

Action Plan 2023

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Program Year (PY) 2023 is the fourth Action Plan of the Tarrant County Consortia Five- (5-) year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Planning process combines the application, planning, and reporting requirements for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). As an Urban Entitlement County, Tarrant County must comply with the Consolidated Plan requirements to receive funding for these formula-based HUD programs. Designated as the lead agency by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, the Community Development & Housing Department (CDHD) of the County Administrator's Office is charged with the preparation and the submission of this Action Plan to HUD on behalf of Tarrant County Urban entitlement as well as four (4) entitlement Cities under joint agreement: Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills. The CDHD is also responsible for overseeing the public notification process, approval of projects, and the administration of these grants.

Tarrant County published a Public Notice announcing and summarizing the proposed draft Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2023 in the Commercial Recorder on March 16, 2023, opening the thirty- (30-)day public comment period. The Mayors' Council of Tarrant County approved a draft summary of the Action Plan on April 3, 2023, and a resolution is included in the attachments of the final Action Plan. A public hearing was held at 10:00 AM on April 18, 2023 at Tarrant County Commissioners Court to concluding the comment period. CDHD staff has prepared environmental reviews of the projects under the Action Plan and will comply with all consultation and public notice requirements. The Environmental Review Record will be on file at the CDHD office and through the HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS).

2023 HUD allocations were released February 28, 2023 with the following allocations: CDBG, \$4,199,392; HOME, \$1,693,676; and ESG, \$250,298.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Tarrant County activities will address the objectives of providing low- and moderate-income residents with a suitable living environment and decent affordable housing: 57% or approximately \$2,394,262 of PY 2023 CDBG funds for Public Infrastructure Improvement activities under area-wide benefits, which includes \$158,000 for program delivery. \$12,992.84 from 2021/47th year CDBG funds will be reallocated for 49th year infrastructure activities. In PY 2023, approximately 16,145 people in 11 cities will be assisted with improved access to infrastructure benefits. Approximately \$803,130 in CDBG funds and

approximately \$1,150 in CDBG Program Income will provide for the availability and accessibility of decent housing for at least 21 CDBG-funded housing units and to maintain the program. Approximately \$167,000 in CDBG funds will be used for CDBG Public Service activities: (1) \$125,000 for supportive housing services and case management for enrolling individuals and families experiencing homelessness into the Tarrant County Transitional Housing Program; and (2) \$42,000 to SafeHaven of Tarrant County to continue assisting youth with educational services for SafeSchools, an anti-bullying program. Remaining CDBG funds will be used for administration of programs, planning, and other federal requirements required of CDBG.

The 60% cap, or approximately \$150,179, of ESG funding will provide temporary shelter for approximately 10,444 people experiencing homelessness at six (6) overnight and one (1) daytime emergency shelter facilities receiving ESG funds for operations and utilities. An estimated 32%, or approximately \$81,347, will pay for short-term rental assistance through homelessness prevention for approximately 30 extremely low-income households with eviction notices or letters to vacate. The maximum of 7.5%, or an estimated \$18,772, will be allocated for ESG administration, reporting, training, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data administration.

Tarrant County has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for HOME funding opportunities to reallocate past and current year funding. The \$3,596,723 release includes \$949,756 in unallocated funds from PYs 2017, 2018, and 2019; \$872,459 from PY 20 due to changes in project scope and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating Reserves not needed as anticipated; \$822,864 from PY 21 due to a change in development priorities; and \$951,644 for development of hard and soft costs from PY 22 funding. An additional \$1,039,624.60 from PY 2023 will be added for several HOME-eligible activities, including new construction and/or acquisition and rehabilitation. Due to the demand of services under the HOME program and the amount of funding available, the RFP will remain open until the HOME funds have been committed. Up to \$84,684 may also be available for CHDO Operating expenses.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

PY 2022 finished up programs and large rental assistance payments as COVID-19 infections decreased. Additional HUD funds were allocated for rental assistance, staff support for physical distancing, and building modifications to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Unfortunately, managing programs with competing U.S. Treasury funds has made expending CARES Act funds difficult.

Several public infrastructure and facility projects are currently in progress, including: a new park in Sansom Park, new playground structures and ADA barrier removal in Everman, ADA bathroom and building entryway improvements at the Richland Hills public library, a diesel generator for Presbyterian Night Shelter, and social distance improvements and touchless amenities at The Salvation Army Mabee Center. Additionally, seven (7) water improvement projects are also in progress in the cities of Mansfield, North

Richland Hills, Grapevine, Hurst, Kennedale, Blue Mound, and River Oaks. These water improvements will help mitigate any system failures to maintain safety and hygienic practices to prevent COVID-19 transmission.

Regular programs continued using regular entitlement funding. Upon submission of the PY 2023 Action Plan, Tarrant County will be in the 10th month of the third (3rd) year of the five- (5-) year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. To date, the timeliness expenditure rate for CDBG is well below the threshold of 1.50% as required by HUD. Of the public works projects that were drawn down; all public works projects within the PY 2020 Action Plan are completed. From PY 2021, five (5) projects have been completed and seven (7) are under construction. All PY 2022 public works projects are in various stages ranging from the review of plans and specifications to active construction. As of March 16, 2023 in PY 2022; approximately 12 single-family owner-occupied home rehabilitations have been completed using HOME and CDBG funding. CDBG funds SafeHaven's SafeSchools program to help educate elementary, middle, and high school students on bullying and anti-violence. To date 1,092 unduplicated students were served in PY 2022. In PY 2022, public service funds provided case management for temporary transitional housing to approximately 70 people experiencing homelessness. Compared to PY 2021, fewer people experiencing homelessness were served due to difficulties of finding affordable housing. Although rental units are being built, the influx of those who can afford to pay above market rate rent moving to the region is driving out those who cannot afford market rate rent. This inflow makes it difficult or near impossible for lower income locals that need affordable housing to find affordable rent. When others can afford above market rate rent, landlords can pick and choose who to lease to and do not have to negotiate lower rates paid by our programs. The issue could be addressed in a number of ways, including setting aside a percentage of affordable units within the new multi-family build.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program: funds for the homelessness prevention program stayed within Tarrant County to better assist residents that called from 211 and referrals from other agencies. Homelessness Prevention funds assisted approximately 75 households in PY 2022 (14 households with ESG and 61 with ESG-CV). ESG funds for emergency shelters are expended for PY 2020 and almost completely expended for PY 2021.

HMIS data administration funds are expended as reports and data have been delivered with ongoing technical assistance provided by TCHC when requested. ESG funds used to help emergency shelter operations have been used in a timely manner by all shelter agencies. Increases in utility costs across the nation demonstrate the strong need for this type of operational assistance to maintain emergency shelters in Tarrant County.

HOME Program: Although many amendments occurred this past year, markets were not favorable and costs of materials to add affordable housing were extremely high. The housing market in this region has not provided favorable conditions to acquire and rehab or build new at acceptable rates, but we are working with current CHDOs and other developers to expand options.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Tarrant County encourages citizen participation in the development of its Consolidated Plan, particularly in low- to moderate-income target areas. Public notices are prepared, and public meetings held in accordance with established County policy that calls for at least two (2) public meetings a year. Public comments are heard in each of Tarrant County's consortium cities where CDBG public infrastructure funds will be expended. Public hearings are held at Commissioner's Court during CAPER comment periods, as well as when substantial amendments occur. With the additional funding from CARES Act, multiple substantial amendments occurred to include additional funds and the evolving changes with each funding source and programs. A waiver was used to shorten the consultation time from 30 days to the minimum five (5) days.

The following substantial amendments occurred during PY 2022:

1. For two (2) additional CDBG-CV water improvement projects: \$209,000 for City of North Richland Hills, Cynthia Circle and \$240,500 for City of Mansfield, Cotton Dr. City of North Richland Hills project to replace 1,200 linear feet of 2" as galvanized iron water line with 6-inch AWWA C900 PVC DR 18. City of Mansfield's project will replace 1,700 linear feet of 6" asbestos cement water lines with 6" PVC water line. Both water improvement projects will replace existing water lines that require constant fixes to a new, more reliable line to help mitigate system failures to maintain safety and hygienic practices to prevent COVID-19 transmission.
2. To increase geography of a CDBG project by 36% for City of Crowley sidewalk addition. The original request of adding new four- (4-) foot wide 1,358 linear feet sidewalk along east side of 200-400 blocks of McCurdy Street and parts of 300 block East Mustang St., East Bovell Dr. and East Glendale St. was under budget. Remaining funding can pay for additional sidewalk addition in connecting streets; 325 linear feet on Mustang St. and 445 Bovell Dr. No additional funds will be added, but increased location over 25% necessitates a substantial amendment.
3. For CDBG-CV park project for City of Everman to install ADA inclusive playground equipment at Clyde Pittman Park. Original allocation was \$89,634 with a minor amendment for engineering costs increasing the amount to \$98,597.40. Due to increased costs and lapse of time, equipment and installation costs have increased. New total allocation will be \$160,000, a 62% increase.
4. To change scope of project for City of Blue Mound. The original senior center build was cost prohibitive. The new project will be water line improvements in Glenn Dr., between Waggoman Dr. and Globe Dr. to maintain clean water and ensure reliability to prevent transmission of diseases.

Public notification of all hearings takes place at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. Hearings are held at central locations, which are in public, convenient areas to residents and accessible to persons with disabilities. Interpreters are provided for hearings where a significant number of non-English-speaking residents are anticipated. Tarrant County's citizen participation policy also calls for at least one (1)

technical assistance workshop a year and requires that all related materials such as the Action Plan and CAPER are published on the Internet with hardcopies available at the CDHD Office. Public hearings to discuss community development activities were held in each of the urban county consortium member cities and in County Commissioner's Court. Each of the cities submitting CDBG project proposals posted notifications of the public meetings through their respective city secretary or city administration offices. The county published notifications in the Commercial Recorder and on Community Development's website. The public hearings must have ten 10 days' notice and take place prior to completion of the County's yearly Action Plan. Verification of the hearing is sent to the Tarrant County CDHD office in the form of certified minutes from the public hearing and a copy of the public notice published in the jurisdictions commonly read newspaper or an attestation of posting on public boards. All were found to follow the Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Government Code Ann. ch. 551, Vernon 1994 & Supp. 2001).

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Public Comments regarding this Action Plan will be included in the final Action Plan to HUD. Notice of the public hearing and a summary of the proposed PY 2023 Action Plan will be published in the Commercial Recorder on March 16, 2023 and a copy of the Draft Action Plan is posted on the County's website the same day. A public hearing will be held April 18, 2023 in the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to hear any comments. No comments were made from past year substantial amendments or CAPER 2021, except for one citizen approving the transparency of allowing public comments for changes that affect 25% of a current project during the Blue Mound CDBG-CV amendment, as outlined in the previous section.

The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) held an in-person meeting in Fort Worth on March 29, 2023 at Texas Wesleyan University to provide reports during the State of the Homeless address. Any comments will be made available in the final Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Not Applicable. All comments and views were open for acceptance. NO negative comments were made to necessitate addressing. All comments during City hearings were collected and discussed.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	TARRANT COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	TARRANT COUNTY	Community Development and Housing Department
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	TARRANT COUNTY	Community Development and Housing Department
ESG Administrator	TARRANT COUNTY	Community Development and Housing Department
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

As an Urban Entitlement County, Tarrant County must comply with the federal requirements in order to receive funding for formula-based HUD programs. Designated as the lead agency by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, the CDHD of the County Administrator's Office is charged with the preparation and submission of this Action Plan to HUD. Additionally, it is Tarrant County's role to report and administer CDBG funds on behalf of the entitlement Cities of Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield and North Richland Hills. CDHD is also responsible for overseeing the public notification process, approval of projects, and the administration of these grants.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Questions and comments may be mailed to Tarrant County Community Development & Housing Department, 2501 Parkview Drive, Suite 420, Fort Worth, TX 76102 or emailed to James A. McClinton, Director at JAMcClinton@TarrantCountyTX.gov or Susan Au, Senior Planner, SAu@TarrantCountytx.gov. Comments and/or questions may also be received by calling (817) 850-7940.

AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Tarrant County CDHD has been designated as the lead agency for the development and implementation of Tarrant County's five (5)-year Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans. Priorities are determined with input from numerous agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in improving neighborhoods and the community at-large. An ongoing mission of the CDHD is to coordinate the work of housing and community development providers operating in the County's jurisdiction. Collaboration efforts have continued stemming from COVID-19 initiatives and previous priorities.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

Priorities were established by the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County with further guidance from Tarrant County Public Administrators. Needs of people experiencing homelessness were established through the Continuum of Care (CoC) process and the TCHC. Special needs population needs are heard during meetings with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Council of Tarrant County, through public administrators that attend meetings at My Health My Resources of Tarrant County, JPS Hospital District and various school districts. All priorities are reviewed and discussed at Tarrant County workshops, public forums, and public hearings held throughout the year. Tarrant County public administrators from each Precinct have reviewed and provided further guidance on ESG- and CDBG-public service proposals.

The Mayors' Council is briefed by the Community Development Director on housing and community development issues at each of its six (6) meetings per year. The CDHD also staffs the Mayors' Council and its sub-committees maintaining a constant dialogue among urban county consortium members. Mayors' Council has spurred on conversations amongst cities, Tarrant County departments, and health services on how best to serve populations on various topics, such as mental health challenges, equity, accessibility for persons with disabilities and opportunities to improve quality of living. Information from meetings has cumulated to the development of plans and implementation with Tarrant County leading the path. New mental health services will be provided at new JPS facilities in the coming years to assist law enforcement provide multiple locations for clients that have mental health challenges rather than jails. These facilities will also provide additional wrap around services.

In October 2018, Tarrant County was awarded a three- (3-) year \$500,000 Department of Justice (DoJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to provide mental health training and school threat assessments at schools in Tarrant County. Unfortunately, the grant was not renewed; however, SafeHaven's SafeSchools program will be able to continue with CDBG public services funds. Tarrant County can quickly match community needs with funding sources because of collaborations through Mayors' Council, local agencies, and community partners.

Inviting representative organizations to public hearings encourages participation of disabled, minority, and other special populations. Other specific measures may be taken to ensure that residents of public housing and low/moderate income target areas are informed of public meetings. Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office (TCHAO) is informed of notices and meetings to ensure information is distributed to those who are interested.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Tarrant County, City of Arlington, City of Fort Worth, and the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC), the Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency, meet quarterly to discuss performance standards, HMIS data collection, and how best to allocate funding amongst non-profit agencies to best serve our clients. The cities of Arlington and Fort Worth will only fund agencies located within their respective cities that assist their residents. Tarrant County will provide operational funding for any agency serving clients anywhere within Tarrant County. However, for case specific (direct benefit) assistance, clients served under prevention assistance must be within Tarrant County, outside of the cities of Arlington, Grand Prairie, and Fort Worth.

Tarrant County will continue to consult with the CoC regarding the performance standards for activities funded under ESG by discussing how best the HMIS system and the TCHC can produce uniform reports for all prime recipients and provide detailed and improved reports for the ESG program. The information consistency listed within the consolidated plan, quarterly e-Snaps report, annual Action Plan and CAPER, will be used as a guide for which performance standards will be recorded, tracked, and produced in monthly or quarterly reports. Consortium cities in Tarrant County are apprised of homeless needs and community efforts and engage through the Mayors' Council.

TCHC, as contracted by the CoC Board and three grantees within Tarrant County, continually meets to discuss and improve uniform performance measures. Data driven information and evaluation of each ESG service provider's effectiveness will show how well the service provider succeeded at: 1) Targeting those who need the assistance most; 2) reducing the number of people who are experiencing homelessness or emergency shelters; 3) shortening the time people spend experiencing homelessness; and 4) reducing each program participant's housing barriers or housing stability risks.

