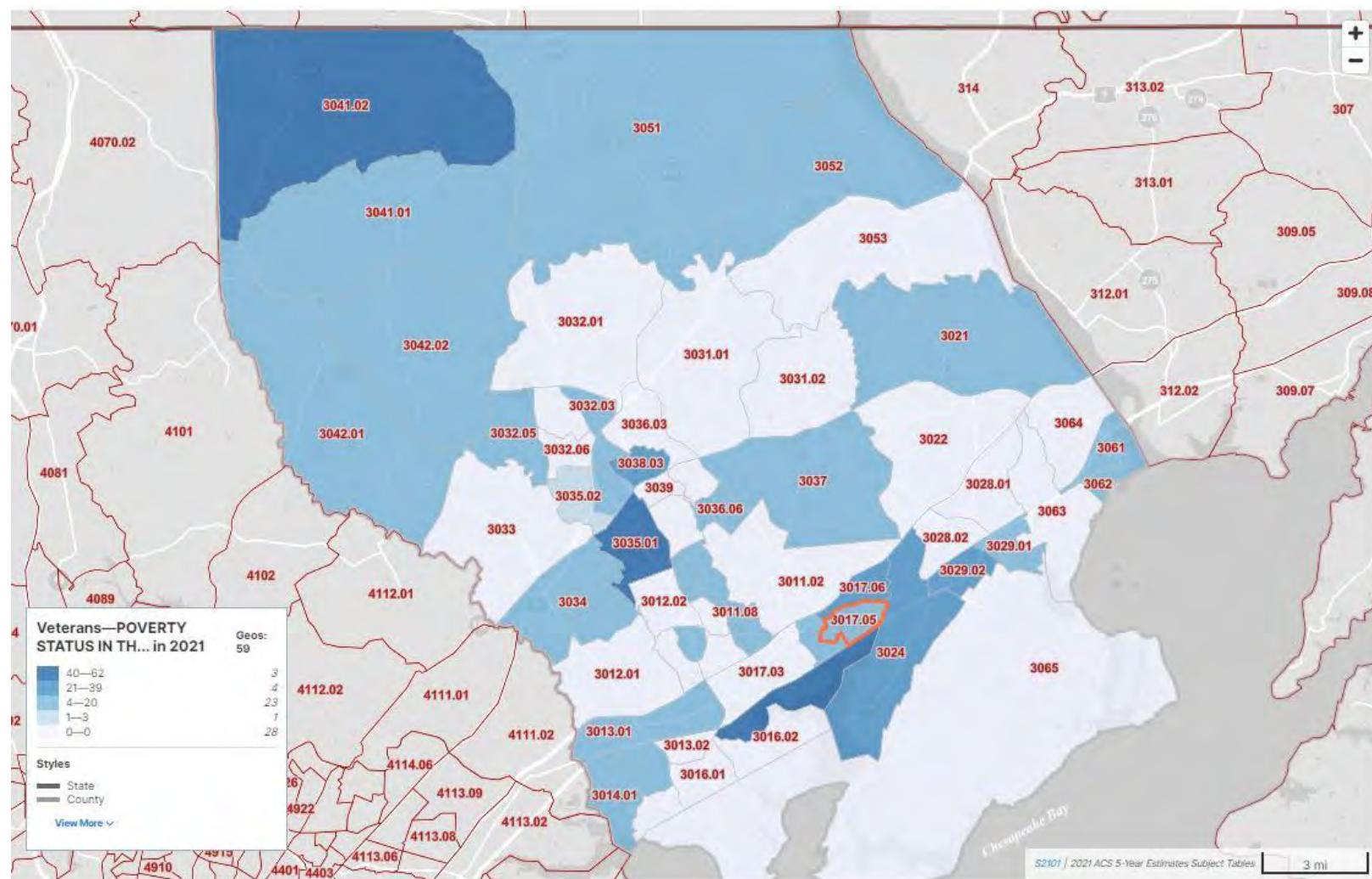


Figure 5 – Harford County Poverty Level and Disabled Veteran Areas

Source: United States Census Bureau Factfinder Tool, from the 2021 5-Year American Community Survey



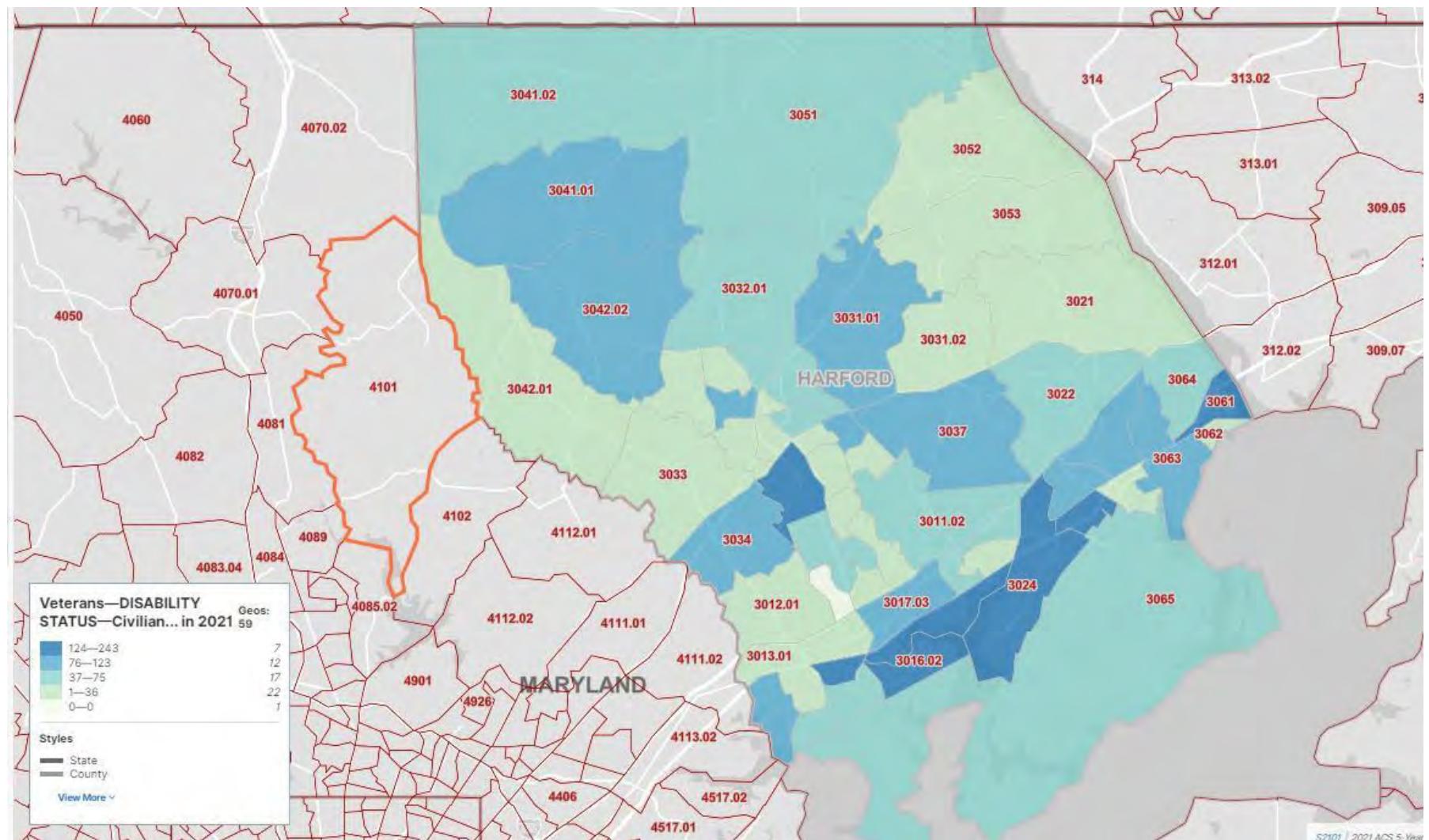


Figure 6 – Harford County 2021 Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

Source: HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs, Housing Inventory Count Report, MD-502



HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report

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CoC Number: MD-502

CoC Name: Harford County CoC

Summary of all available beds reported by Continuum of Care:

	Family Units ¹	Family Beds ²	Adult-Only Beds ³	Child-Only Beds ⁴	Total Yr-Round Beds ⁵	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
								Chronic Beds ⁶	Veteran Beds ⁷	Youth Beds ⁸
Emergency, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing	38	130	30	0	160	40	0	n/a	0	0
Emergency Shelter	34	114	30	0	144	40	0	n/a	0	0
Transitional Housing	4	16	0	0	16	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Permanent Housing	57	158	10	0	168	n/a	n/a	21	35	0
Permanent Supportive Housing ⁹	49	126	10	0	136	n/a	n/a	21	35	0
Rapid Re-Housing	8	32	0	0	32	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Grand Total	95	288	40	0	328	40	0	21	35	0

Available CoC beds reported by Program Type:

¹HUD's point-in-time count does not include persons or beds in Permanent Supportive Housing or currently homeless.
²³⁴Other Permanent Housing (OPH) – consists of PSH – Housing with Services for individuals who are not chronically homeless. This data is not included in the total available beds for the CoC.
⁵Seasonal beds are beds available for occupancy during the summer months.
⁶⁷⁸Chronic Beds include beds in Permanent Supportive Housing indicated in prior chronically homeless persons.
⁹Veteran Beds and Youth Beds, respectively, include beds dedicated to serve homeless veterans and their families and include beds dedicated to serving homeless youth ages 18 and younger.

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Emergency Shelter

Provider Name	Facility Name	Family Units ¹	Family Beds ²	Adult-Only Beds	Child-Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
									Chronic Beds ²	Veteran Beds ³	Youth Beds ³
Associated Catholic Charities	Emergency Shelter	1	11	0	0	0	0	11	n/a	0	0
FCCAU Inc.	FCCAU - ESG-CV Welcome	0	0	30	0	0	0	30	n/a	0	0
Harford Community Action Agency	Emergency Rotating Shelter	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	n/a	0	0
Harford Community Action Agency	Emergency Motel Vouchers	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	n/a	0	0
Harford Family House, Inc.	Emergency Shelter	23	75	0	0	0	0	75	n/a	0	0
SARC	SARC Safehouse	9	24	0	0	0	0	24	n/a	0	0
Total		34	114	30	0	40	0	184	n/a	0	0

Transitional Housing

Provider Name	Facility Name	Family Units ¹	Family Beds ²	Adult-Only Beds	Child-Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
									Chronic Beds ²	Veteran Beds ³	Youth Beds ³
Associated Catholic Charities	Anna's House Transitional Ho	4	16	0	0	n/a	n/a	16	n/a	0	0
Total		4	16	0	0	n/a	n/a	16	n/a	0	0

Permanent Supportive Housing

Provider Name	Facility Name	Family Units ¹	Family Beds ²	Adult-Only Beds	Child-Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
									Chronic Beds ²	Veteran Beds ³	Youth Beds ³
Associated Catholic Charities	Anna's House PSH IV Chronic	0	0	10	0	n/a	n/a	10	10	0	0
Associated Catholic Charities	Anna's House PSH II	4	8	0	0	n/a	n/a	8	0	0	0
Associated Catholic Charities	Anna's House PSH I	3	11	0	0	n/a	n/a	11	11	0	0
Harford County Housing Agency	VASH	14	35	0	0	n/a	n/a	35	0	35	0
Harford Family House, Inc.	PSH I	6	28	0	0	n/a	n/a	28	0	0	0
Office on Mental Health	CoC PSH (S+C)	22	44	0	0	n/a	n/a	44	0	0	0
Total		49	126	10	0	n/a	n/a	136	21	35	0

¹HUD's point-in-time count does not include persons or beds in Permanent Supportive Housing or currently homeless.
²Other Permanent Housing (OPH) - consists of PH - Housing with Services (no disability required for entry) and TH - Housing Only, as identified in the 2020 HMIS Data Standard.
³Family Units and Family Beds categories include units and beds for households with one adult and at least one child under age 18.
 Chronic Beds include beds in Permanent Supportive Housing dedicated to serving chronically homeless persons.
 Veteran Beds and Youth Beds, respectively, include beds dedicated to serving homeless veterans and their families and include beds dedicated to housing homeless youth age 24 and younger.

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Rapid Re-Housing

Provider Name	Facility Name	Family	Family	Adult-Only	Child-Only	Seasonal	Overflow /	Total	Subset of Total Bed Inventory		
		Units ¹	Beds ¹	Beds	Beds	Voucher	Beds		Chronic	Veteran	Youth
Associated Catholic Charities	Anna's House Rapid Re-housi	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	0	0
Harford Community Action Agency	HCAA Rapid Re-Housing	8	32	0	0	n/a	n/a	32	n/a	0	0
Total		8	32	0	0	n/a	n/a	32	n/a	0	0

¹ED-1: A point-in-time count does not include persons or beds in Permanent Supportive Housing or currently homeless.

²Other Permanent Housing (OPTH): consists of PTH+ Housing with Services (no disability required for entry) and PTH+ Housing (OPTH), as identified in the 2020 HMIS Data Standards.

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⁴Chronic Beds include beds in Permanent Supportive Housing dedicated to serve chronically homeless persons.