The last TCHC General Meeting was held in November 2022. The general meetings have been replaced with on-going case-conferencing for direct client staff and a monthly Zoom huddle for community updates.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

Tarrant County will assist as many persons experiencing homelessness as possible by funding operational costs of emergency shelters that are mainly located in Fort Worth. As there are other evolving CoC programs to serve the same population, Tarrant County works closely with the CoC and area agencies to ensure resources are directed efficiently. Monthly CoC general meetings regarding programs, technical assistance/classes for HMIS and administrative meetings are held to ensure the homeless population needs are met in a coordinated manner. Performance standards were developed in 2014 and have been updated to ensure data entered in HMIS for eCart is correct and reflective of actual funds expended. TCHC continues to train agency staff and provide support to ensure data is correct in HMIS.

Through quarterly meetings, discussion regarding the increased need for homelessness prevention has led to increased funding of ESG homelessness prevention and improved communication to expend funds in a timely manner by providing improved service to those in need and who qualify. Tarrant County continues to meet with City of Arlington, City of Fort Worth and CoC to ensure timely needs are being met to address the pandemic. Luckily the efforts of our past quarterly meetings have made our collaborations seamless despite the large amount of funds from HUD. We discuss non-profit agency needs in current environments and how each entitlement is spending funds to ensure the needs are being met in a balanced state throughout the County.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	All ESG grantees and TCHC discussed their needs and the types of services expected in exchange for the HMIS participation fee for ESG program. To better serve all clients, the nuances of a Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) are discussed to enhance data collection and better serve our clients. The CoC will manage this CAS to best prioritize those in need and address ever changing social and environmental dynamics.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Arlington
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City of Arlington receives City entitlement funds for ESG, HOME and CDBG. Tarrant County aims to coordinate funds amongst agencies by comparing and synchronizing ESG funds.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF FORT WORTH-PARKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City of Fort Worth receives City entitlement funds for ESG, HOME and CDBG. Tarrant County aims to coordinate funds amongst agencies by comparing and synchronizing ESG funds.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Agencies such as the Veterans Administration (VA), Meals on Wheels, or Area Agency on Aging were not formally consulted as ESG funds are specific for homelessness services. However, through other meetings and networking opportunities, clients from Meals on Wheels and Area Agency on Aging were provided with information about the Tarrant County housing rehabilitation program so that services may be provided to those in need and who qualify. Meals on Wheels was a recipient of CDBG-CV funding as of March 2022 to provide meals to seniors and persons with disabilities that have been impacted by COVID-19. Additional resources were applied due to original COVID funds that were initially provided to assist have been depleted, but the need still exists. To assist Veterans that are being served by the VA, CDHD provides flyers to Tarrant County’s VA service provider to distribute to their clients that may require home rehabilitation, ADA barrier removal and weatherization of veteran’s homes. By utilizing CDHD knowledge of home rehabilitation, we can maximize VA resources efficiently to assist veterans and their families.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	The goal of ending homelessness overlaps in our programs and strategic plans are made accordingly.
2021-2024 WIOA Local Plan	Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County	To meet the demands of Tarrant County employers, WSTC maintains a four (4)-year plan that focuses on strategies and plans to improve economic development and workforce solutions.
United Way of Tarrant County; Community Assessment	United Way of Tarrant County	To better understand Tarrant County needs for community and social programs, information and perspectives are collected from residents and community stakeholders.
Various Plans from NCTCOG	North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)	Other plans such as environmental, transportation, emergency preparedness and regional plans help ensure that Tarrant County plans are coordinated with regional needs and topics.
Tarrant County COVID-19 Needs Assessment	Tarrant County, TX	The Tarrant County COVID-19 Needs Assessment considers how the pandemic has affected community needs and recommends near-term actions and long-term initiatives to address those needs with available funding opportunities.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

With Tarrant County’s ARPA funds from U.S. Treasury, many public services, such as food programs, day care facilities, employers and an array of social services, were and will continue to be funded for the next couple of years. We anticipate more requests of funding once those funds have been depleted.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Tarrant County encourages citizen participation in the development of its annual Action Plan. Public notices are prepared and public meetings held in accordance with County policy that calls for at least two (2) public meetings a year. Public comments are heard in each of our consortium cities where CDBG public infrastructure funds will be expended and public hearings are held and comments heard at Commissioner's Court; one during Action Plan and another during CAPER comment periods, as well as times where substantial amendments occur. Action Plans and CAPERs are available in the CDHD office, on the Internet, and can be emailed or mail upon request. Comments from people experiencing homelessness are captured by TCHC as well as through the Advisory Council year-round. All comments will be provided in the final Action Plan.

Public notification of all hearings takes place at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. Hearings are held at central public locations, which are convenient to residents and accessible to persons with disabilities. Interpreters are provided for hearings where a significant number of non-English-speaking residents are anticipated. Public hearings were held in each of the urban county consortium member cities that had access to funding to discuss community development activities after proper notification. Verification of public hearings are sent to the Tarrant County CDHD office in the form of certified minutes or resolutions from the public hearing and a copy of the public notice published in the jurisdiction's commonly read newspaper or attestation of public notice posted on a public board of information. All hearings were found to be in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Tex. Government Code Ann. ch. 551, Vernon 1994 & Supp. 2001).

When comments are made by citizens, CDHD reviews all comments and addresses concerns. Final approval of the Action Plan is made by the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County and Tarrant County Commissioner's Court based on any public comments and concerns addressed to public officials. Both processes assist in goal setting and ensuring annual plan goals are met.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	State of Homeless: Meeting on March 29, 2023 in Fort Worth	TBD, Meeting will be held March 29, 2023 at Texas Wesleyan University.	Not applicable.	http://www.ahomewithhope.org/
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Each City held public meetings during monthly city council meetings to discuss CDBG projects for this program year. Meetings were posted at least 10 days prior to the meeting in various newspapers, on public boards or city websites.	Mainly no comments were made during city council public hearings. Any comments made were in support of public infrastructure improvements with specific needs in some cities.	There were no comments that were not accepted to date.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Tarrant County holds public meetings at the County Commissioner's Court during regular court sessions Tuesday mornings for Action Plan, CAPER and any amendments.	No comments were submitted during the public hearing and none submitted within the comment period.	Not applicable. No comments submitted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The primary resources available for the implementation of Tarrant County's Consolidated Plan are federal funds available through CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. For activities affecting people experiencing homelessness and other special needs populations, Tarrant County competes for CoC grant funds. In 2021, competitive HOPWA grants were moved to the Administrator's Office. In 2020, additional funds to address COVID-19 through the CARES Act were provided through CDBG-CV and ESG-CV in which Tarrant County received its own allocations from HUD. Treasury funds were administered through the County Administrator's Office in which CDHD shared project requests with when projects were not eligible under HUD, but were COVID-related. Local social service agencies have other funding streams available to them to carry out their mission within the community. Additionally, affordable housing projects may be funded through the Tarrant County Housing Finance Corporation, which has the authority to issue bonds in support of affordable housing activities.

Programs that require match are made using in-kind match found in fees in cities or salaries of managers of non-profit agencies. Cash match is often most additional resources to meet HOME program standards or for non-profit agencies cash donations. Cities will often leverage funding using city funds to complete public infrastructure projects.

CDBG funds allocated to projects in each consortium member city are expended within each city according to concentrations of low-moderate income persons, designated as CDBG-Eligible Areas. CDBG-Eligible Areas consist of populations where at least 51% of households are low/moderate income based on the July 2021 HUD calculated LMISD or HUD approved income survey. There is no other specially designated "Target Areas" in Tarrant County other than the above mentioned. Other program funds, such as those allocated for the single-family owner-occupied home rehabilitation program, represent a direct benefit activity and are allocated within consortium cities, on a first-come, first-served basis to ensure that all low-income residents will have an equal chance of benefiting from limited resources. For select housing activities, geographic locations of projects will be based on the extent of housing need in that area as determined by careful market analyses. Other factors influencing location of housing projects include the technical capacity of selected non-profit organizations or housing developers and the ability

of a beneficiary to match effort.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	4,199,392	1,150	12,993	4,213,535	0	We expect all funds to be obligated and projects in progress during the year and expended as we near the end of the annual program year.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,693,676	0	4,636,348	6,330,024	0	We aim to obligate the amount to an actual project to have these funds drawn down within HUD specified time period.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	250,298	0	10,000	260,298	0	Funds will assist people experiencing homelessness within the con plan and almost all funds will be drawn down during the plan year, with some remaining to continue to pay between grant agreements.
Other	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG grants do not require matched funds; however, at least \$4,352,057 will be leveraged (from non-federal sources) by Cities for PY 2023 public infrastructure projects. The HOME program will match at least 25% from prior year funds and PY 2023 funds to execute their project(s). ESG programs will require 100% local match. For the ESG program, PY 2023 required matching funds will be at least \$250,298. The 100% match for ESG is provided by each participating shelter through in-kind salary costs incurred by shelters, private donations and/or United Way donations. The ESG match for administrative costs and Homelessness Prevention will be matched by CoC grants awarded to Tarrant County. Matching requirements for CoC grants are provided through CDBG public services and participating agencies through in-kind salary costs and donations. The minimum 25% match for HOME will be met by participating Consortium cities, developers and CHDOs. Cities would provide match in form of cash match, waived fees, and/or in kind with additional work performed on the same home being assisted with HUD funds. Developers and CHDOs would meet match by discounting rehabilitation work, sellers of property donating the difference between appraised value and purchase price and/or discounted below market interest rate. These costs are monitored by CDHD.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable. Tarrant County does not currently own land.

Discussion

Other funds such as CDBG-CV, ESG-CV are on track for expenditure by their deadlines. ESG- CV is almost completely expended. Although 83% has been obligated to active projects, 80% expenditure requirement for CDBG-CV will be met by summer 2023 if supply chain avails materials timely. HOME-ARP is currently in the planning stages and a plan has been added to Action Plan 2021.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Infrastructure and Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$2,394,262	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16,145 Persons Assisted
2	Preserve Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$803,130 HOME: \$400,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 31 Household Housing Unit
3	Increase Affordable Housing Stock	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,039,625	Rental units constructed: 100 Household Housing Unit, SF homes added: 5 units
4	Homeless Prevention	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Homelessness	ESG: \$80,147	Homelessness Prevention: 60 Persons Assisted
5	Homeless Shelter Operations	2020	2024	Homeless		Homelessness	ESG: \$150,179	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 11076 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Public Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$167,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 880 Persons Assisted
7	Administration	2020	2024	administrative costs to manage programs			CDBG: \$835,000 HOME: \$169,368 ESG: \$18,772	

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Goal Description	Public Infrastructure for 11 cities within Tarrant County to be improved. Sewer, water, streets, ADA barrier removal, new sidewalks and improved drainage are included.
2	Goal Name	Preserve Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated (Major Rehab): 25 single-family homes \$32,000 cap/home Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated (Emergency/Priority Rehab): 11 single-family homes \$15,000 cap/home Homeowner housing Rehabilitated (ADA barrier removal): 5 single family homes \$5,000 cap/home

3	Goal Name	Increase Affordable Housing Stock
	Goal Description	Increase affordable housing stock in Tarrant County. Intent is to develop at least 100 affordable multifamily and/or single-family homes in Consortium cities. \$1,039,624 plus additional \$3,596,723 reallocated from prior years will be applied to hard and soft costs to develop additional housing units.
4	Goal Name	CHDO Operating
	Goal Description	Operating expenses are reasonable and necessary costs for the operation of the CHDO, including Salaries, wages, benefits, and other employee compensation; Employee education, training and travel; Rent and utilities; Communication costs; Taxes and insurance; and Equipment, materials and supplies. Up to 5% of a HOME allocation may be used to provide general operating assistance to CHDOs that are receiving set-aside funds for an activity (or activities) or are under a written agreement to receive set-aside funds within 24 months of the date of the agreement. Assistance for operating expenses in each fiscal year may not exceed \$50,000, or 50 % of the CHDO's total annual operating expenses for that year, whichever is greater.
5	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide case management to approximately 80 people (35 families) experiencing homelessness and educate approximately 800 youth on anti-bullying and dating violence.
6	Goal Name	Homeless Prevention
	Goal Description	Provide short term rental assistance and/or utility assistance to extremely low-income renters with notices to vacate or eviction letters. Approximately 30 households/rental units will be assisted for no more than 3 months.
7	Goal Name	Homeless Shelter Operations
	Goal Description	Assist 7 shelters by paying for operating costs of shelters for people experiencing homelessness, serving 11,076 people
8	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administrative costs to plan and manage all programs, plus \$1,200 for HMIS fees in the ESG program.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Tarrant County allocates a significant portion of CDBG funds to infrastructure improvement. The highest community development priority identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was replacing and upgrading of deteriorated and inadequate infrastructure. The next priority was to provide for the availability and accessibility of decent housing by rehabilitating single-family owner-occupied homes to any unincorporated area of the county and any consortium city outside of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie. Providing public services and adding to the current housing stock rounds out the priorities for PY 2023. Public services include case management to low income families and providing education to youth. Affordable housing will be provided by developers and certified CHDO(s) funded with PY 2023 and prior year HOME funds.

#	Project Name
1	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
2	2023 SF Home Rehabilitation
3	2023 Housing Development for Rental or Homebuyer
4	2023 CHDO Operating
5	2023 Public Services
6	2023 ESG Tarrant County TX
7	2023 Administration

Table 4 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Priorities were allocated as stated in the introduction to provide the greatest assistance to the greatest number of people. Improving basic infrastructure directly assists residential neighborhoods and indirectly assists as all water/sewer lines and roads connect within cities throughout the County. Focusing on individual homeowners provides direct assistance where homeowners may not have enough funds to improve on their own. Obstacles to address underserved needs were due to market events due to Coronavirus and supply chain issues seen worldwide. Delays in receiving materials has prolonged construction creating obstacles for residents where projects are occurring. Finding qualified contractors for reasonable costs has also been difficult to find.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,394,262
	Description	Public Infrastructure to be improved for 11 cities within Tarrant County. Sewer, water, streets, ADA barrier removal, new sidewalks and improved drainage are included.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Infrastructure: 16,145 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Infrastructure projects will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie. See Planned Activities for specific cities.
	Planned Activities	Water and/or sewer improvements (National Objective Classification A) in the following cities: Euless, Lake Worth, North Richland Hills, River Oaks, Sansom Park, White Settlement New sidewalks (National Objective Classification A) in the following cities: Crowley Water, street, and drainage improvements (National Objective Classification A) will occur in the following cities: Bedford, Dalworthington Gardens, Grapevine, Mansfield
2	Project Name	2023 SF Home Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Preserve Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$803,130 HOME: \$400,000

	Description	Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation activities will provide for the availability and accessibility of decent housing. Major Rehabilitation will occur when there is a substantial failure to one or more elements in a home (electrical, water, roof, foundation, etc.) with an expenditure cap of \$32,000 per home. Emergency/Priority Repair will occur when homeowners only have one system failure that needs to be addressed with an expenditure cap of \$15,000. ADA barrier removal will occur when a homeowner requires barrier removal for improved lifestyle to accommodate physical, visual, or audio impairments. Expenditure cap will be \$5,000 per home for ADA barrier removal only. HOME affordability periods and lead based paint rules will apply.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: at least 37 low-moderate income Household Housing Units using 2023 funds and prior year funds. Approximately 21 homes receiving major rehabilitation (2023) Approximately 11 homes assisted with Emergency/Priority Repair Approximately 5 homes assisted with ADA barrier removal
	Location Description	Homes assisted will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie.
	Planned Activities	Major Rehabilitation, Emergency/Priority Repair and ADA barrier removal as described above. HOME affordability periods and lead based paint rules will apply.
3	Project Name	2023 Housing Development for Rental or Homebuyer
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase Affordable Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$1,039,625 + prior year funds \$3,596,723
	Description	Increase the affordable housing stock by acquiring and rehabilitating old housing or constructing new single family and/or multifamily units. Developer or CHDO will either rent to low/moderate income households or sell to eligible buyers.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 100 units of affordable multifamily and/or single-family homes will be added for low-moderate households