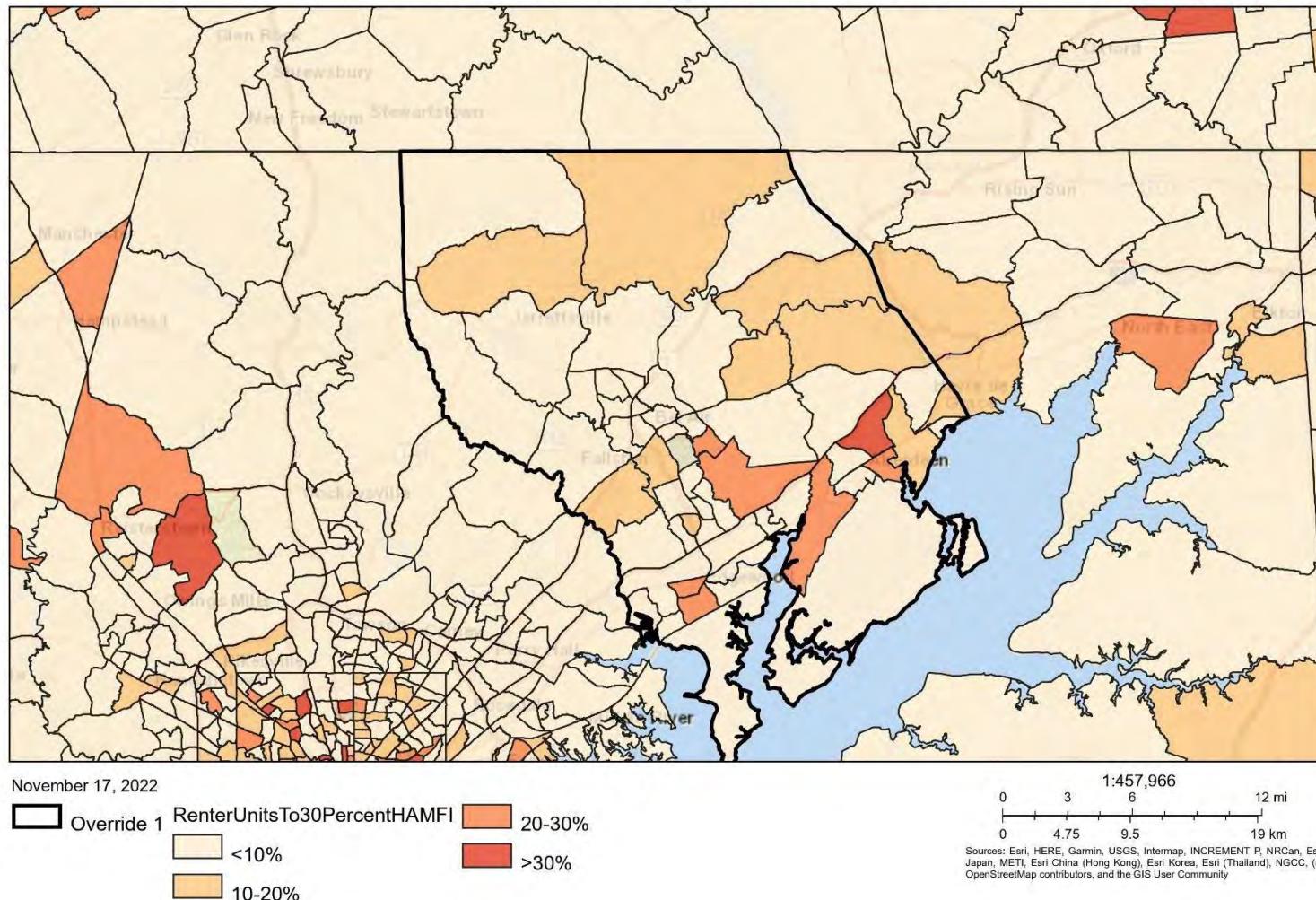
⁵Veteran Beds and Youth Beds, respectively, include beds dedicated to serve homeless veterans and their families, and include beds dedicated to housing homeless youth ages 18 and younger.

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Figure 7 – Harford County Affordable Rental Units

Source: CPD Maps, from the 2017 5-year American Community Survey

Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness) - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Housing Needs and



Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness) - HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Housing Needs and

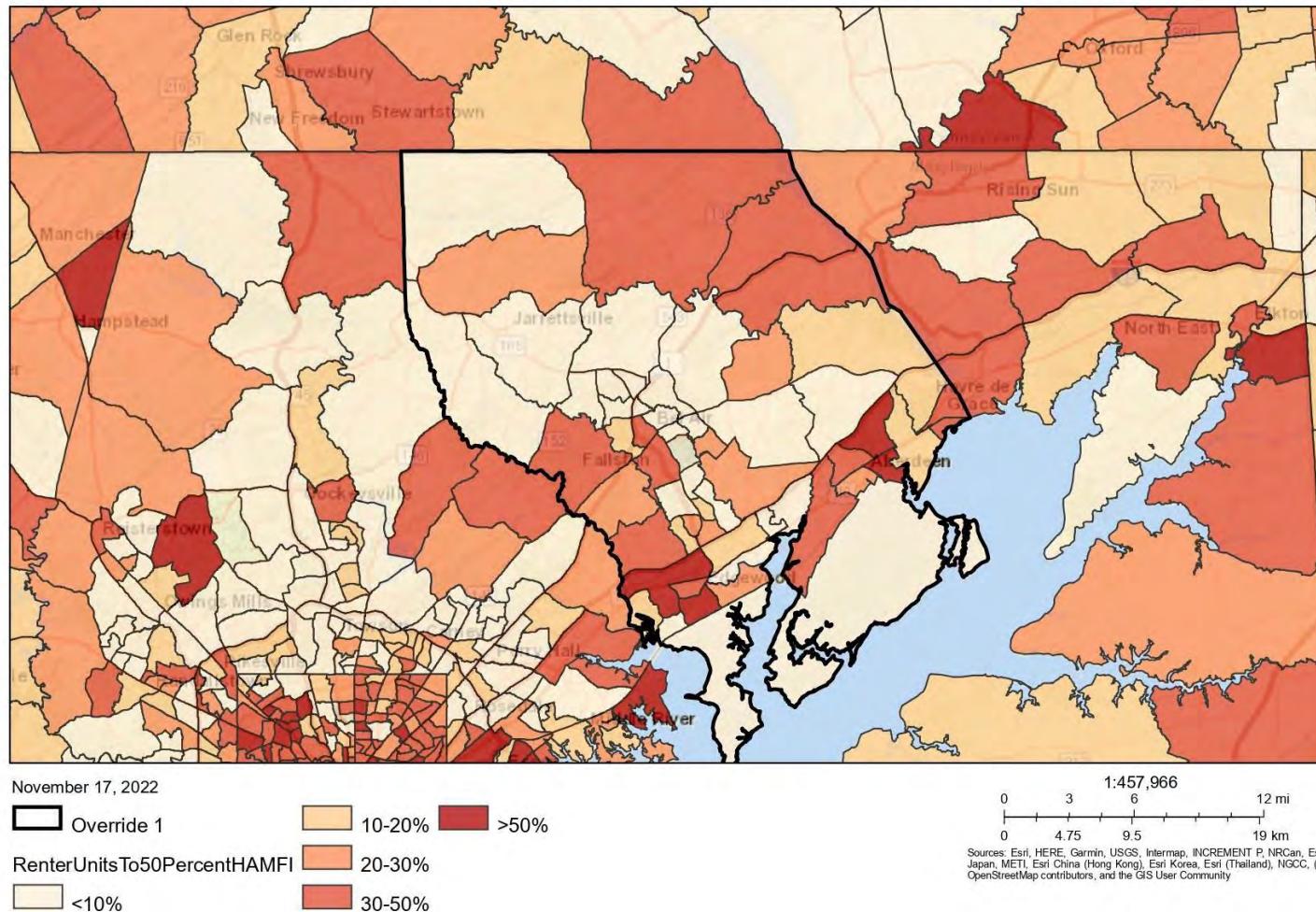


Figure 8 – Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Tables

Sources: HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and SubPopulations, MD-502 (Harford County CoC); HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report, MD-502; HUD Comprehensive Affordability Strategy (CHAS) from 2015-2019 ACS, Harford County, MD; 2021 5-Year American Community Survey

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	114	34	30	0	0									
Transitional Housing	16	4	0	0	0									
Permanent Supportive Housing	126	49	19	0	35									
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	0	0									
Sheltered Homeless						25	64	8	11					
Unsheltered Homeless						0	13	0	0					
Current Gap										-25	-9	38	38	

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	19,977		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	1,704		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	5,172		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,390	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		2,765	
Current Gaps			2,686

Part 3: **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – 2022 Community Survey

Harford County Office of
Community & Economic Development
15 S. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014
410-638-3045 | commdev@harfordcountymd.gov



Harford County HOME-ARP Survey

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARP”) appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This special round of funding is called the “HOME-ARP” program.

In September 2021, HUD awarded Harford County, Maryland \$1,821,904 in HOME-ARP funds.

Eligible activities that may be funded with HOME-ARP include:

- (1) Development and support of affordable housing;
- (2) Tenant-based rental assistance
- (3) Provision of supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance); and
- (4) Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.
- (5) Funds must primarily benefit individuals and households in the following qualifying populations:
 - Experiencing homelessness
 - At-risk of homelessness

- Fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations with high risk of housing instability (including households that are low-income and highly cost-burdened; that have moved two or more times in the last 60 days; and that are living in a hotel/motel)

The purpose of this survey is to garner feedback from stakeholders and community members on how Harford County should use its allocation of HOME-ARP funds and help determine a process for allocating the County's HOME ARP funds. **Your feedback is crucial to ensure the most effective allocation of this funding.**

ABOUT YOU

1. What areas of Harford County do you live or work in?

<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> Jarrettsville	<input type="checkbox"/> Aberdeen
	<input type="checkbox"/> Belcamp	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bel Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Fallston	<input type="checkbox"/> Havre de Grace
<input type="checkbox"/> Abingdon	<input type="checkbox"/> Edgewood	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

2. Which type of organization(s) below best describes the group with which you are affiliated? (Select as many choices as needed)

<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Service Provider
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Service Provider
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Housing Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization Service People with Disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

HOUSING/SERVICE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

Please share your thoughts below to help identify the biggest priorities and gaps in Harford County's housing and services landscape. This will help inform the process by which HOME-ARP funds are allocated to those needs and priorities.

1. What unmet housing and service needs do you see among "Qualifying Populations" (people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability) in Harford County?

2. What gaps do you see within the current shelter and housing inventory, as well as the service delivery system in Harford County?

- shelter for Homeless individuals
- shelter for homeless families
- shelter for Veterans
- shelter for survivors of domestic violence
- affordable housing for low-moderate income households
- support services for homeless individuals
- support services for homeless families
- support services for Veterans
- support services for survivors of domestic violence
- rental assistance
- support services for households at-risk of homelessness
- Other: _____

3. Please rate the following on a scale of 1 – 4, 1 being strongly disagree, 4 being strongly agree:

1. Development of Affordable Housing	1	2	3	4
2. Rental Assistance	1	2	3	4
3. Services (case management, legal, etc.)	1	2	3	4
4. Acquisition/Development of non-congregate shelter Units (i.e., emergency shelter in individual rooms)	1	2	3	4

Please explain your prioritization in the question above.

4. For development of affordable housing, what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

5. For rental assistance, what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

6. For services, what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

7. For non-congregate shelter (i.e., individual rooms rather than traditional homeless shelter), what specific needs do you see in our community? How do you think HOME-ARP funds could be used to address those needs?

8. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for taking the survey.

We also invite you to join the public hearing on the County's HOME-ARP funding on February 22, 2021, at 1:00 pm the Harford County Office of Community & Economic Development, 15 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD. If you have any questions about the survey, please call 410-638-3045, or email commdev@harfordcountymd.gov.

Appendix 2 – Public Notices and Online Postings



300 E. Cromwell Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
tel: 410/332-6000
800/829-8000

Harford County, Maryland

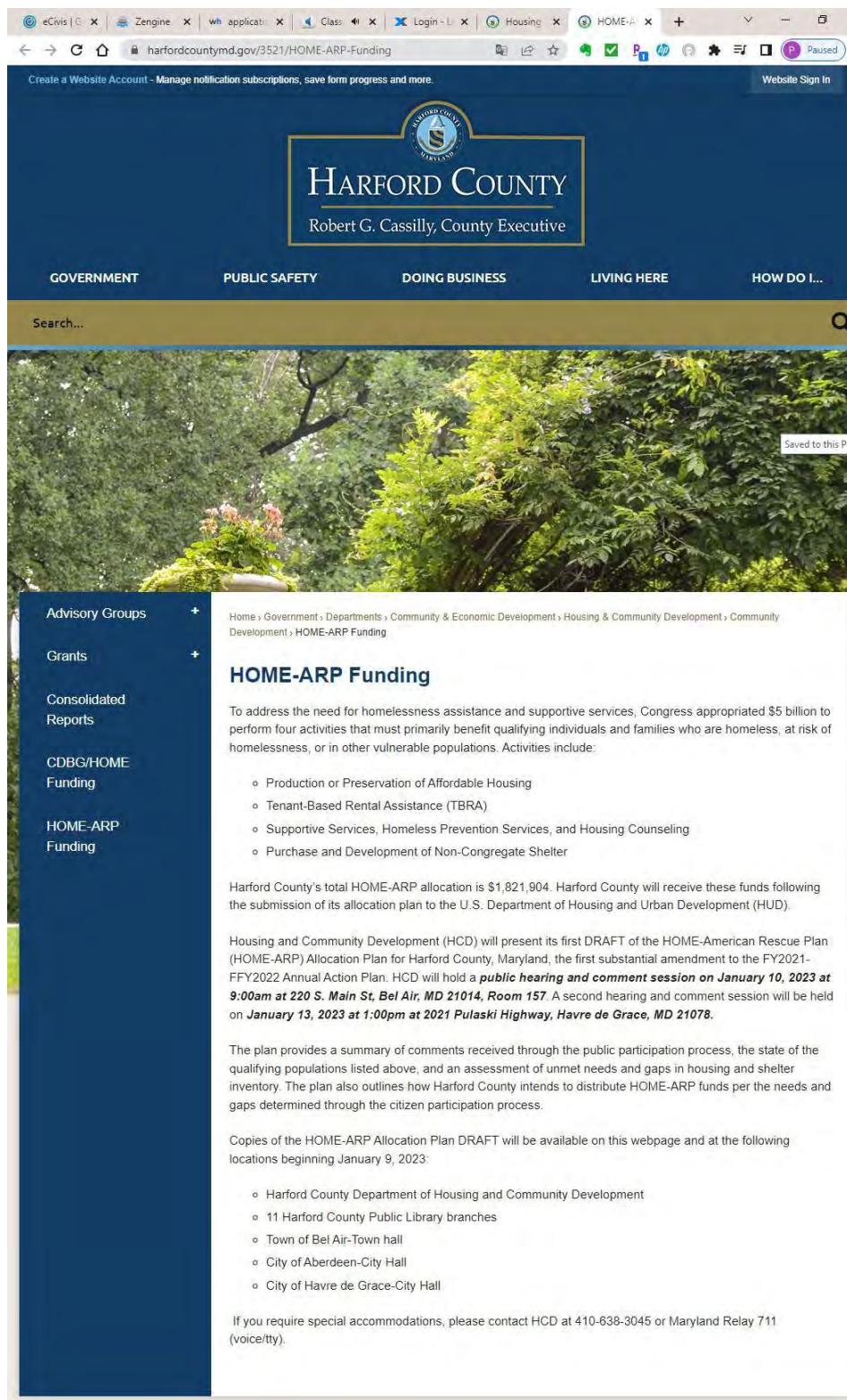
**PUBLIC NOTICE
HOME-ARP PLAN**

The Office of Community & Economic Development is in the process of preparing its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the county. Harford County is set to receive approximately \$1.8 million of those funds. Harford County must identify gaps in services in our community to determine the best use of these funds and is seeking community input.