	Location Description	Projects will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie.
	Planned Activities	HOME Investment Partnership funds will be used to develop affordable housing, for rent or for homebuyers. Projects will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie.
4	Project Name	2023 Public Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$167,000
	Description	Avail funds to assist low/moderate income persons with public service activities such as education for youth, case management for people experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 800 youth educated in SafeSchools program • 30 families experiencing homelessness assisted with case management
	Location Description	Projects will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie unless project is to assist general homeless population of Tarrant County.
Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education to all levels of youth at schools about anti-bullying and dating violence to high school aged • Case management for families experiencing homelessness 	
5	Project Name	2023 ESG Tarrant County TX
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention Homeless Shelter Operations Administration
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$250,298

	Description	ESG project will maintain 4 activities; Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, HMIS and administration for ESG Emergency Shelters: paying for utilities/operating costs or essential services costs (\$150,178.80) Homelessness Prevention: Rental assistance to prevent homelessness (\$80,146.85) ESG administration: administration (\$18,772.35) and HMIS: data reports and fees of the ESG program (\$1,200)
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assist low income persons (<30% AMI) with short term rental assistance using ESG 2023 (30 families served) AND assist 11,076 persons experiencing homelessness to be sheltered in six overnight shelters and 1 day time shelter
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Direct Assistance will be in Tarrant County consortium cities, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie. General homeless assistance will be within Tarrant County, TX
6	Project Name	2023 Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$835,000.00 HOME: \$169,367.60
	Description	Funds to pay for the administration of HOME and CDBG grants. Salaries, rent, utility, and related costs are covered.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Number benefitted will be reflected in other projects, ESG admin is included in ESG project.
	Location Description	Administration will occur at 2501 Parkview Dr, Suite 420, Fort Worth, TX 76102
	Planned Activities	Funds to pay for the administration of all grants. Salaries, rent, utility costs, services, and resources to execute programs.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Tarrant County is an “urban county entitlement” comprised of a 30-city consortium for 2021-2023. The following cities form the consortium: Azle, Bedford, Benbrook, Blue Mound, Burleson, Colleyville, Crowley, Dalworthington Gardens, Euless, Everman, Forest Hill, Grapevine, Haltom City, Haslet, Hurst, Keller, Kennedale, Lakeside, Lake Worth, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Pantego, Richland Hills, River Oaks, Saginaw, Sansom Park, Southlake, Watauga, Westworth Village, and White Settlement. Automatic renewal of 2024-2026 urban county re-certifications will occur summer 2023 with each of the 30 Cities having an option to opt out of the consortium and other cities may opt to join. We anticipate City of Pelican Bay to join the consortium in 2023. Tarrant County has a joint administrative agreement with four entitlement cities to manage and administer the cities CDBG funds.

All low/moderate area benefit activities for PY 2023 are based on the 2022 HUD calculations of U.S. Census data. Seven (7) cities and four (4) entitlement cities under Tarrant County’s supervision of funding have submitted proposals for CDBG funds to low/moderate areas. Areas served using CDBG must meet the National minimum of 51% Low-moderate income ratio for eligible expenditure. Tarrant County is no longer considered an “exception grantee” as of fall 2021. For HOME funded projects, market studies and environmental reviews are made prior to further investment to ensure affordable housing exists in connection with transportation options, infrastructure availability, schools, doctors, and other amenities are available to provide suitable living standards.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDHD will manage public infrastructure projects in seven (7) non-entitlement cities and four (4) entitlement cities utilizing CDBG funds from PY 2023. In PY 2012, Tarrant County anticipated a cut in which CDBG would not be able to fund all cities that submit an eligible public infrastructure project. In PY 2013, CDHD split cities into two groups whereby each group would alternate the allocation of funding. The groups were split based on weight of annual activities, the county precinct the city is in and the geographic groupings of cities. With rising costs and more expensive projects, the groups remain split. Entitlement cities will receive funding annually, non-entitlement cities that are part of the HOME consortium that have eligible projects will be funded according to their group. In PY 2023, Group A will be funded.

Group A (2023)	Group B (2024)
Bedford	Azle
Benbrook	Blue Mound
Crowley	Burleson
Colleyville	Everman
Dalworthington Gardens	Forest Hill
Haslet	Haltom City
Lake Worth	Hurst
Lakeside	Kennedale
Pantego	Keller
River Oaks	Richland Hills
Sansom Park	Saginaw
Westworth Village	Southlake
White Settlement	Watauga

Entitlement cities will receive annual HUD formula allocation: Cities include Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills

CDBG – Group A funded on Odd Years, Group B funded on Even Years

Entitlement cities will receive annual HUD formula allocation for CDBG program. Cities include Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills

CDBG 2023 Public services funds will be available for all Tarrant County consortium cities with eligible projects and Tarrant County at-large for eligible populations.

For HOME and ESG, all areas and cities within Tarrant County, but outside of cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie will be eligible for funding based on qualifications for respective programs. The other cities listed receive their own HUD funds and are HUD entitlement cities that manage their own programs. Only in cases where programs serve county-wide, will we expend funds in Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie.

Discussion

There are pockets of cities that have areas of low-income and minority concentration, but all cities in Tarrant County are treated equally and CDBG funds are shared. In doing so, cities are more apt to assist each other in other programs with much more significant economic development opportunities creating more assistance to those areas of low income and minority concentrations. Tarrant County encourages Cities to collaborate in projects to provide more cohesive systems.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

Maintaining and developing new affordable housing stock is one of the primary functions of the HOME grant funds. Tarrant County Community Development will foster relationships and work with non-profit and for-profit groups throughout the year to promote the development, construction, production, and maintenance of affordable housing. Leveraging HUD funds with Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects and other bond projects will help add affordable units under a longer affordability period. Tarrant County has funded multi-family rental projects along with the funding of single family detached housing activities scattered throughout the County's jurisdiction through our CHDOs. Those activities include homebuyer assistance and a program to build new or acquire, rehabilitate if necessary, and then resell or rent those units to qualified low-income individuals or families.

Through our homelessness prevention program utilizing ESG, approximately 30 families will be provided rental assistance to prevent homelessness. Home rehabilitation will serve at least 31 families using PY 2023 funds and prior year's funding. Funding will contribute at least 15 HOME-assisted affordable rental units and/or SF homes within the Tarrant County consortium cities. CoC Grant funds will provide rental assistance to at least 80 persons experiencing homelessness (30 households) with CDBG public services partly providing case management for families to maintain housing affordability and be on the path to self-sufficiency.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	161
Special-Needs	0
Total	161

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	30
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	31
Acquisition of Existing Units	100
Total	161

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The actual number may exceed the goals. Rolling RFP process for the HOME program to add affordable housing will vary depending on market availability within HUD guidelines. Homeless households will be supported through competitive CoC Grants that are not reflected in HUD annual entitlement grant reporting.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are currently five (5) providers of HUD-Assisted Housing in Tarrant County: TCHAO, Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Arlington Housing Authority, Grapevine Housing Authority, and Haltom City Housing Authority. Each entity manages their own program, but TCHAO, Grapevine Housing Authority, and Haltom City Housing Authority are covered under this Action Plan as the latter two cities are part of the Tarrant County consortium. The public housing stock located in Grapevine and Haltom City is generally well-managed and in good condition. 3,548 housing choice vouchers through the Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office Housing consists of 159 vouchers for the Family Unification Program, 9 for Foster Youth Initiative vouchers, 108 for Emergency Housing Vouchers 170 for Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, 250 non-elderly disabled vouchers, 220 Mainstream vouchers to assist disabled population, Grapevine Housing Authority (99 Vouchers) and Corsicana Housing Authority (188 Vouchers). TCHAO currently works with 1,025 landlords that accept vouchers. There are approximately 6,800 people/families on the wait list as of March 21, 2023.

The Grapevine Housing Authority administers the Public Housing Program only as of 2016 and TCHAO manages their HCV program. In 2022, the waiting list opened and received over 4,000 applications. The list will open again in three (3) to five (5) years. Grapevine Housing Authority owns 98 units located on five (5) streets whereby the rent is based on approximately 30 % of the household income or a flat rent (resident's choice). Starr Place has 20 elderly and disabled units consisting of 10 efficiencies, eight (8) one- (1-) bedroom, one (1) handicap one- (1-) bedroom and one (1) two- (2-) bedroom. W. Texas Street has 19 elderly and disabled units consisting of eight (8) efficiencies, 10 one- (1-) bedroom and one (1) handicap two- (2-) bedroom units. Starnes/Brewer has nine (9) family units consisting of 6 (six) two (2-) bedrooms and one (1) handicap two- (2-) bedroom located on N. Starnes and two (2) three- (3-) bedroom units located on Brewer. S. Scribner has 10 family units consisting of eight (8) two- (2-) bedroom and two (2) three- (3-) bedroom units. W. Worth has 40 elderly and disabled units consisting of 37 one- (1-) bedroom and three (3) handicap one- (1-) bedroom units. Additionally, Grapevine Housing Authority has an established Resident Council which sponsors social and informational activities.

Housing Authority of Haltom City administers a public housing program whereby the housing authority owns and manages one (1) development which contains 150 affordable rental units. Starting on May 1, 2023, a late fee of \$20-\$25 for the first day late will be added for any late rent. Plus, \$5.00 per each additional day up to \$ 75.00 in additional fees not to exceed a total of \$100.00 if tenants choose not to or cannot pay rent on time. Haltom City HA noticed too many tenants not paying on time which necessitated the additional fee. Like any other rental, a 30-day eviction notice will be given for non-payment of rent. The County will continue to coordinate with local housing authorities on issues which affect both parties. Since year 2000, the Public Housing Authorities have developed five- (5-) year Agency Plans and Annual Plans under federal requirements (Public Housing Agency Plans, 24 CFR 903).

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Tarrant County does not own any public housing; however, Grapevine Housing Authority owns 98 units and Haltom City Housing Authority own 150 units. The latter two (2) housing authorities do not have any plans to add to the current public housing stock; however, will continue to engage in the needs of current tenants and upgrade where needed. More transportation needs have been the main request and is an ongoing issue in general for the County.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

In Homeownership Program meetings, potential homeowners obtain and are taught how to read credit reports then are given assistance in how to clean-up their credit prior to purchasing a home. TCHAO utilizes the same criteria established by HUD for the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option program. TCHAO has established a minimum down payment requirement of at least 3% of the purchase price and requires that at least 1% of the purchase price come from a family's resources. They also require that financing for the purchase of a home under its Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option program will be provided, insured, or guaranteed by the state or Federal government and complies with underwriting requirements.

TCHAO also manages a Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program to enable participating voucher families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. The FSS Program is an employment and savings incentive program providing families a unique opportunity to free themselves of government assistance. During the 5-year contract period, the family continues to pay 30% of their income as their portion of rent. As their earned income increases and their portion of rent increases and the housing subsidy decreases. The amount of decrease in subsidy is deposited into an escrow account for the family. Upon the family's successful completion of the contract, the escrow account is awarded to the family to be used for purchasing homes and other purposes. TCHAO funds match all earned income increases during the time the person is enrolled in the program. It is not uncommon for graduates to receive checks that range from \$200 to over \$23,000.

GHA and HCHA does not have a FSS program or equivalent program which leads to homeownership due to the mainly older population they currently serve in their public housing program and lack of funds in their housing voucher program.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

TCHAO, Grapevine Housing Authority and Haltom City Housing Authority are not troubled. Tarrant County

Housing Assistance is exemplary.

Discussion

Tarrant County does not own any public housing; however, the City of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie each have public housing authorities in which assist and house the same population. Please refer to those cities for more detail about their programs.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

Tarrant County through the Community Development Division collaborates with the CoC and TCHC to ensure continuity throughout the County. With over 200 individual members representing over 40 organizations, the CoC contracts with the TCHC to plan and manage HMIS for the CoC. Sub-committees and work groups are developed within the CoC to ensure needs are kept up with demands and changes. Goals and objectives are made through these groups which are approved through a certification of consistency with applications for the annual CoC grants.

Tarrant County participates in meetings with other local, state, and federal agencies to assist persons with special needs who are not experiencing homelessness. Solutions for transportation issues for persons with mental and/or physical impairments are discussed, analyzed, and planned with transportation agencies, mental health service providers, employers, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the County. The County will continue to participate in trainings, meetings, and activities for persons who are not experiencing homelessness but have other special needs when opportunities arise. It is often the lack of funding that inhibits forward solutions and executing plans.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

...Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Tarrant County's goals to reach out to persons experiencing homelessness, especially unsheltered persons and assess individual needs will be met by remaining an active member of the CoC's various committees and participating in coordinated entry. Through coordination, state ESG funds administered by TCHC will be used for street outreach to agencies that provide the service and apply for funding. Tarrant County Hands of Hope and TCHCs teams will outreach to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness in hopes to house and assist persons experiencing homelessness on the streets to end homelessness. The Improvement, Coordination, & Training Committee also reviews and provides input into the Annual Work-Plan objectives as established by HUD. Assessment tools will be evaluated and modified continually as needed by the CoC with input from Tarrant County. The ICT Committee meets at least monthly to discuss current matters to help best serve the homeless population. If pressing issues need to be raised, the information will be provided to the CoC Board of Directors.

...Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

To address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of persons, Tarrant County will remain an active member of the CoC's various committees. The Improvement, Coordination, & Training Committee oversees planning and evaluation of the effectiveness and directs strategies to improve the

efficiency and of housing services for the homeless. This committee also tracks the progression of information being reported to the CoC board; assesses that HUD objectives are being met; and collaborates and gathers feedback from local housing service providers for any information necessary to ensure effective evaluations.

CDHD will continue to work with CoC agencies and TCHC to increase diversion and prevention. People experiencing homelessness can be diverted to family and friends with assistance of transportation or case management. Often the barrier is being able to reach family and friend resources or not understanding what is available for a situation. Housing navigators can help explain resources and direct people experiencing homelessness to them to divert out of emergency shelters. Transitional housing needs include increasing income through benefits and employment. Maintaining a relationship with Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County and knowing what jobs are available and upgrading skills is important to people experiencing homelessness to transition towards self-sufficiency. Case managers try to provide or direct clients to resources that access day care and other necessities to support jobs or education.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Tarrant County addresses permanent housing, length of stay and prevention primarily by the CoC Coordinated Entry System (CE). TCHC is responsible for administering the CES along with the planning and evaluation of program effectiveness. Clients entering the local system are evaluated through CES to identify the most appropriate housing intervention and screened for employment and benefit eligibility. Diversion efforts are used throughout the process. Tarrant County plays a critical role in the CES process by engaging in planning and implementation efforts and serving on relevant CoC committees who oversee and evaluate local efforts.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Assisting low-income persons seeking to avoid homelessness and ensuring persons and families are housed is a top priority for Tarrant County. ESG prevention funds are budgeted to assist those who are housed and are threatened with eviction and potential homelessness. Coordination with other agencies

that assist with health, social services, employment, education and youth needs are vital and done through the CoC's committees. Tarrant County is an active member of the CoC committees and meets with TCHC to assist in planning efforts to eliminate homelessness, including the ICT committee. CoC committees are responsible for planning and evaluating the effectiveness and future need for homeless prevention. TCHC serves as the lead agency and is responsible for the planning and evaluation of the effectiveness of services in the CoC. TCHC facilitates the local CE for the CoC; part of the CE process includes Landlord engagement, a critical component to identify resources and build relationships necessary to help individuals maintain existing housing. Additionally, the CE process incorporates agencies that address physical and mental health, social services, employment, education and/or youth needs.