Harford County invites citizens to attend a public hearing and provide comment regarding the use of these federal funds on Friday, March 18, 2022 at the Harford County Office of Community & Economic Development located at 2021-D Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078 at 11:00 am. Citizens unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments regarding the best use of the HOME-ARP funding to: Leonard R. Parrish, Director, Harford County Office of Community & Economic Development, 15 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland, 21014, or via email to: commdev@harfordcountymd.gov. Comments must be received by April 1, 2022.

Authorized by Leonard Parrish, Director
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Harford County, Maryland HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Draft



The screenshot shows the Harford County website with a banner for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The left sidebar lists various funding categories. The main content area discusses the HOME-ARP Funding allocation and provides details on where to find the Allocation Plan DRAFT.

Advisory Groups

Grants

Consolidated Reports

CDBG/HOME Funding

HOME-ARP Funding

HOME-ARP Funding

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. Activities include:

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

Harford County's total HOME-ARP allocation is \$1,821,904. Harford County will receive these funds following the submission of its allocation plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Housing and Community Development (HCD) will present its first DRAFT of the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan for Harford County, Maryland, the first substantial amendment to the FY2021-FY2022 Annual Action Plan. HCD will hold a **public hearing and comment session on January 10, 2023 at 9:00am at 220 S. Main St, Bel Air, MD 21014, Room 157**. A second hearing and comment session will be held on **January 13, 2023 at 1:00pm at 2021 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, MD 21078**.

The plan provides a summary of comments received through the public participation process, the state of the qualifying populations listed above, and an assessment of unmet needs and gaps in housing and shelter inventory. The plan also outlines how Harford County intends to distribute HOME-ARP funds per the needs and gaps determined through the citizen participation process.

Copies of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan DRAFT will be available on this webpage and at the following locations beginning January 9, 2023:

- Harford County Department of Housing and Community Development
- 11 Harford County Public Library branches
- Town of Bel Air-Town hall
- City of Aberdeen-City Hall
- City of Havre de Grace-City Hall

If you require special accommodations, please contact HCD at 410-638-3045 or Maryland Relay 711 (voice/tty).

Contact Us

HARFORD COUNTY
220 S. Main Street

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CBGGE Grant Agree...

Helpful Links

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Baltimore, Maryland 21230
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800/829-8000

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLICATION AND SECOND COMMENT PERIOD
FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND'S
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- City of Havre de Grace-City Hall

Citizens are invited to submit written comments on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan DRAFT from January 9, 2023 through January 25, 2023 to: Barbara Richardson, Acting Director, Harford County Department of Housing and Community Development 15 South Main Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014 or via email at commdey@harfordcountymd.gov.

If you require special accommodations, please contact HCD at 410-638-3045 or Maryland Relay 711 (voice/tty).

Authorized by Barbara Richardson,
Acting Director

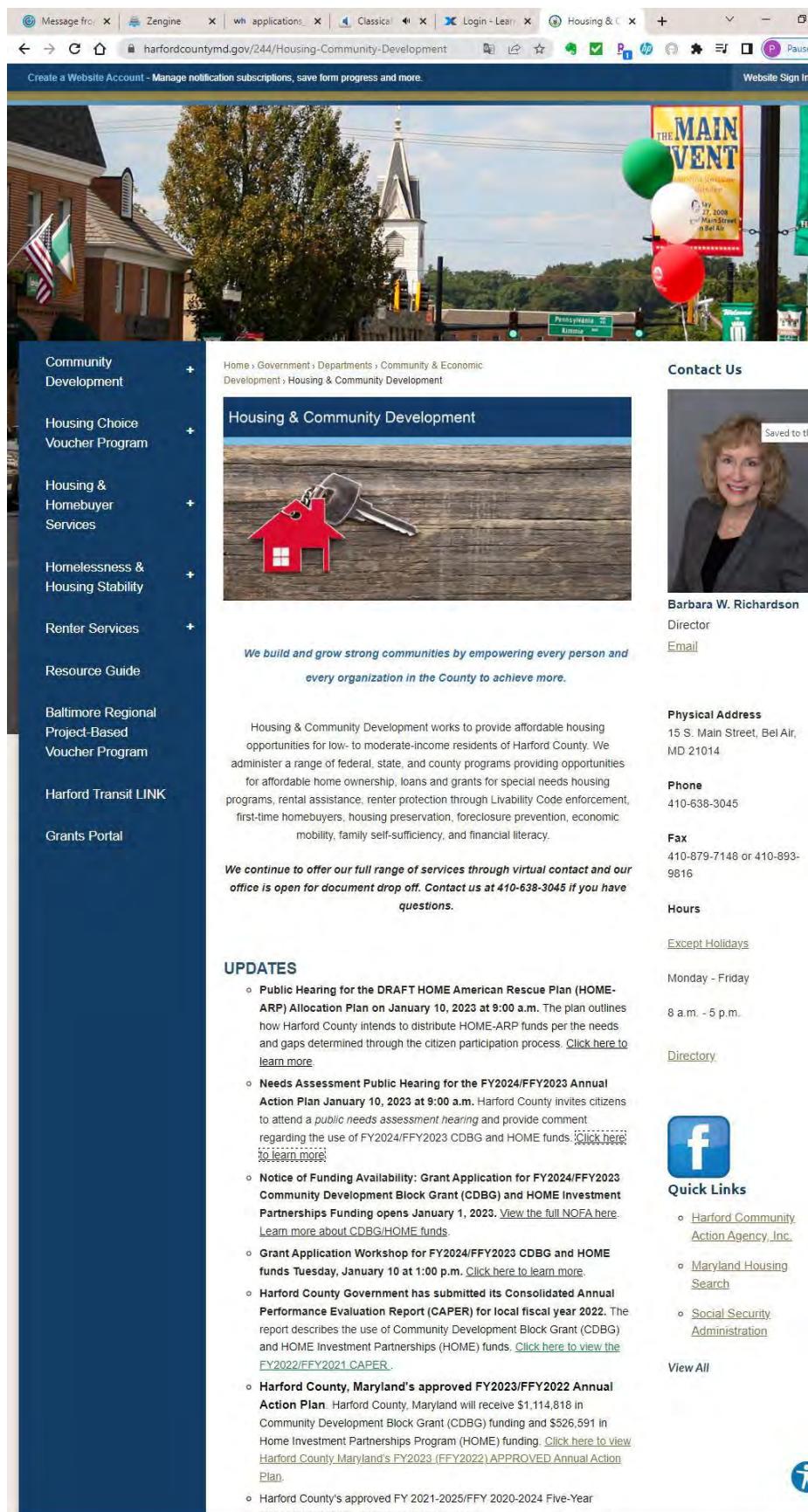
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Community Development

Housing Choice Voucher Program

Housing & Homebuyer Services

Homelessness & Housing Stability

Renter Services

Resource Guide

Baltimore Regional Project-Based Voucher Program

Harford Transit LINK

Grants Portal

Community & Economic Development

Housing & Community Development

Contact Us

Physical Address
15 S. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

Phone
410-638-3045

Fax
410-879-7148 or 410-893-9816

Hours
Except Holidays
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Directory

UPDATES

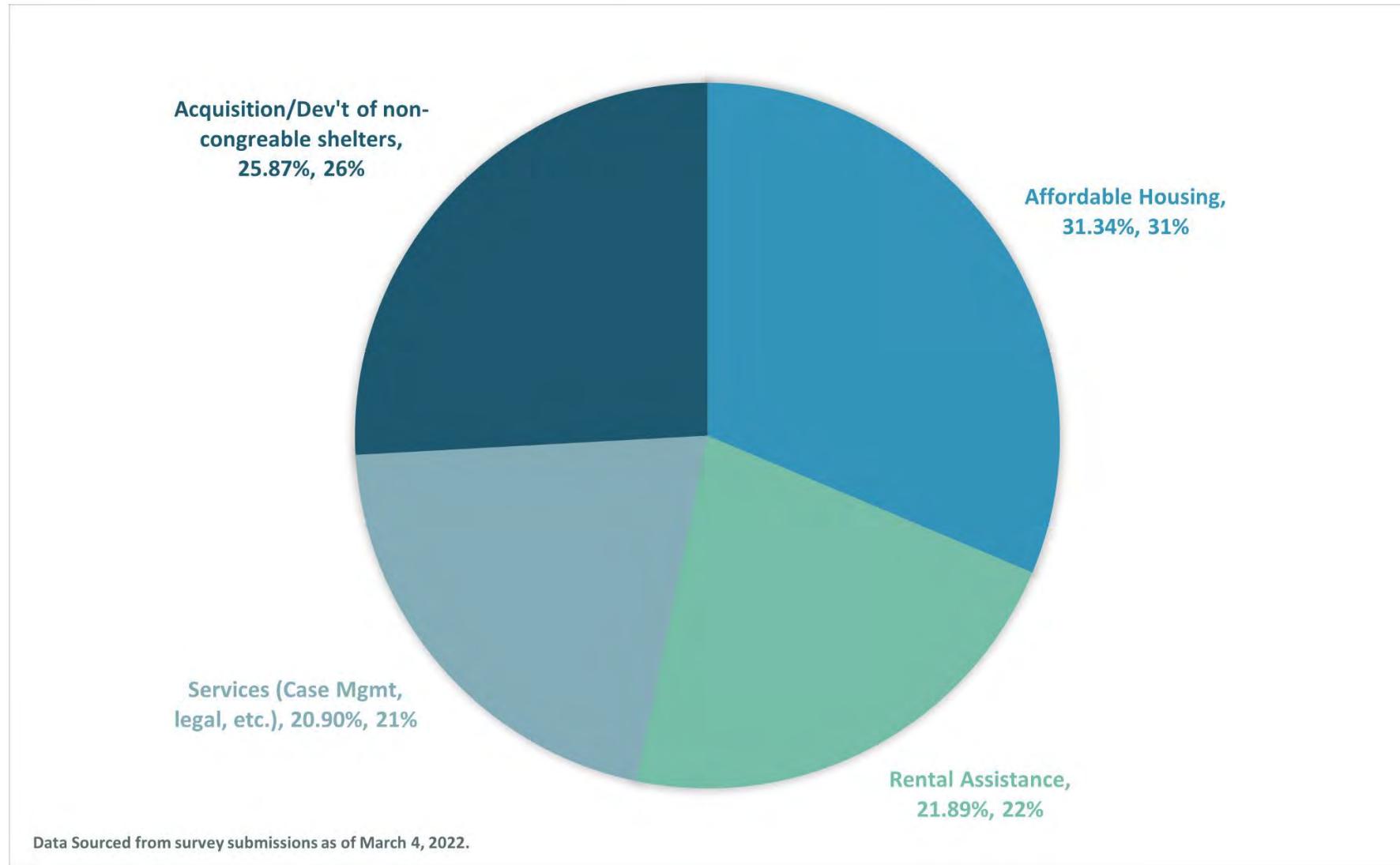
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- Needs Assessment Public Hearing for the FY2024/FFY2023 Annual Action Plan January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Harford County invites citizens to attend a public needs assessment hearing and provide comment regarding the use of FY2024/FFY2023 CDBG and HOME funds. [Click here to learn more](#)
- Notice of Funding Availability: Grant Application for FY2024/FFY2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Funding opens January 1, 2023. [View the full NOFA here](#). Learn more about CDBG/HOME funds.
- Grant Application Workshop for FY2024/FFY2023 CDBG and HOME funds Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m. [Click here to learn more](#).
- Harford County Government has submitted its Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for local fiscal year 2022. The report describes the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. [Click here to view the FY2022/FFY2021 CAPER](#).
- Harford County, Maryland's approved FY2023/FFY2022 Annual Action Plan. Harford County, Maryland will receive \$1,114,818 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and \$526,591 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding. [Click here to view Harford County Maryland's FY2023 \(FY2022\) APPROVED Annual Action Plan](#).
- Harford County's approved FY 2021-2025/FFY 2020-2024 Five-Year

Quick Links

- [Harford Community Action Agency, Inc.](#)
- [Maryland Housing Search](#)
- [Social Security Administration](#)

[View All](#)

Appendix 3 – Survey Results



Appendix 4 – Harford County 2023 Street Card

HEALTH

***For changes to Street Card contact:
michele.buranen@maryland.gov

Harford Co. Health Department
1321 Woodbridge Station Way, Edgewood, MD 410-612-1779
120 Hays St., Bel Air, MD 410-838-1500
1 N. Main St. Bel Air, MD 410-638-3060

2015 Pulaski Hwy. D/E, Havre de Grace, MD 410-942-7999
Behavioral Health/Addiction Services, Cancer Prevention Services, Family Planning, HIV/AIDS Services, Immunizations, STD Testing, Tobacco Cessation, Women's Wellness, Vital Records, & WIC-Women, Infants & Children.

Beacon Health Center 443-502-7060
253 Lewis Lane Suite 201, Havre de Grace, MD
Federally qualified health ctr. offering primary medical care & related services.

Univ. of MD Harford Memorial Hospital 443-843-5000
501 S. Union Ave. Havre de Grace, MD
Univ. of MD Upper Chesapeake Medical Center 443-643-1000
500 Upper Chesapeake Dr. Bel Air, MD

Maryland Health Connection (www.marylandhealthconnection.gov) 855-642-8572
Apply for medical assistance & qualified health plans.
Local Seccdo Office: 2830C Churchville Rd., Churchville, MD 866-492-6057

Maryland Medical Assistance 1-800-456-8900
Health Insurance for low-income families, individuals, & children.