Discussion

As the County begins to add mental service facilities throughout the County, communication with non-profits and emergency personnel will continue to provide mental health services to similar clientele.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing can include lack of monetary resources, lack of information to maintain housing (legal and operational) and lack of availability of affordable housing. Tarrant County is assisting to add to the affordable housing stock through our HOME funds; however, markets rates are only easing now. Often the same areas that lack affordable housing also do not have access to a variety of transportation, employment, and affordable childcare options. Working with developers and cities to add affordable housing is important as is working with regional partners to improve alternate mobility options, employment and affordable childcare to maintain housing.

CDHD receives fair housing complaints and provides informational resources to best maintain housing. Information provided is guidance of how the eviction process works to a phone number to legal aid or guidance on how the rehabilitation program works to providing direction on educational classes towards home ownership. Without education and resources, people can have a barrier to affordable housing. For formal fair housing complaint submissions, CDHD directs the caller to North Texas Fair Housing Center or HUD.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Tarrant County will continue the following actions in PY 2023 to remove the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing: (1) continue to work with the CoC and local agencies to expand public and private resources and use other resources to assist in improving housing and community needs. For example, by applying for grants outside of HUD and creating partnerships with other agencies and non-profits we may reach the same clientele on multiple levels; (2) Educate and encourage urban county cities and agencies to leverage federal funds to produce more cost-effective housing, increase jobs and community development programs. Tarrant County continues to meet with cities and work with the Council of Governments to implement cohesive plans that will better support all cities and their citizens. Tarrant County shares information with the Council of Governments, Cities, and Trinity Metro (local transit authority) to increase data knowledge and plan more effectively; (3) Seek more opportunities with private entities and/or non-profit agencies to enhance current programs and services. For example, working with developers, CHDOs and other non-profit agencies to better support multi-family complexes and agency programs through collaboration. (4) Explore opportunities and educate local communities and citizens to live more sustainable in light of ever-changing environmental conditions. The Mayors' Council of Tarrant County disseminates information and feedback from cities is provided to

improve public policies.

Discussion

The main barrier is the lack of affordable housing - for renters and buyers. Unfortunately, this is a complex, national problem driven by multiple factors.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Tarrant County continues to stay involved in community needs through citizen comments, CoC involvement, and through Tarrant County's involvement regionally. With decreasing resources and greater need, more collaborations have been created to serve unmet needs in the community. CDHD will continue to advocate for citizen needs and implement changes. In an event of emergency, CDHD has updated policies to allow for reallocation of CDBG funds for public infrastructure needs and respond to homeowners and renters in disaster areas faster. However, dedicated CDBG-DR funds directly to the County would better serve our residents quickly.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Despite continued coordination between government agencies, non-profit organizations, churches, and others to serve the needs of the most vulnerable populations, economic prosperity, job availability, transportation, affordable housing and access to healthcare are not at everyone's doorstep. Increased costs, lack of available affordable housing and regulations that have not kept up with changes has prohibited us from meeting underserved needs. Cities and the County continue to work closer to leverage funding where possible and better coordinate use of funds.

Lack of knowledge of available resources is often an obstacle to meet underserved needs. Those citizens that truly need assistance often do not know about available programs. Sharing opportunities and knowledge of resources have increased between departments within Tarrant County to serve populations in need. With this coordination, there have been increased opportunities to provide services, resources, and work together to tackle challenges. The Mayors' Council has been able to convey needs and inform citizens on where opportunities are available relative to their city. Where possible, more affordable housing is being added with imaginative collaborations between private public partnerships. Members of the CoC share resources and work as a network streamlining programs and available resources where possible. A good example of this can be seen in the CE whereby resources are prioritized to assist the direst populations.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

To assist consortium member cities maintain quality housing stock where 72.5% of all housing units are single-family detached residential and 62.7% of that housing stock was built before 1989, CDHD will continue to assist homeowners with home rehabilitation. Many aging streets located in low/moderate income areas will be assisted with improved infrastructure to ensure neighborhoods remain vital and blight is prevented. CHDOs will develop (and redevelop) affordable housing as the market and funding allow. When seeking affordable housing, transportation and marketability are at the forefront of justifying development. CDHD will continue to monitor development of transportation and add to the affordable

housing stock based on housing needs and surrounding amenities of the proposed housing.

CBDG-CV funds will continue to be used to assist with rents, improve water infrastructure and public facilities in low to moderate income areas to prevent COVID-19 and other viruses. 80% will be expended by summer 2023 and the remaining funds will be expended by June 2026. ESG-CV will continue to increase capacity at agencies providing funding for housing and services for people experiencing homeless. HUD provided Tarrant County with an additional \$480,373 on June 12, 2022. All \$4,059,159 in ESG-CV funds are almost completely expended and the grant will close out at the end of 2023.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Tarrant County notifies all clients of its homeowner housing rehabilitation and homebuyers' assistance programs of the potential hazards of lead-based paint. Assisted residences are reviewed for peeling paint and the age of resident children. All Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspectors have been certified as visual inspectors. CDHD also has two staff members certified as Lead Paint Risk Assessor. All homes built before 1978 are analyzed for lead-based paint and remediated according to HUD guidelines as needed. Tarrant County is in full compliance with the Lead Safe Housing Regulation (24 CFR Part 35) which took effect September 15, 2000. Tarrant County Community Development staff regularly consults with NACCED, NAHB (National Association of Home Builders), and the Tarrant County Health Department on the lead based paint program. Tarrant County Community Development staff undergoes continuing education from GEBCO Associates, LP training institute for state license renewal. All homeowners participating in and home rehabilitation programs are provided a copy of all lead-based paint documentation required by HUD.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Tarrant County will continue programs directed toward reducing poverty: the most important element in the prevention of poverty is ensuring housing is livable, affordable, and available. The Tarrant County Commissioners Court has established an economic development policy of furthering workforce goals by supporting the efforts of local communities to attract employers. These efforts include tax abatements, tax increment financing (TIF), and planning and promotional activities. One area of concern that continues to impact the ability of low-income families to improve their standard of living is lack of reliable public transportation that will accommodate flexible work schedules and cross city limits. Trinity Metro has implemented opportunities to provide greater options of bus service to cities outside of the City of Fort Worth. Other alternate transportation options have provided discounted services for some populations and programs. While businesses are more inclined to provide reliable transportation or work schedules to maintain dependable workforce. By collaborating with various groups and exploring opportunities we can provide greater opportunity to shared clients.

Tarrant County's Department of Human Services (DHS) administers a County Homeless Prevention Program which provides emergency funds for payment to prevent utility termination and security deposits for rental housing and utilities. To address the needs of clients that are facing eviction or homelessness due to emergencies, family crisis and other circumstances, Tarrant County will also use ESG

Homelessness Prevention funds prevent poverty level families from falling further below the poverty line.

Tarrant County, the Homeless Coalition, Cities of Arlington and Fort Worth, meet quarterly to coordinate ESG funds and ensure that resources are directed where needed most. With ESG prevention funds, we can all ensure some funds are provided to assist the greater population that are seeking short term rental assistance to prevent homelessness after receiving evictions. TCHC manages the CE and collaborates with all agencies and grantees to assist families seeking assistance and identify additional funds to assist families and individuals in poverty. References will be provided for persons experiencing homelessness to obtain housing and start on the path to self-sufficiency.

Lastly, SafeHaven's Safe School program supports staff to go to elementary, middle and high schools to educate students about bullying and dating violence. By educating students about what is acceptable and not, what to do in various cases and how to receive further assistance; students are empowered to be independent and stand up for themselves. Often this empowerment carries into the future which means less reliance on others and to encourage individuals to not remain in poverty or a state with limited choices to move out of poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Tarrant County has institutional structure and will continue to enhance coordination and encourage the creation of affordable housing by continuing to sponsor programs to expand technical capacity and improve coordination among local agencies, such as planning forums, homeless surveys, workshops, and joint venture housing activities. Through the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County, the Cities within Tarrant County will be informed of actions and will help decide on how HUD funds are expended. Through their guidance and the needs of the community, our funds will be expended accordingly.

Tarrant County is at the forefront of understanding community needs and are working with Cities, agencies, and businesses to assist low income and vulnerable populations with their needs during this time. Constant communication is open and shared daily to address this pandemic and emergencies amongst cities, agencies, businesses and between Tarrant County Departments.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The CDHD continues to coordinate with CoC members, the cities of Fort Worth and Arlington, the TCHC, local housing authorities, and the TCHAO in sharing information. Chronic homelessness, minority homeownership, local housing issues, and assistance in developing resident initiative and family self-sufficiency programs, and other improvements to public and assisted housing will continue to be discussed.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Tarrant County allocates a significant portion of CDBG funds to infrastructure improvement and single-family owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. The highest community development priority identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was replacing and upgrading of deteriorated and inadequate infrastructure. Having exceeded a population of 50,000, the cities of Euless, Grapevine, Mansfield, and North Richland Hills qualify as city entitlement jurisdictions under CDBG. Each city has executed a contract with Tarrant County to cooperate on the planning and administration of these funds and have agreed to develop programs under the Tarrant County's Consolidated Plan. To date, in addition to public infrastructure and housing rehabilitation, CDBG will also fund public services: (1) case management for homeless programs and (2) educational services to middle and high school students about bullying and violence prevention. In an event of emergency, CDHD has updated policies to allow for reallocation of CDBG funds for public infrastructure needs due to disaster and assist homeowners in disaster areas with home rehabilitation faster or provide public services to assist with emergencies due to the disaster. For the HOME program, most funds will be used to add to the housing stock by contracting with developers and/or CHDOs to develop affordable multifamily housing for low- to moderate-income renter households or single-family homes for homebuyers. For PY 2023, the ESG program will continue to assist emergency shelters stay operational and assist persons and families with short term rental assistance to prevent homelessness

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	1,150
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	1,150

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated %age of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 80.00% |

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. *A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:*

HOME funds are awarded annually as a formula grant to Tarrant County. CDHD has elected to add to the housing stock with assistance and activities by developers and CHDOs. Other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing, including site acquisition or improvement, demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development, and payment of relocation expenses are also eligible. HOME usually requires at least a 25 % match from developers, CHDO's and cities provide cash match, waivers associated with properties and other non-cash match.

The eligibility of households for HOME assistance varies with the nature of the funded activity. For rental housing and rental assistance, at least 90 % of benefiting families must have incomes that are no more than 60 % of the HUD-adjusted median family income for the area. In rental projects with five or more assisted units, at least 20% of the units must be occupied by families with incomes that do not exceed 50% of the HUD-adjusted median. The incomes of households receiving HUD assistance must not exceed 80 % of the area median. HOME income limits are published each year by HUD.

Tarrant County through CDHD is the grantee for all entitlement funds under HUD Community Development formula programs, including HOME posted an open Request for RFP to encourage submission of projects/activities to match ever changing market availability. Activities may range from homebuyer assistance program, new construction or acquisition and rehab of single-family homes and/or multi-family complex for rent. Approximately \$400,000 will be applied to the HOME rehabilitation program to assist at least ten homes. Applications are sent to all Cities that are interested in assisting citizens that own single family homes within their city. Cities provide match on behalf of their citizens to maintain housing stock and prevent neighborhood blight. Single-family homes are assisted first-come, first-served based on the cities that provide match on behalf of their

citizens.

RFPs for home development will be announced through the Commercial Recorder, on Community Development and Housing's website, and by email to existing developers and CHDOs. Email and hard copy versions are available on request. For the homeowner rehabilitation program, each city was emailed an application with additional information about the benefits of the program. CDHD works directly with each homeowner.

2. *A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:*

Although Tarrant County does not currently have a homebuyer program. Tarrant County does not impose resale requirements, but does exercise a recapture option for its HOME Program in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254 (a) (5) (ii). Recapture is enforced for a period of five (5) years on the Homebuyer Assistance Programs where direct subsidy to the homebuyer is subject to recapture. Direct subsidy consists of down payment assistance and/or closing costs that are less than \$10,000 or pass through rates which is subject to a lien on the home mortgage. If the buyers of the housing unit assisted is noncompliant and does not satisfy principle residency requirements, repayment of full subsidy is required. In the event of sale, short sale and/or foreclosure, the amount recaptured will be limited to the net proceeds and the pro-rata amount at the period in time of sale. Net proceeds are defined as the gross sales price minus the balance of all outstanding mortgages and additional liens on the property, commissions to sellers and buyers' agents, excise tax and any additional closing costs owed by the seller. Pro-rata repayment occurs in the event the homeowner sells the property before five years of a home owner rehabilitation affordability period. The homeowner will repay the amount of HOME assistance given according to the following schedule. Sold or not used as a primary residence within 1 year = 100% repayment costs, within 2 years = 80% repayment, within 3 years = 60% repayment, within 4 years = 40% repayment, within 5 years = 20% repayment, AFTER five years = 0% repayment. After the fifth year has ended, a request to release Tarrant County's lien may be granted without penalty. Any funds recaptured from homebuyers as a result of repayment of HOME assistance of down payment and closing costs prior to the expiration of the minimum recapture period as described in 24CFR 92.503 may be utilized for County approved HOME-eligible activities to benefit low-income families or individuals.

CHDO will use HOME funds to develop affordable housing. 2023 and prior year funds will be used to develop at least 100 affordable units to assist low- to moderate-income households residing in Tarrant County, outside of the cities of Arlington, Fort Worth and Grand Prairie. Re-capture guidelines will be maintained as stated above.

3. *A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) as follows:*

In the event of sale, short sale and/or foreclosure of a unit acquired with HOME funds, the amount recaptured will be limited to the net proceeds and the pro-rata amount at the period in time of sale. Net proceeds are defined as the gross sales price minus the balance of all outstanding mortgages and additional liens on the property, commissions to seller's and buyer's agents, excise tax and any additional closing costs owed by the seller. Pro-rata repayment occurs in the event the homeowner sells the property before five years of a home owner rehabilitation affordability period. The homeowner will repay the amount of HOME assistance given according to the following schedule. Sold or not used as a primary residence within 1 year = 100% repayment costs, within 2 years = 80% repayment, within 3 years = 60% repayment, within 4 years = 40% repayment, within 5 years = 20% repayment, after five years = 0% repayment.

Tarrant County will place a lien on the property to ensure ownership remains to original person during affordability period. Up front contracts will clearly stipulate the lien and purpose. In order to make any changes to ownership a request for lien release is required through Tarrant County. Annual proof of insurance is sent to Tarrant County or the CHDOs and annual homebuyer certification is filled out and returned from persons assisted with homebuyer subsidy during the affordability period. Units are physically monitored every 3 years to ensure affordability of units are maintained for rental and resale units.

4. *Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:*

Tarrant County does not plan on re-financing existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

1. *Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)*

Please see Written ESG Standards and performance measures in appendices of Final Action Plan.

2. *If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.*

In accordance with the requirements provided in the Interim Rule for the CoC Program recorded in 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8) to fulfill the goals of the Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End

Homelessness, the Tarrant County CoC has designed a CE system. The CE is designed to meet the following requirements of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH Act).