MENTAL HEALTH (Crisis & OutPatient)

National SUICIDE Prevention Hotline# 988

Klein Family Harford Crisis Center 1-800-NEXT STEP (1-800-639-8783)
802 Baltimore Pike, Suite A, Bel Air, MD

Behavioral health crisis center: mental health/substance abuse urgent care

Office on Mental Health/Core Service Agency 410-803-8726
Administrator of services for those diagnosed with a mental illness.

American Psychiatric Care 410-670-3076
2014 South Tollgate Rd. Suite 208, Bel Air, MD

Empowering Minds Resource Center 443-484-2306
1833A Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, MD
PRP; adults & minors, Care Coordination (minors)

Harford Co. Health Department — Behavioral 410-877-2340
120 Hays St. Bel Air, MD

OutPt MH & Addiction services for recipients of MA, uninsured/low income

Key Point Health Services 443-625-1600
135 North Park St., Aberdeen, MD

Outpatient mental health services; residential & PRP adults & minors

Leading By Example 410-671-2705
35 Kensington Parkway, Abingdon, MD
Adult Targeted Case Management, PRP adults & minors, TBS minors

DIC Counseling Services, Inc. 410-836-0820
336 South Main St., Suite 1C, Bel Air, MD

Outpatient mental health services.

Inner County Outreach OutPt MH- children/family, homeless 410-272-3278

Changing Turns Community Health 443-402-0172
500 Edgewood Rd, Ste 210, Edgewood, MD

OutPt MH & Addictions; PRP; serving adults & minors

Progressive Multi-Medical 200A N. Phila Blvd, Aberdeen 443-530-3182
Child & Adult Psychiatry, 630 Towne Center Dr., Joppa 410-510-7099



Need Help?

Important Steps to Getting Assistance Sooner

1. Have a valid state or military ID, your state issued birth certificate, & social security card. Only carry your ID with you and keep other forms of identification in a secure location.
2. Apply for food, shelter, & financial assistance immediately.
3. Apply for health insurance ASAP. There is no cost insurance for individuals with low or no income.
4. Seek case management or professional help to guide you. County agencies, mental health facilities, & the local health department offer case management to eligible individuals.

MENTAL HEALTH (cont.)

Upper Bay Counseling & Support Services, Inc. 1-866-939-8744
626 Revolution St., Havre de Grace, MD 410-939-8744
OutPt MH, PRP adults & minors, PATH-Homeless Case Management

Wisdom Healthcare, 136 S. Phila Blvd, Aberdeen 410-529-1111

Villa Maria Behavioral Health 667-600-3220
1301 Continental Dr. Suite 101, Abingdon, MD

Outpatient mental health, PRP adults & minors

Safe Harbor Community Services 410-589-0999
2227 Old Emmorton Rd., Ste 115, Abingdon

Springboard Community Services 410-805-880-0999
44 E. Gordon Street., Bel Air

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Medical Assistance Transportation 410-638-1671
Transportation to medical appts for MA Recipients only; Reserve 2 business days in advance.

Harford County Transit (County Bus Service) 410-612-1621
Call for county routes & special services 410-838-2562

FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Department of Social Services (DSS) 410-836-4700
2 S. Bond St.—3rd Floor, Bel Air, MD

Family services and protective services

Office of Child Support Enforcement 1-800-332-6347
101 S. Main St.—Suite 205, Bel Air, MD

Birthright—Pregnancy Aid Center 1-800-550-4900
38 E. Gordon St., Bel Air, MD 410-838-0443

Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center 410-272-4711
219 W. Bel Air Ave., Ste. 2, Aberdeen, MD

NAMI 410-884-8691
21 Linwood Ave., Bel Air, MD
Mental health educational family support groups 1st & 3rd Wed 7-9pm

New Day Wellness & Recovery 410-273-0400
126 N Philadelphia Blvd, Aberdeen, MD
Peer support & activities for adults with mental health diagnosis.

MEGAN's Place 410-612-1779
Serves at-risk pregnant and postpartum women & their families

Inner County Outreach 410-272-3278
Tutoring, mentoring, male youth grp home, incarcerated & families

SUBSTANCE USE

Harford Co. Health Department — Behavioral Health 410-877-2340
120 Hays St—3rd Floor, Bel Air, MD

DUI/DWI screening, Tx plans, relapse prev, group/indiv therapy, Vivitrol

Riverside Treatment Services 443-456-9001
2205 Pulaski Hwy, Edgewood
OutPt Tx prog. offering Methadone, Buprenorphine, Vivitrol, Relapse Prev

Ashley Outpatient Treatment Center 443-760-3456
802 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air 21014
Detox, intensive outpt tx, indiv/grp therapy, MAT available.

Addiction Connections Resource 443-417-7810
1804 Harford Road, Fallston, MD 21047
Resource for substance abuse programs, treatment centers, halfway houses

Addiction Resources Services in Aberdeen 410-272-0230
24 W. Bel Air Ave, P.O. Box 910, Aberdeen MD
Detox, intensive outpt tx, MAT & DUI/DWI education.

Bel Air Recovery 443-402-0612
2014 S. Tollgate Rd., Suite 106, Bel Air 21015

Veni Vidi Vici TX Services (VVV) 443-819-3172
48 North Ave., Suite 302, Bel Air 21014

Joppa Health Services 410-539-5809
623-A Pulaski Highway, Joppa, MD
Outpt substance abuse, methadone detox, buprenorphine, support groups.

MATT, Inc. 1361 Brass Mill Rd., Belcamp, MD 410-273-9700
Outpt substance abuse, methadone detox, buprenorphine, alc tx, support grp

Serenity Health, LLC 410-273-1030
780 W. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, MD
Detox, intensive outpt tx, MAT & DUI/DWI education.

Overcomers 410-569-0815
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Bel Air, MD
A Christian recovery program. Mondays & Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

The Epicenter —Edgewood: AA Thurs 6:30-8:30; NA Fri 7-8
Alcoholics Anonymous 410-272-4150
Narcotics Anonymous 800-317-3222

SHELTERS & HOUSING ASSISTANCE

If you are experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or pending eviction, contact Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Mon-Fri 8:30 to 5:00. No after hours/weekend calls. Services accessible on: <https://harfordcaa.org/>

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) 410-612-9909
EXT 2240 Shelter 411 / EXT 2232 Rapid Re-Housing
1321-B Woodbridge Station Way, Edgewood, MD
SSP (Supportive Services Programs), M-F 8:30-5:00
United Way of Central Maryland Hotline 211

SARC (Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Ctr) 410-836-8430
Confidential domestic violence & sexual assault services.

Community & Economic Development 410-638-3045
15 S. Main St., Bel Air, MD

Havre de Grace Housing Authority, 101 Stansbury Ct. 410-939-2097

FOOD & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Updated List: www.healthyharford.org
(Not all sites included on this Street Card)

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) 410-612-9899
Food Pantry Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri 9-4 / SNAP 443-686-0020
1321B Woodbridge Station Way, Edgewood

Department of Social Services (DSS) 410-297-6100
2029 Pulaski Hwy, Havre de Grace

Mason-Dixon Community Services 410-452-9025
708 Highland Road, Street; Mon-Thurs 9-12

Calvary Baptist Church 410-838-6080
206 E. Courtland St., Bel Air, MD
Hot meal Mondays 6-7pm; Food Pantry: Tues 9:30-3

Grace Episcopal Parish - Wilson 717-314-3913
1024 Main St., Darlington; M, Tu, Th, Fr, Sa 9:30-12:30 - no 3rd Sat.

Mt Zion at the Tent 410-836-7444
1643 Churchville Rd., Bel Air; Thurs drive-thru 12-4pm

St Mark Roman Catholic Church 443-299-6489
804 Old Fallston Rd., Fallston; M, W, F 12-2pm

MCC EPICENTER 443-981-3742/410-877-1824
Edgewood; 2nd Tu 11-2; Abingdon; Tu 5 to 7 pm; Aberdeen; 1st Sat 11-2

Centre United Methodist Church 410-838-4207
2409 Rocks Rd., Forest Hill; Wed 6-7:30 pm

Bel Air United Methodist Church 410-838-5181
21 Linwood Ave., Bel Air
Soup Kitchen: Wed 10:30am-12:45pm; 1st Sat 9-11:30AM

Grove Presbyterian Church 410-272-0896
50 E. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen
Pantry on Wednesdays 7pm-8pm

Tabernacle of Faith Family Life Center 410-939-5017
315A North Carlton Rd., Havre de Grace
Monthly food distribution 3rd Friday at Noon

FOOD & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (cont.)

Hope in Action of Central Christian Church 410-687-0040
The Armory—37 N. Main Street Bel Air

First Presbyterian Church 410-838-5181
224 N. Main St., Bel Air; Mon-Fri 10-5 Take from box front steps/honor system

Prince of Peace Church - The Sharing Table 410-575-3858
2600 Willoughby Beach Rd., Edgewood
Soup kitchen on Saturdays 11:30am-1:00pm; includes bag of groceries

Inner County Outreach 410-272-3278
529 Edmund St. Aberdeen; Food pantry, eviction prev., utility assistance

Tabitha's House 410-877-9730
112-D Connolly Rd., Fallston; Call for Appointment

Grace United Methodist Church 410-272-0909
110 W. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen; Drive-thru Wed 5-6pm

Havre de Grace Compassion Center 410-939-0879
531 Legion Dr., Havre de Grace; Call for Appt; Wed 9:30am

St. John's Episcopal Church 410-939-2107
114 N. Union Ave., Havre de Grace
Grace Place: Lunch/Grocery WED 11:15-12:15; Meals/Grocery FRI 11-12

Trinity Lutheran Church 410-679-4000
1100 Philadelphia Road, Joppa; Tu 6-7:30pm; Th 3:30-5pm; Sat 10-12

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 410-676-5119
1450 Abingdon Rd., Abingdon; Drive-thru (1 bag) Th 5-6pm; Sat 9-10am

St Matthew Lutheran Church 410-838-3178
1200 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air; Fri 10:30-12

Oak Grove Baptist Church 410-879-5337
2106 Churchville, Rd., Bel Air; 3rd Sat 9-11am

St Joan of Arc Catholic Church 410-272-4535, X 3
222 S. Law St., Aberdeen; Wed 9:30-11am; Sat 9:30-11

St Paul's Lutheran Church 410-272-3111
201 Mt. Royal Ave., Aberdeen; Th 5-7 pm (enter on Rt 22 side)

St Patrick's Church 443-504-9330
615 Congress Ave., Havre de Grace; 1st & 3rd Sat 9:30-11:30

VETERANS RESOURCES

Perry Point Medical Center 1-800-949-1003
Homeless, medical & mental health services for veterans
410-642-2411

Army Community Services 410-278-7572
B. 2503, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

Maryland's Commitment to Veterans 1-800-770-4801

Aberdeen Vet Center Dutstation 410-272-6771
223 W. Bel Air Avenue Aberdeen, MD
877-927-8389

Disabled American Veterans 443-502-2687
Bel Air, MD
Havre de Grace, MD
410-272-3249

Alliance, Inc./Mosaic 410-282-5900 x3
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) 443-456-3629
1010 Gateway Rd., Edgewood, MD
Family & Financial Development Programs inc. financial counseling, workshops, ABE/GED assistance & employment assistance.

LASOS, Inc. 410-836-0333
33 W. Courtland St., Bel Air, MD

Adult & family literacy classes in English as Second Language, mentoring, etc

Maryland Division of Rehabilitative Services (DORS) 410-836-4590
2 S. Bond St.—Suite 102, Bel Air, MD
Skill training/job placement, independent living program for individuals w/ disabilities

Susquehanna Workforce Center
Bel Air Center, 2 S. Bond Street, Ste. 204, Bel Air, MD 410-836-4603
HDG—2021-D Pulaski Hwy., Havre de Grace, MD 410-272-5400
Job search assistance, employment counseling & skills enhancement.

Maryland State Unemployment Office 667-207-6520

Harford Community College 443-412-2616
401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, MD
Adult Basic Education, GED classes and other educational programs; English as a Second Language—non credit—GED /education 443-412-2152

The Epicenter (Showers by Appt in Edgewood) 443-981-EPIC
1918 Pulaski Hwy, Edgewood / Aberdeen Shopping Plaza, Aberdeen
Café Edgewood Wed 1:30-4:30; Aberdeen Mon, Wed, Fri 11-3; Employ Assistance Edge 1st & 3rd Mon 6-8pm; Aber 2nd & 4th Mon 6-8pm.

Advantage Psychiatric Services—HdeGrace 410-686-3629
Supportive employment for individuals with mental health challenges

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Harford Co. Bar Foundation Legal Referral Service 410-836-0123
Referrals for pro bono legal services. Appointments only.

Harford County Community Mediation Program 125 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 410-638-4807
Dispute resolution services for citizens of Harford County.

Legal Aid Bureau 800-444-9529
103 S. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD 410-836-8202
Legal services for low income individuals & families.

MD Division of Parole & Probation
2 S. Bond St., Bel Air, MD 410-836-4650
31 W Bel Air Ave, Aberdeen MD 410-297-2200

Public Defenders Office 1-877-430-5187
2 S. Bond St., —Suite 203, Bel Air, MD 410-836-4880
Legal representation in criminal cases. Apply at least 10 days prior to trial.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Office on Aging 410-638-3025
145 N. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD

Adult Evaluation and Review Services (AERS) 410-942-7999
2015 Pulaski Hwy., Havre de Grace, MD
Provides evaluations for aged & functionally disabled adults who need long-term care & are at risk for institutionalization.

Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna CAPABLE & Home Repair 410-638-4434
Needs assessment & home safety repair; Eligibility: 65+ and low income

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;
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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.

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



Signature of Authorized Official



Date

County Executive

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="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> * Other (Specify) <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Harford County, Maryland"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN) <input type="text" value="52-600959"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="YAALVYB SJWY1"/>
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text" value="15 South Main Street"/>	Street2: <input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text" value="Bel Air"/>	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text" value="MD: Maryland"/>	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="21014-8723"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Housing&Community 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" value="Mrs."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Barbara"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Richardson"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>		
Organizational Affiliation <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="410-638-3045"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="bwr richardson@harfordcountymd.gov"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

United States Department of Housing & Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

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 Investments Partnerships Program - HOME-ARP Allocation

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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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	\$1,821,904.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	\$1,821,904.00

* 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 18, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

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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 costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
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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.
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.
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