The following overview provides a brief description of the path a household will follow beginning their first night of homelessness/seeking assistance to permanent housing. Assessments are conducted at designated Program access points, Community hub locations, and the TCHC Helpline. Locations and hours for assessments can be found on TCHC's website www.ahomewithhope.org.

The CE provides households experiencing homelessness access to services from multiple locations to ensure a fair and consistent process is applied across the continuum. Entry into the system may be initiated in person at a program access point or community hub location, through the TCHC helpline, or homeless outreach teams.

Step 1: Assessment- Assessments are facilitated by trained Housing Assessors using HMIS. The HUD

Assessment and population specific assessment is generated in HMIS for all households experiencing homelessness and seeking assistance. Households will be assessed every 90 days until exiting the CE.

Step 2: Housing Match- Information gathered from the HUD Assessment and local assessments are used to determine which housing intervention is the most appropriate to meet the needs of the household. HMIS will automatically complete this step of the process.

Step 3: Prioritization- Once the appropriate housing intervention is determined households are sorted with the most vulnerable receiving priority. HMIS automatically compiles lists according to the information provided through the HUD Assessment and local assessments and in accordance with the Continuum's priority ranking.

Step 4: Housing Navigation- Housing Navigators will work with households at the top of the list. The Navigator can be one of the following: a designated Coordinated Entry Housing Navigator; the Outreach Worker; the initial Housing Assessor; or the Housing Case Manager of the program providing housing. The Housing Navigator begins the process of preparing for housing. This process may include but is not limited to the following activities: obtaining ID, security cards, homeless verification documents, and beginning search for a housing unit. When necessary, Housing Navigators will assist with securing the housing unit, application fees, and security deposits.

Step 5: Referral- As program openings become available, Housing Navigators will connect households to housing program options. Navigators will assist in scheduling initial housing intake appointments and will serve as the household's advocate.

Coordinated entry is not utilized locally to assign or coordinate initial shelter beds.

- 3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).*

A RFP to receive Tarrant County ESG funds was issued January 10, 2022 and was due back to Tarrant County Community Development on February 10, 2022. Funds were open to emergency shelter which seven agencies applied for funds for emergency shelter-operational funds. Each RFP for each activity was reviewed by review committee on March 24, 2022 and funds allocated accordingly. As there is a 60% cap on Emergency Shelter activities, Tarrant County will provide funding to shelters directly assisting persons experiencing homelessness coming from anywhere within Tarrant County. Balance of ESG funds will be applied to prevent homelessness for persons with no COVID-19 related impacts.

- 4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.*

Structure with the TCHC lead has changed, but Tarrant County meets the homeless participation requirement by participating in TCHC's planning and committees. TCHC executes focus groups and compiles surveys to understand the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Comments and information are also collected from the advisory council meetings held monthly that is comprised of CoC member agencies administrators that manage homeless programs and services. Combined, we can better identify homeless needs and move those experiencing homeless into housing or prevent homelessness. See Final Action Plan for compilation of comments.

- 5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.*

The performance standards will require initial evaluations and re-evaluations. Subrecipients will be required to conduct initial evaluations of all households interested in receiving ESG assistance in order to determine eligibility and the cost and type of assistance necessary for the household to regain stability in permanent housing. The evaluation must comply with the County's written standards and the local CoC's centralized CAS. In order to successfully record performance outcomes, the CoC system requires that once a household is enrolled in an ESG program, non-domestic violence agencies must complete an initial HUD Intake Assessment within the HMIS system (ETO), the HUD Mid-Program Assessment, and the HUD Exit Assessment upon program. Performance outcomes will be reported to the County using the HMIS generated ESG reports. Domestic Violence Organizations will provide the same data utilizing their similar data systems. Reassessments are required for program participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance and rapid re-housing assistance. Participants receiving homeless prevention must be reassessed monthly; rapid re-housing participants must be reassessed at least quarterly. All participants must receive an exit assessment. TCHC will help provide data to assess performance of sub recipients thereby allowing Tarrant County to best allocate program funds for the program year. Data collected by the TCHC will be provided quarterly and upon request. The administration of the HMIS has been

contracted to the TCHC as assigned by the CoC. The following is Tarrant County's performance standards as agreed upon with other grantees within Tarrant County and HMIS administrator.

Street Outreach: Number of persons receiving case management and placed into housing

Emergency Shelter Operations: Number of persons receiving case management and have exited to transitional or permanent housing.

Homelessness Prevention: Number of persons receiving case management, with higher income at program exit, with non-cash benefits at exit that do not enter the CoC system shelters during the remainder of the ESG year.

Rapid Re-Housing: Number of persons receiving case management, exited to or maintained permanent housing at exit, with higher income at program exit, with non-cash benefits at exit that do not enter into the CoC system shelters during the remainder of the ESG year.

See agreed uniform performance standards in the appendices in the Final Action Plan.

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RESOLUTION

**APPROVAL OF THE TARRANT COUNTY
PY 2023 ACTION PLAN**

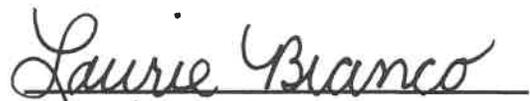
WHEREAS, the Mayors' Council of Tarrant County acts as Advisory Council to the Tarrant County Commissioners Court for the County's Community Development and Housing Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as authorized by the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 and all subsequent related legislation and regulations, requires all entitlement communities receiving HUD funding to submit an Action Plan in order to receive continued federal funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs; and

WHEREAS, this planning process requires a one-year Action Plan to identify specific projects and activities to be implemented with the above-named federal grant funds as a part of Tarrant County's 49th Year Community Development program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the MAYORS' COUNCIL OF TARRANT COUNTY, do hereby approve the Tarrant County PY2023 Action Plan, and do hereby recommend this Plan and the PY 2023 Work Program of housing and community development projects and activities proposed therein be approved by the Honorable Tarrant County Commissioners Court.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.


Honorable Laurie Bianco
Mayor of the City of Dalworthington
Gardens
Chair, Mayors' Council of Tarrant County

Passed the 3rd day of April, 2023

Attest: 



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Tim O'Hare
County Judge of Tarrant County
100 E Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Tim O'Hare:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2023 available amounts are as follows:

CPD Programs:	Amount
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$4,199,392
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$250,298
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$1,693,676
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$0
CDBG Recovery Housing Program (RHP)	\$0

These grant funds provide the financial tools to support individuals, families, and communities to address homelessness, affordable housing challenges, aging infrastructure, and economic hardships. CPD is committed to being your partner throughout the process of using these funds. Our local office will assist in finalizing grant agreements, offer technical assistance and training when needed, and monitor and implement grant funds for eligible projects in a timely manner. We will work with you to ensure proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) so we can together improve performance data on how these programs are benefitting and touching people's lives, build trust with stakeholder groups and Congress, and amplify the success stories that you and your jurisdiction are able to accomplish with these vital resources.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year and outstanding Section 108 balances as of February 27, 2023, you also have \$20,996,960 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally guaranteed, this program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in your jurisdiction.

Thank you for your continued interest in CPD programs, I greatly appreciate your leadership in using these funds to address your most urgent housing and community development needs, including preventing and reducing homelessness. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Field Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marion McFadden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marion Mollegen McFadden
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development

FY2022 CONTINUUM OF CARE NOTICE AND FUNDING REPORT

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State	CoC Numb	Organization Name	Project or Award Name	FY 2022 Amount
Texas	TX-601	Center for Transforming Lives	CTL Rapid Rehousing Renewal of 2108	\$840,918
Texas	TX-601	CitySquare	OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH	\$120,503
Texas	TX-601	Day Resource Center for the Homeless	Quail Trail	\$496,301
Texas	TX-601	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	CHANGE 2022 - 2023 (TX0345L6T012108)	\$209,227
Texas	TX-601	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 1 2022 - 2023 (TX0106L6T012114)	\$1,928,338
Texas	TX-601	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 2 2022 - 2023 (TX0108L6T012114)	\$1,499,039
Texas	TX-601	Fort Worth Housing Solutions	SPC 6 2022 - 2023 (TX0337L6T012110)	\$227,711
Texas	TX-601	Hearts Full of Love	HFOL RRH 2022	\$280,365
Texas	TX-601	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA ANFP FY22	\$54,384
Texas	TX-601	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA RRH FY22	\$285,035
Texas	TX-601	Housing Authority of the City of Arlington	AHA SPC FY2022	\$403,819
Texas	TX-601	MHMR of Tarrant County	Gateway to Housing FY22	\$406,044
Texas	TX-601	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Housing Solutions Combined	\$1,865,404
Texas	TX-601	Presbyterian Night Shelter	Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven	\$184,526
Texas	TX-601	Recovery Resource Council	Project New Start Renewal FY22	\$860,358
Texas	TX-601	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	SafeFoundations for RapidRehousing FY2022	\$255,804
Texas	TX-601	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	\$141,360
Texas	TX-601	SafeHaven of Tarrant County	Supporting SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY 2022	\$114,943
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	CTL 3CP	\$380,433
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	Housing SPC	\$98,460
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	SafeTomorrows	\$144,192
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program	\$438,458
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	Samaritan House Grace Village	\$119,781
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	TBLA 114 Tarrant County	\$1,288,838
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	TBLA 13 MHMR	\$172,493
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	TBLA 15 Samaritan House	\$114,520
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	TBLA 17 MHMR	\$208,991
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	TSA Housing First PSH Combined	\$729,944
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County	TSA SIMON PSH	\$646,211
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC Coordinated Entry System FY22	\$491,048
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	CoC HMIS FY22	\$370,122
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	FY22 CoC Planning Project	\$463,189
Texas	TX-601	Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Optimizing CE for DV Clients FY22	\$68,392

TX-601 Emergency Solutions Grant Performance Measures

Activity	Output / Outcome	Data Collection Required
1) Street Outreach	Number of Persons: A. Total Unduplicated Served B. Total Unduplicated Engaged	Pulled From: A. APR Q7a B. APR Q9b
	Of those engaged, Number of Persons: A. Those placed in temporary housing destinations B. Those placed in permanent housing destinations	Pulled From: A. APR Q23a&b B. ARP Q23a&b
2) Emergency Shelter Operations	Number of Persons: A. Total Unduplicated Served	Pulled From: A. APR Q7a
	Of those receiving Case Management, Number of Persons: A. Those exiting ES to temporary or permanent housing destinations B. Those who have non-cash benefits at exit	Pulled From: A. APR Q23a&b B. APR Q20b
3) Homeless Prevention	Number of Persons: A. Total Unduplicated Served	Pulled From: A. APR Q7a
	Of those served, Number of Persons: A. Those able to maintain housing at exit B. Those who have non-cash benefits at exit	Pulled From: A. APR Q23a&b B. APR Q20b
4) Rapid Re-Housing	Number of Persons: A. Total Unduplicated Served	Pulled From: A. APR Q7a
	Of those served, Number of Persons: A. Those who exited to or maintained permanent housing at exit B. Those who have non-cash benefits at exit C. Those who have cash income at exit	Pulled From: A. APR Q23a&b B. APR Q20b C. APR Q19a3
5) Coordinated Entry System: <i>Proposed Future Measure</i>	A. 100% of RRH enrollments come from CES B. 90% of CES referrals must be accepted by housing providers C. The average length of time between referral to lease up is less than 60 days.	Pulled From: CES Reporting Metrics under development

Written ESG Standards

Tarrant County works with many varied subrecipients and will utilize HUD's regulations as a basis for policy. However, for each individual/family that receives services under the Emergency Solutions Grant, appropriate agency staff must record certain information on the *Client Intake* form upon meeting and *Client Exit* form when the client is no longer funded under ESG. For activities under Rapid Re-Housing, Client Intake and Exit forms should be forwarded to Tarrant County Community Development Division as they occur unless other arrangements have been negotiated with Community Development staff. Any change in client data should be reported to Community Development Staff on the *Client Change Report* form as they occur. All agencies must enter all data in the HMIS system and maintain files on each family and/or persons. An separate file should be kept on each program participant (some exceptions may apply). Any agency seeking an exception must submit a request in writing to the ESG/SHP Program Manager. Program participant files should contain, at a minimum, the following documents in a clearly marked section of the file:

- An application into the program
- Documentation of Homelessness, with appropriate back-up documentation
- Tarrant County Intake form
- Initial Assessment
- Service Plan
- On-going assessments
- Case manager notes
- Tarrant County Exit form
- Rent computations (if applicable)
- Follow-up notes (if applicable)
- Housing Quality Standards initial and annual inspections (if applicable)
- Tenant lease agreement (if applicable)

Per 24 CFR 576.401 The subrecipient must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the eligibility of each individual or family's eligibility for ESG assistance and the amount and types of assistance the individual or family needs to regain stability in permanent housing. These evaluations must be conducted in accordance with the centralized or coordinated assessment requirements set forth under §576.400(d) and the written standards established under §576.400(e). The subrecipient must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the types and amounts of assistance the program participant needs not less than once every 3 months for program participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance, and not less than once annually for program participants receiving rapid re-housing assistance. At a minimum, each re-evaluation of eligibility must establish that: (i) The program participant does not have an annual income that exceeds 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; and (ii) The program participant lacks sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance.

- When the program participant's income or other circumstances change (*e.g.*, changes in household composition) that affect the program participant's need for assistance under

ESG, the subrecipient must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the amount and types of assistance the program participant needs.

- When determining the annual income of an individual or family, the recipient or subrecipient must use the standard for calculating annual income under 24 CFR 5.609.
- Subrecipients must assist each program participant, as needed, to obtain appropriate supportive services, including assistance in obtaining permanent housing, medical health treatment, mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living; housing stability case management; other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available to assist the program participant in obtaining housing stability including:
 - (i) Medicaid (42 CFR chapter IV, subchapter C);
 - (ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (7 CFR parts 271–283);
 - (iii) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (7 CFR part 246);
 - (iv) Federal-State Unemployment Insurance Program (20 CFR parts 601–603, 606, 609, 614–617, 625, 640, 650);
 - (v) Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) (20 CFR part 404);
 - (vi) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (20 CFR part 416);
 - (vii) Child and Adult Care Food Program (42 U.S.C. 1766(t) (7 CFR part 226));
 - (viii) Other assistance available under the programs listed in §576.400(c).

a. Policies and procedures for coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential service providers, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance providers, other homeless assistance providers, and mainstream service and housing providers.

Coordination to assist the homeless and prevent homelessness will come from the leadership of the Tarrant County Continuum of Care. Subrecipients must have active engagement and membership in the CoC to receive funding. Subrecipients must use HMIS and attend trainings to accurately enter data. The CoC will provide the necessary coordination to better assist clients with limited community resources.

b. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals will receive rapid re-housing assistance.

The key to the success of any program is a screening and assessment process, which thoroughly explores the families or individual's situation and pinpoints their unique housing and service needs. Based upon the assessment, families and individuals should be referred to the kinds of housing and services most appropriate to their situations. As each program from different subrecipients may differ, Tarrant County will utilize HUD regulations as a base to determine and prioritize which eligible families and individuals will receive prevention assistance and rapid re-housing assistance. Families with children, persons with disabilities and elderly will be prioritized according to situation based on case management and intake assessment. Under homelessness prevention assistance, funds are available to persons below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI), and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

These funds can be used to prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless and/or regain stability in current housing or other permanent housing. Rapid re-housing funding will be available to those who are literally homeless to ultimately move into permanent housing and achieve housing stability. Uniform Intake Assessments will provide initial determination with further case management to better determine and prioritize client needs.

c. Standards for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, while receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance.

Standards for both homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, will be based on the following.

- No rental assistance will be made if a client is receiving rental assistance from another public source for the same time period.
- There will be no requirement that a participant must pay rent under the homelessness prevention activity as this activity will be short term assistance.
- Under the rapid re-housing activity, participant income will be verified and assessed at least every 6 months. Based on gross income and type of program the participant is in, a participant may pay no more than 30% of adjusted gross income.
- Current Fair Market Rent (FMR) limits
- Rent reasonableness while taking into account the neighborhood
- Minimum habitability standards
- Rental assistance agreement and lease between property manager and tenant as well as owner of property and agency. Per 24 CFR 576.106 (e), the subrecipient may make rental assistance payments only to an owner with whom the subrecipient has entered into a rental assistance agreement. The rental assistance agreement must set forth the terms under which rental assistance will be provided, including the requirements that apply under this section. The rental assistance agreement must provide that, during the term of the agreement, the owner must give the subrecipient a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit, or any complaint used under state or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant.

d. Standards for determining how long a particular program participant will be provided with rental assistance and whether and how the amount of that assistance will be adjusted over time.

Subject to the general conditions under §576.103 and §576.104, the subrecipient may provide a program participant with up to 24 months of rental assistance during any 3-year period. This assistance may be short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, payment of rental arrears, or any combination of this assistance.

(1) Short-term rental assistance is assistance for up to 3 months of rent.

(2) Medium-term rental assistance is assistance for more than 3 months but not more than 24 months of rent.

(3) Payment of rental arrears consists of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

- e. **Standards for determining the type, amount, and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services to provide a program participant, including the limits, if any, on the homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance that each program participant may receive, such as the maximum amount of assistance, maximum number of months the program participants receives assistance; or the maximum number of times the program participants may receive assistance.**

Please refer to item (d) and (e) above.

Publisher's Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

I, JOHN M. BONDURANT, JR., PUBLISHER of the **COMMERCIAL RECORDER**, am over the age of 18, have knowledge of the facts stated herein, and am otherwise competent to make this affidavit. The **COMMERCIAL RECORDER**, of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, is a newspaper of general circulation which has been published in Tarrant County regularly and continuously for a period of over one year prior to the first day of publication of this notice. The **COMMERCIAL RECORDER** is qualified to publish legal notices according to Article 28e, Revised Civil statutes of Texas.

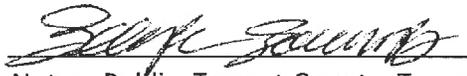
I, solemnly swear that the notice hereto attached was published in the **COMMERCIAL RECORDER**, on the following dates, to-wit:

January 10, 2023



Sworn to and subscribed before me this

10th day of January, A.D. 2023


Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas

REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS/REQUEST
FOR QUALIFICATIONS
TARRANT COUNTY
Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)
Public Service funds
January 10, 2023

Tarrant County announces a Request for Proposals/ Request for Qualifications (RFP/RFQ) for public service organizations under the FY 2023 Tarrant County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services program. In order for your organization to be eligible for funding under the Public Services program, your program must address social services, transportation services and/ or educational services within the urban county entitlement jurisdiction of Tarrant County, outside of Fort Worth, Arlington and Grand Prairie. Awards up to \$50,000 are contingent on availability in funding, agency capability and financial status, annual needs and status of current contract obligations.

For any questions or request for a copy of the RFP, call Tarrant County Community Development at 817-850-7940 or download a copy from the website at: <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/community-development-and-housing-department.html>

All proposals must be received no later than 12:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2023. Please e-mail proposal submissions to: Susan Au, SAu@TarrantCountyTX.gov and ensure a reply has been made to confirm receipt.



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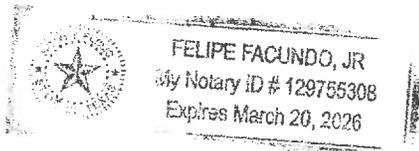
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
TARRANT COUNTY
Emergency Solutions
Grant (ESG) Funds
January 10, 2023

Tarrant County announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) for homeless services organizations under the FY 2023 Tarrant County Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. In order for your nonprofit organization to be eligible for funding under the shelter operations program, you must operate a homeless shelter; provide services to those experiencing homelessness; or aid in preventing homelessness within the urban county entitlement jurisdiction of Tarrant County. Tarrant County anticipates awarding up to \$130,000 for emergency shelter operations.

A copy of the RFP's can be mailed to you by calling Tarrant County Community Development at 817-850-7949 or download a copy from the website at: www.tarrantcounty.com/eCommunityDev/.

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TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION

**STATE OF
THE
HOMELESS
REPORT**

2023

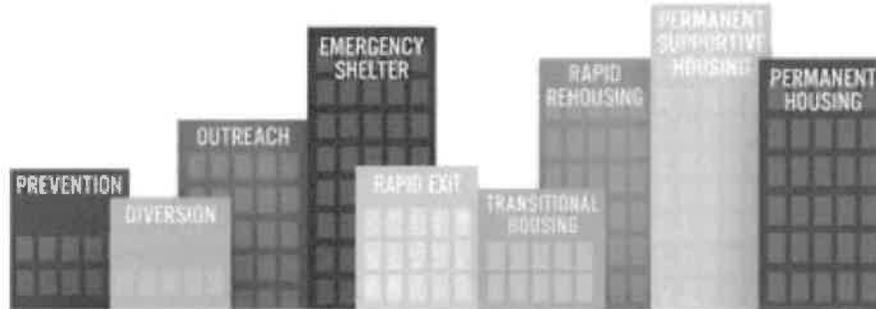
*"A vibrant community where everyone has
a place to call home and the resources to live their best life."*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2022 HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

VISION
A vibrant community where every individual has a place to call home and the resources to live their best life.

MISSION
The CoC cultivates partnerships to collectively create effective and efficient community solutions to homelessness.



TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN 2022: 13,632

2023 POINT IN TIME COUNT RESULTS

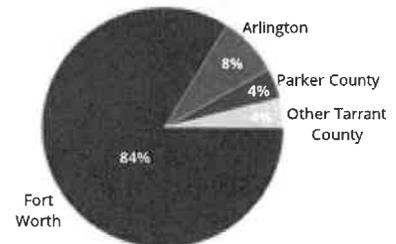
2023 TOTAL: 2,723



TRENDS

- 22% overall increase ↑
- 27% increase in unsheltered ↑
- 27% increase in Veterans homelessness ↑
- 27% increase in Family homelessness ↑
- 9% increase in Chronic homelessness ↑

WHERE?



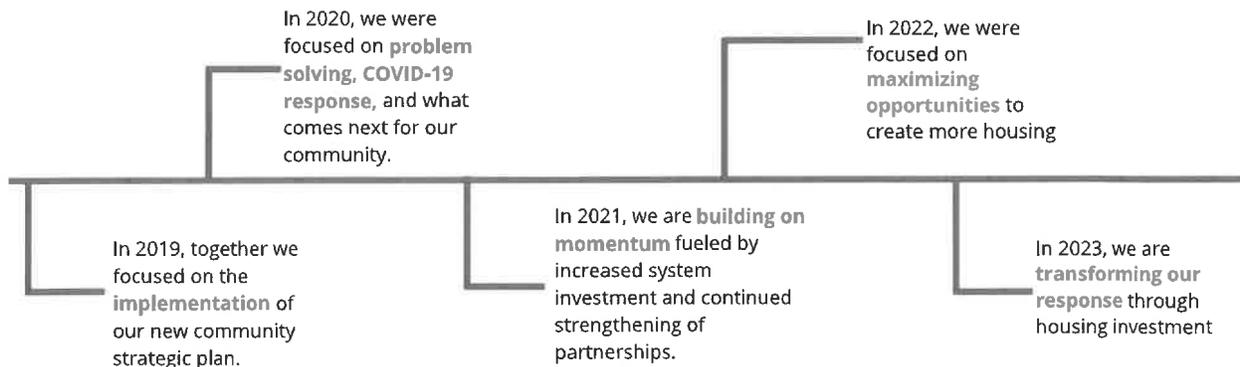
WHY?

- Top reasons people become homeless:**
1. Unemployment/No Income
 2. Inability to pay rent
 3. Physical/Mental Disability

WHO?



SYSTEMS CHANGE



INTRODUCTION

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (the Homeless Coalition) is pleased to present the 2023 State of the Homeless Report. The 2023 State of the Homeless Report is a powerful resource for understanding the scope and intricacies of homelessness in Tarrant and Parker counties. This report contains the most current and accurate data and analysis available for homelessness in Tarrant and Parker counties. The Homeless Coalition hopes to convey an understanding of how our system works together, the magnitude of the response, accomplishments, and what the next year holds.

2023 brings new opportunities, as well as great challenges. 2023 will be a year of continued recovery from the ongoing impact of COVID-19, while focusing on building a future where every person has a place to call home. COVID-19 brought devastation to our community from the loss of loved ones to economic challenges, but it also brought an influx of additional resources to shore up our community safety net including serving people experiencing homelessness. Our system of care received an investment of \$45M in CARES funding to provide housing and protect people in congregate settings. Additionally, for two years, our system had safeguards in place, such the federal eviction moratorium and robust prevention funding, to keep people stably housed. As this funding is coming to an end, we are seeing new impacts from the pandemic every day including an increase in the number of households who are experiencing housing instability and homelessness for the first time.

People often ask how our community managed a 40 percent decrease in homelessness during the pandemic. Simply put, the incredible influx of homeless prevention funding kept people housed and met a great need in our community. During the pandemic our community saw an increased investment in rental assistance and homeless prevention funds and fewer households experienced homelessness.

Our municipalities have continued their strategic investments in the homeless response system over the past year. Together, Tarrant County, the City of Fort Worth, and the City of Arlington have dedicated over \$64,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to build housing for people who are exiting homelessness. This investment means we are building a brighter future and moving closer to our vision of a vibrant community where everyone has a place to call home.

As our system works to assist every household in need, while also creating community-wide changes; we understand that the path ahead will not be an easy one. However, no matter the challenge, we always respond together in incredible ways, keeping people safe and protecting our most vulnerable neighbors.

Thank you to all of our partners for coming alongside us on this journey. The Homeless Coalition is here to serve you and could not do our work without you.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The CoC made significant progress on the strategic plan with the following major accomplishments:

- **Helped 2,044 households find a place to call home**
 - This is the largest number of households housed in a single year.
- **Secured \$64 million of capital funding to build affordable housing (as of 2/15/23)**
 - With this funding, over 400 multi-family units will be renovated or built to provide specialized housing options for people exiting homelessness.
- **Led the nation in utilization of Emergency Housing Vouchers**
 - In partnership with local housing authorities, our CoC was one of the most successful regions in the US at utilizing these vouchers quickly and efficiently.
- **Recruited over 50 landlord partners committed to giving people a second chance at housing**
 - Since 2020, the Homeless Coalition's Landlord Engagement team has partnered to have access to more than 12,500 units.
- **Developed and launched a new Housing Assessment Tool (HAT)**
 - Worked together with partners to create an assessment that better meets the needs of people experiencing homelessness and our community to ensure the best use of resources available.
- **Received funding for six new youth-focused programs**
 - Programs include Permanent Supportive Housing and Crisis Transitional Housing for 18-24 year-olds - services that were not previously available.
- **Provided training to 2,675 people in our community**
 - Over 200 trainings were conducted to direct service providers, management staff, community partners, and community members to increase knowledge about best practices in homeless services.

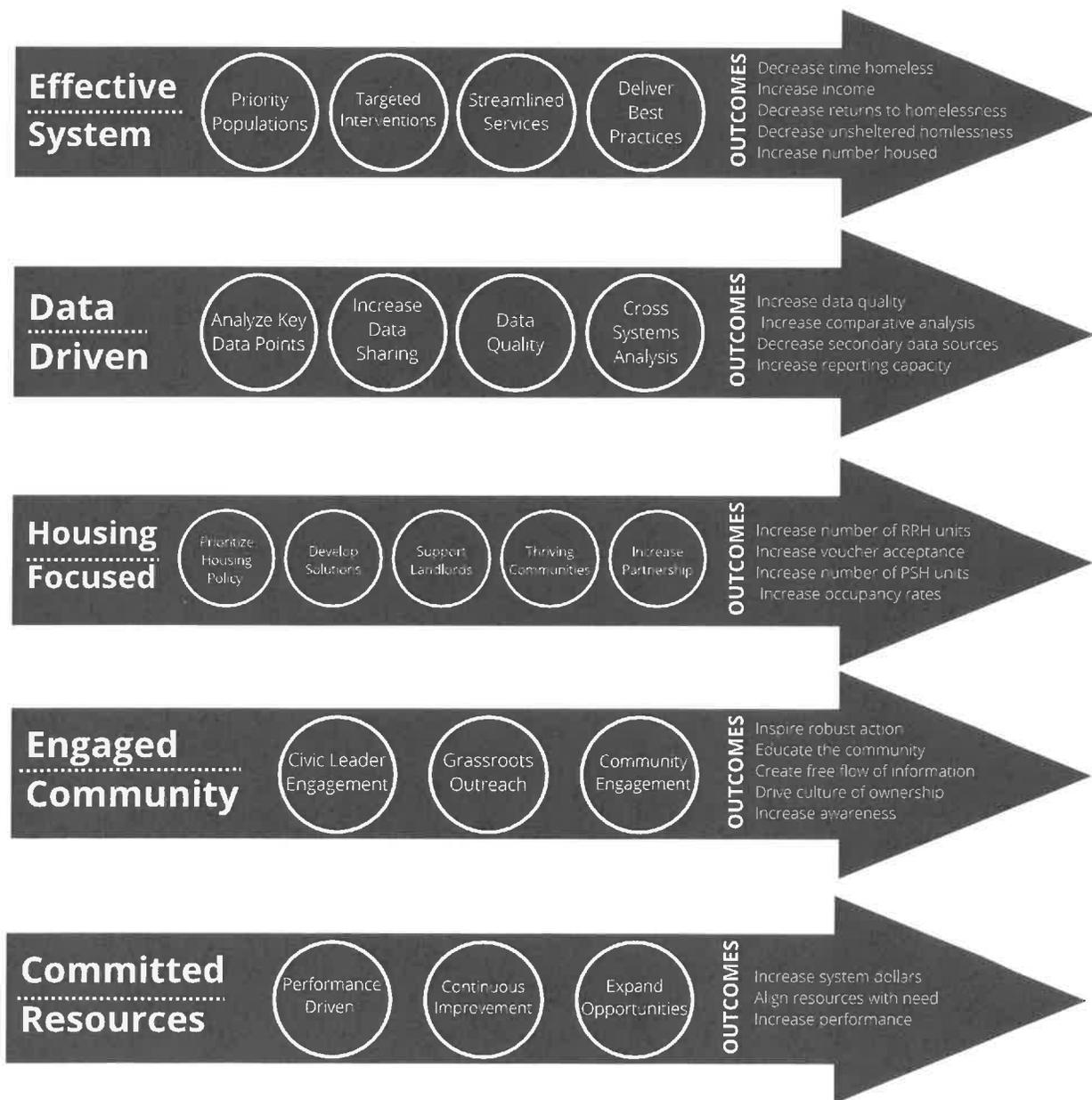


2023: A YEAR OF (RE)BUILDING

Community Alignment and The Strategic Plan

The Homeless Coalition and our partners serving people experiencing homelessness have committed to the CoC Strategic Plan to guide all planning and services within our housing crisis system of care. The strategies in the plan serve as the backbone of all efforts around homelessness, including planning and implementation of programs and services. The strategic plan was created with much thought and is designed to ensure the CoC is well prepared for growth, expansion, and new partnerships far into the future.

Working together, we can realize our shared vision of a vibrant community where every individual has a place to call home and the resources to live their best life.



VISION & MISSION

SHARED VISION

A vibrant community where individuals and families have a place to call home and the resources to live their best life.

MISSION

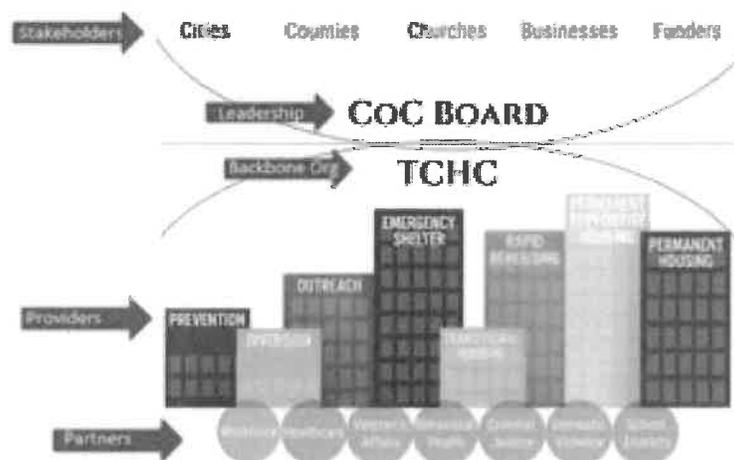
The CoC cultivates and creates partnerships to collectively impact effective and efficient community solutions for those experiencing homelessness.

The last two years have challenged our system in ways no one could have ever predicted, however it also made our system stronger and proved that the collective impact model works well for addressing homelessness in our community. We worked hard in 2018 and 2019 to implement system-wide changes to end homelessness in Tarrant and Parker Counties. When COVID-19 shut our community down in March 2020, it could have destroyed the groundwork that we built. But like COVID-19, our system of care evolved and changed. As a system, we came together to ensure we continued to work towards our common goal to give everyone a place to call home.

LEADERSHIP

Housing Crisis System of Care

Our Housing Crisis System of Care encompasses a wide array of services available to those at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The System of Care works because it is inclusive of many stakeholders, all of whom play a part in addressing homelessness; this includes organizations with the primary mission of addressing homelessness along with community stakeholders, elected officials, community leaders, and other partners who provide essential services such as healthcare, education, and employment.



The Continuum of Care Board of Directors

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Directors is a community-based planning body committed to the goal of ending homelessness. The CoC Board is responsible for providing community leadership to guide Tarrant and Parker Counties toward the goal of providing a home for all, putting the CoC's mission into action to realize our shared community vision.

The Board's responsibilities are to:

- Understand the size and scope of the problem of homelessness in our community;
- Promote funding efforts by non-profit providers, for profit entities and state and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma caused by dislocation;
- Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families;
- Lead the collective purpose surrounding the issue of homelessness;
- Optimize the self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and
- Design effective strategies and solutions to address homelessness.

Board Structure

The CoC Board of Directors is made up of a five-member Leadership Council and a 28-member Membership Council. The Leadership Council meets two times annually; the Membership Council meets on the fourth Monday of every other month. Within the CoC structure there are also standing committees, ad-hoc committees, subcommittees and work groups, all of which meet on a monthly or quarterly basis.



Committee Purpose and Alignment

Allocations

Purpose: The Allocations Committee is responsible review and ranking of applications to determine the priority projects for funding in the annual CoC NOFA from HUD. Additionally, the Allocations Committee evaluates other public funding collaborative applications for homeless services.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 5: Committed Resources

Governance

Purpose: The Governance Committee conducts the annual nominations process for the CoC Board of Directors and oversees strategic recruitment of community members to the CoC Board and committees. Committee members must include representation from both the Leadership and Membership Councils.

HMIS Governance Committee

Purpose: The HMIS Governance Committee oversees the Homeless Information Systems Management, including planning, participation, selection, implementation and ongoing oversight of technology systems.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 2: Data Driven Solutions

Housing Committee

Purpose: The Housing Committee makes recommendations to the CoC Board on the planning, CoC wide policies, procedures, implementation and oversight needed to ensure adequate housing stock and access for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 3: Housing Focused

Improvement, Coordination & Training Committee

Purpose: The ICT Committee oversees the development and implementation of CoC-wide policies, processes and training and oversees all intervention and population workgroups.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal: 1: Effective Response System

Subcommittees, Workgroups and Taskforces

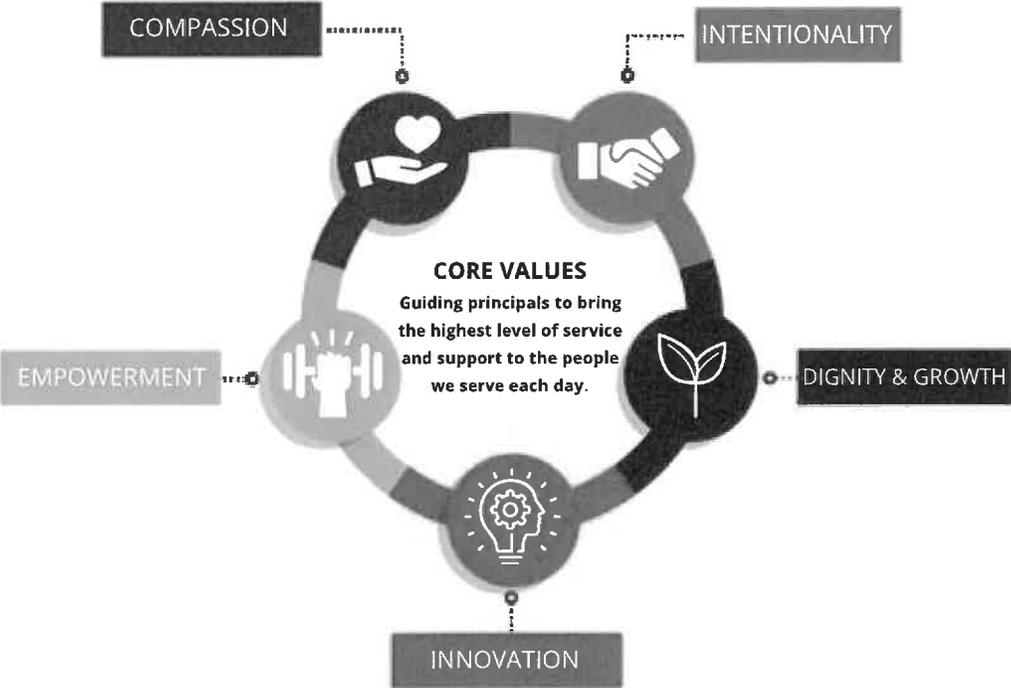
Emergency Shelter Strategy Coordination
Family Committee
Youth Committee
Continuous Quality Improvement YHDP
Workgroup
Advisory Council
Youth Action Board

Veterans Committee
TOTEL (outreach) Committee

Case Conferencing Groups:
Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid
Rehousing, Veteran, Youth, Emergency
Shelter, Site Based, Unsheltered, Arlington

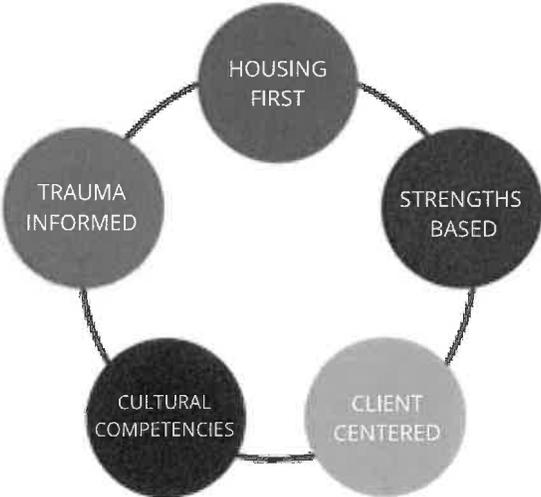
Core Values

Just as we have a shared community vision, our community of service providers also has shared core values that are embedded into our strategic plan and guide interventions in our system. Core values give us guiding principles to bring the highest level of service and support to people experiencing homelessness being served each day.



Core Competencies

Core competencies establish a community wide standard of care to ensure anyone who experiences homelessness receives consistent and high-quality services, regardless of where or what type of services they are seeking.



CORE INTERVENTIONS & PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Our Housing Crisis System of Care is made up of core interventions designed to serve people who have experienced housing instability and homelessness. Services provided range from homeless prevention to crisis response services to housing solutions. Each intervention is specifically designed to respond to meet people's needs and meet them where they are at that time.

PREVENTION EFFORTS

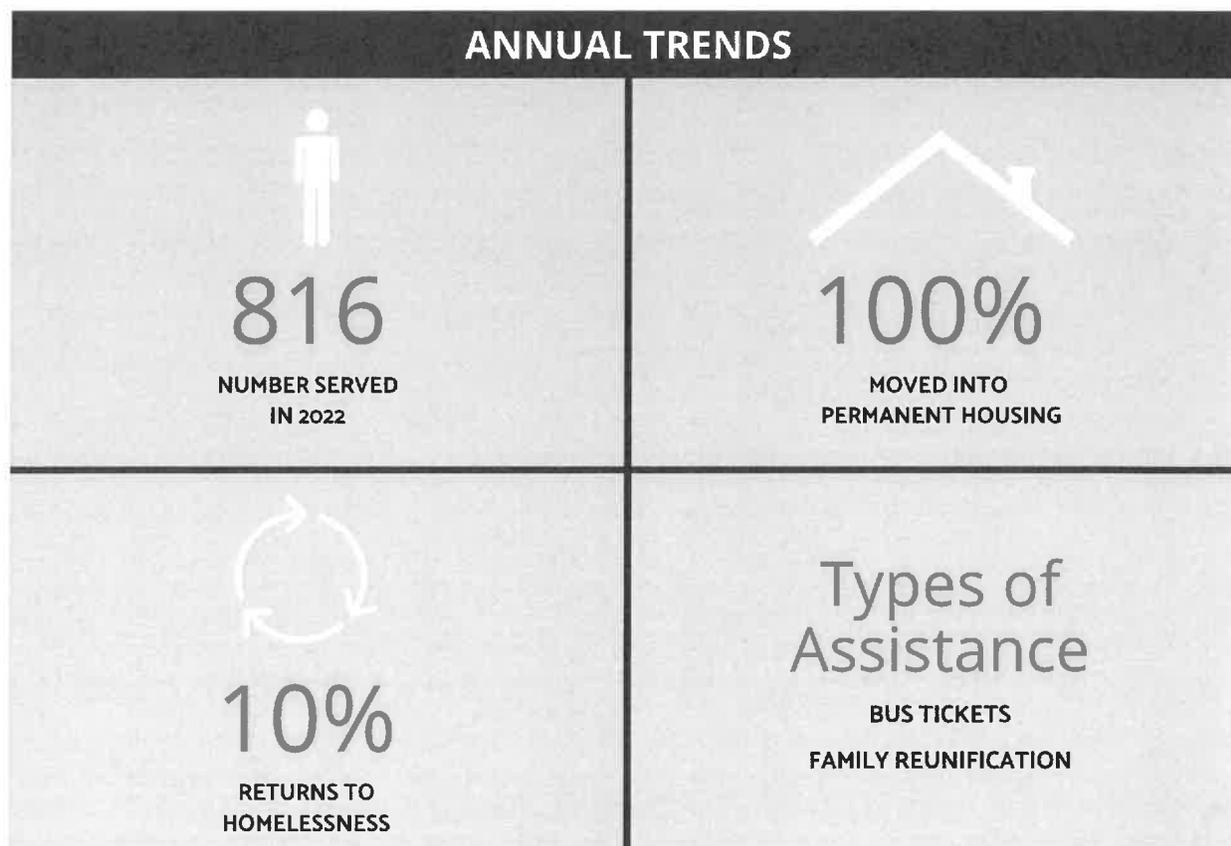
HOMELESS PREVENTION

Homeless Prevention services provide direct financial assistance to keep people from becoming homeless. Homeless Prevention is considered the most cost-effective way to help those who are at risk of losing their housing and can ultimately reduce a community's need for and reliance upon crisis response services such as emergency shelter and street outreach.



HOMELESS DIVERSION

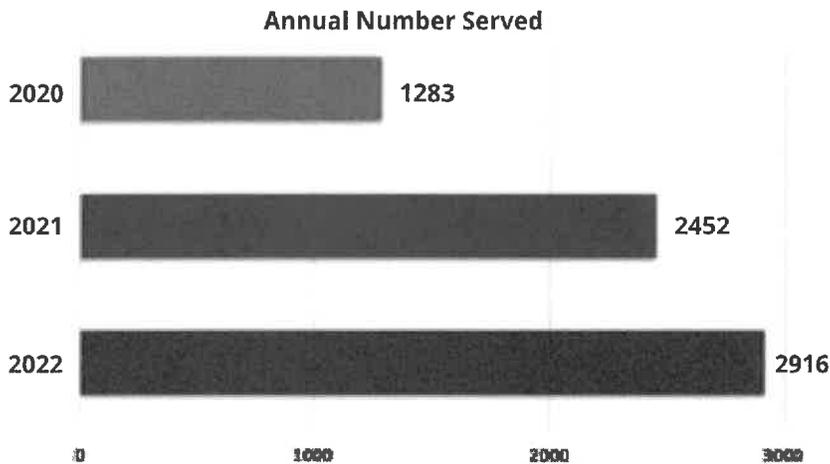
Homeless diversion is an intervention strategy used to keep people from entering homelessness. Diversion happens after households have lost their housing and helps to identify immediate alternative housing arrangements to assist them in securing permanent place to live. Examples of diversion services includes a negotiated return to their previous housing, transportation assistance to a new permanent housing opportunity, or a reunion with family or friends.



CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES

STREET OUTREACH

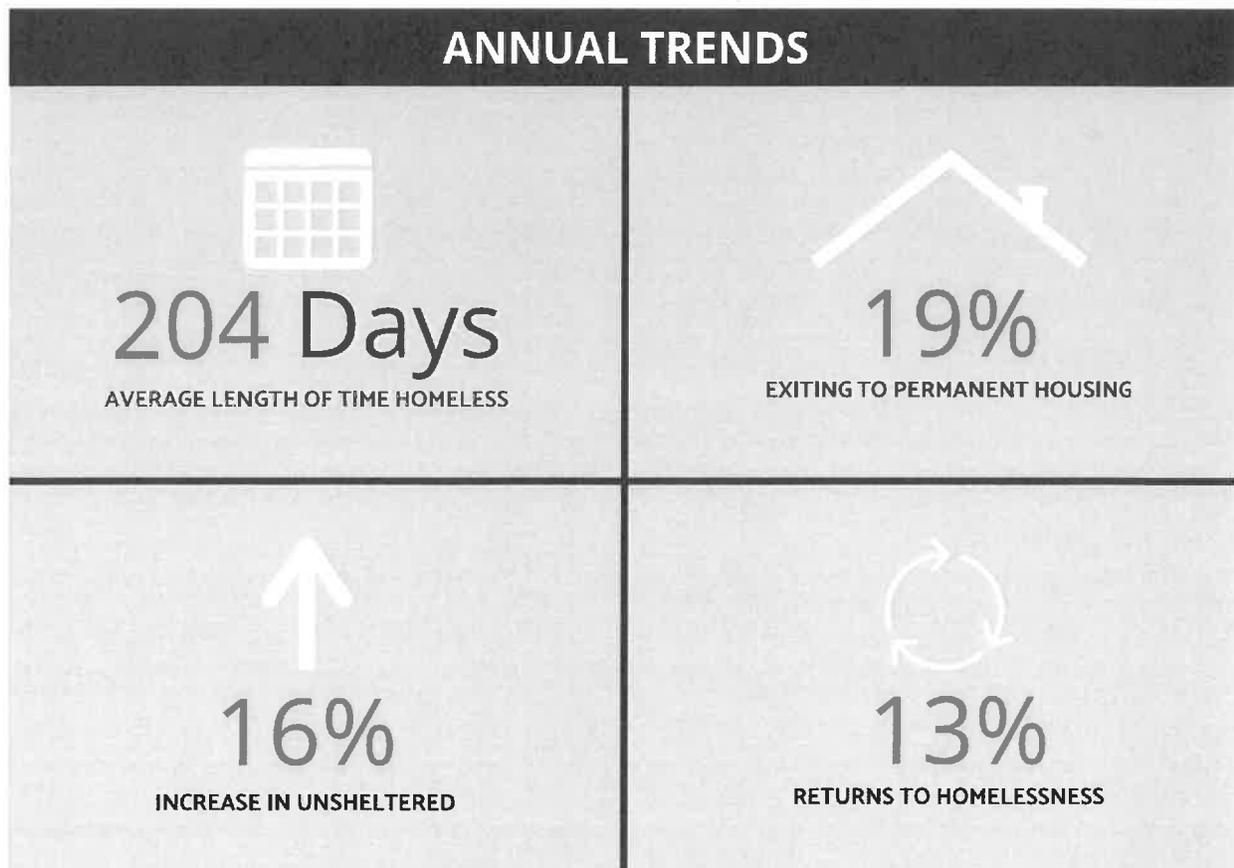
Street Outreach teams work daily to make relationships with people, helping them take steps to staying inside and ultimately becoming housed again. As Tarrant and Parker counties have experienced explosive growth, unsheltered homelessness has become more visible to community members. 1088 individuals were living outside on the night of the count, an increase of 34 percent, compared to the 2020 unsheltered count.



AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES

Hands of Hope
JPS
DRC Solutions
MHMR
FWPD H.O.P.E Team
Veteran's Affairs
Hearts Full of Love
CitySquare
Seasons of Change

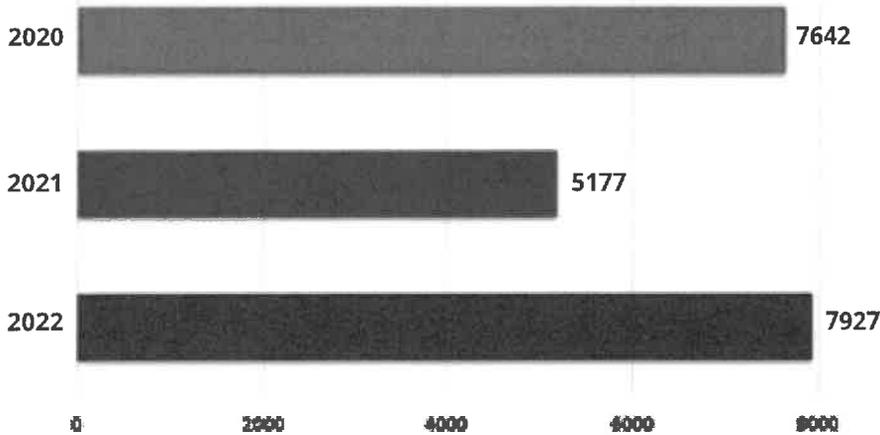
ANNUAL TRENDS



EMERGENCY SHELTER

Emergency shelters are intended for temporary shelter and crisis relief. Nine agencies in Tarrant County provide emergency shelter. On count night, 1,473 people were sleeping in emergency shelter. Emergency shelters are a critical component of our community's ability to respond to a person or family experiencing a housing crisis.

Annual Number Served



AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES

- ACH Child & Family Services
- Arlington Life Shelter
- Center for Transforming Lives
- DRC Solutions - Cold Weather
- Presbyterian Night Shelter
- SafeHaven of Tarrant County
- The Salvation Army Arlington
- The Salvation Army Fort Worth
- Union Gospel Mission

ANNUAL TRENDS



160 Days

AVERAGE TIME SPENT HOMELESS



35%

INCREASE IN PEOPLE ACCESSING SHELTER



24%

RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS

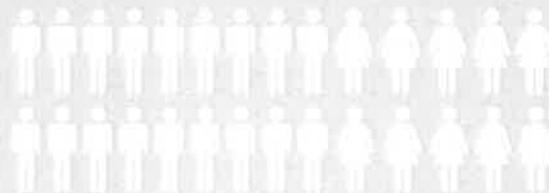


13%

EXITING TO PERMANENT HOUSING

1,473

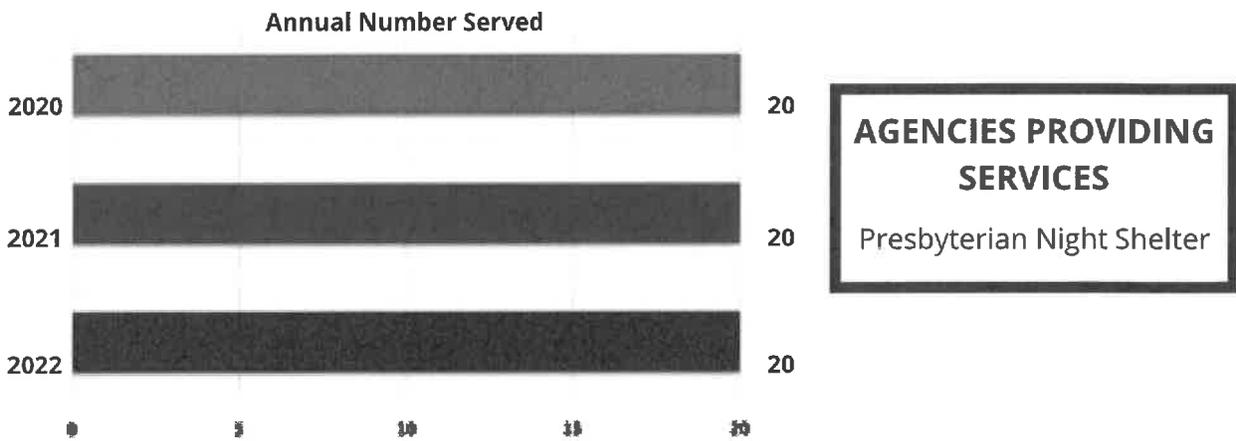
PEOPLE IN SHELTERS ON NIGHT OF 2023 PIT COUNT



SAFE HAVEN

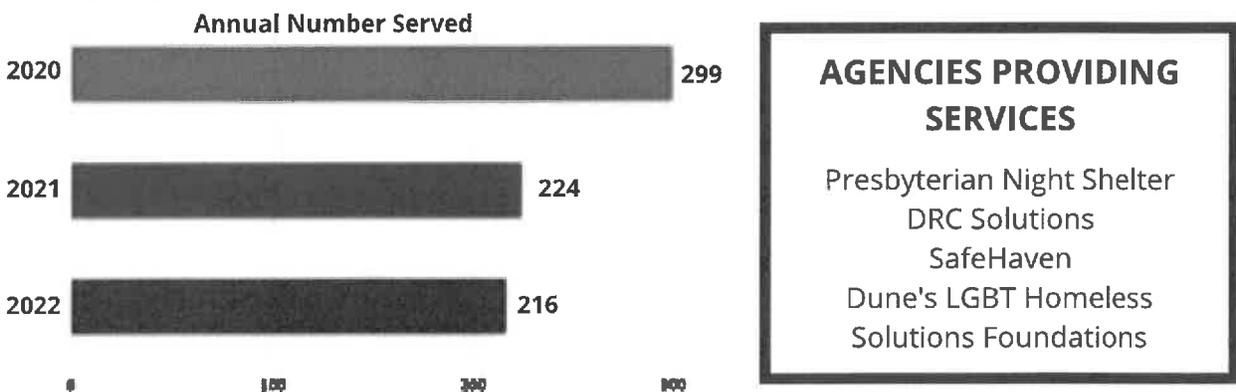
Safe Havens are small facilities that provide permanent housing for persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Locally, the only Safe Haven facility is operated by Presbyterian Night Shelter and should not be confused with the organization SafeHaven of Tarrant County, which provides services for victims of domestic violence.

Safe Haven is designed to meet the immediate medical, emotional, psychological, and psychiatric needs of its guests. Long-term, the program also assists with identifying solutions to resolve legal concerns and substance dependency. While housing placement is an ideal outcome for the program, the main purpose of Safe Haven is to provide a safe and secure place for guests to reside while living with severe mental illness. Safe Haven serves 10 men and 10 women for a total of 20 guests at any given time.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional housing (TH) programs provide time-limited housing assistance (2 years or less) and supportive services geared toward self-sufficiency and independence. The use of TH has proven effective for certain specialized populations including those experiencing domestic violence, youth aged 18 to 24, Veterans, and those dealing with chronic substance use. These recommendations are embraced by the Continuum of Care, as we strive to provide tailored interventions to populations with specific needs.



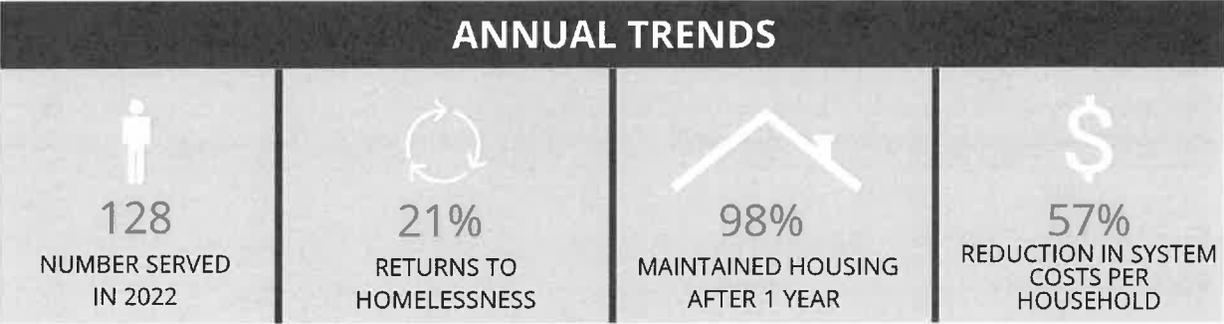
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HOUSING PROGRAMS

RAPID EXIT

Rapid Exit is an intervention that reduces homelessness by quickly connecting employed clients with one-time move-in assistance including costs such as application fees, administrative fees, double deposits, and rental assistance. Rapid exit approaches are built upon the recognition that some people who experience homelessness can effectively resolve their own homelessness independently or with very limited help. This often takes the form of housing-focused services intended to help the person identify ways to exit homelessness quickly and, when possible, without utilizing homelessness-dedicated resources.



SHALLOW SUBSIDIES

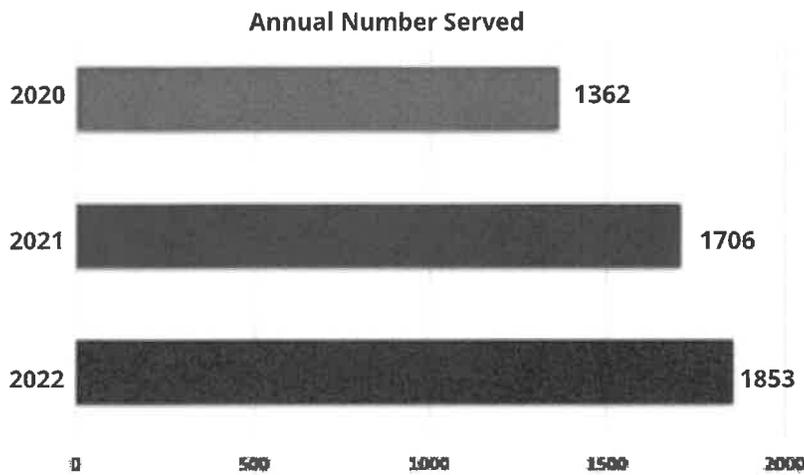
Shallow subsidies provide a small payment to families and individuals to help them cover rent. This amount is much less than traditional housing assistance and is meant to meet the smaller gap between income and rent for people with employment or sustainable income. Shallow subsidies are ideal for people that need a little help each month to make ends meet and keep people from returning to homelessness. The Continuum of Care estimates that about 3% of people experiencing homelessness in our continuum could benefit from a shallow subsidy.



RAPID REHOUSING

Rapid Rehousing quickly connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness to short-term rental assistance coupled with case management to help people get back on their feet. These programs reduce the amount of time individuals and families experience homelessness, avoid a return to homelessness, and link them to community resources to achieve long-term housing stability.

Rapid Rehousing has been proven to be extremely effective with families and is more cost effective than other long-term interventions such as Transitional Housing. Rapid rehousing served over 1000 people in 2022, with nearly 90% successfully retaining permanent housing after assistance ended.



AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES

Arlington Housing Authority
Center for Transforming Lives
CitySquare
DRC Solutions
Family Endeavors
MHMR
Presbyterian Night Shelter
Recovery Resource Council
Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering (RISE)
SafeHaven
Seasons of Changes
Tarrant County Community Devt
The Salvation Army- FW

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8.5 Months

AVERAGE TIME IN PROGRAM



66%

INCREASE IN INCOME



14%

RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS



89%

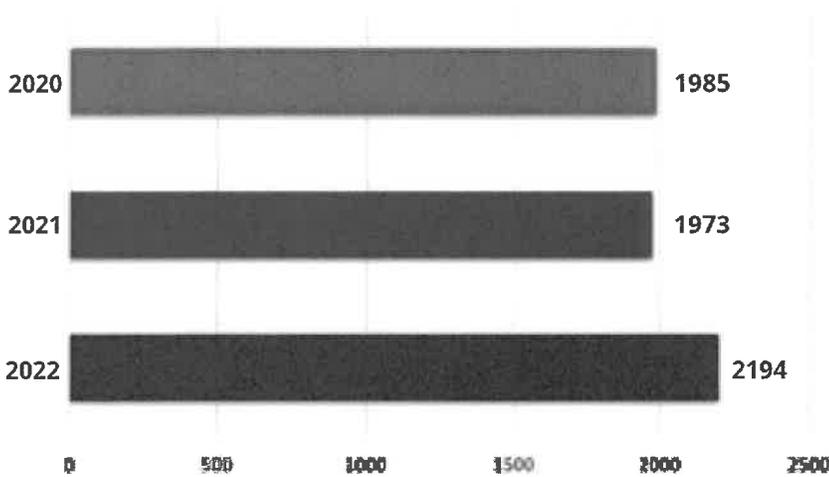
EXITING TO PERMANENT HOUSING

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) combines long-term rental assistance and supportive services tailored to people with complex barriers to getting and keeping housing. PSH is designed for people with a disabling condition who need permanent support to live stably. PSH is a proven solution for people who have experienced chronic homelessness.

There were 1,772 households served in community PSH programs last year. PSH is designed to be permanent and typically has a low turnover rate. PSH is best suited for approximately 10% of people experiencing homelessness in our community, and should be reserved for those with the most severe challenges to becoming and staying housed. In 2022, our CoC added the first ever PSH program for youth (ages 18-24). Although this program includes long-term rental assistance and case management, households are typically served for less than five years.

Annual Number Served



AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES

- Arlington Housing Authority
- CitySquare
- DRC Solutions
- Fort Worth Housing Solutions
- MHMR
- Presbyterian Night Shelter
- Recovery Resource Council
- SafeHaven
- Samaritan House
- Tarrant County Community Devt
- The Salvation Army- FW
- Veterans Administration

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PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Identifying and targeting priority populations has been recognized as a national best practice to address homelessness. Our community has identified priority populations for 2018 to 2023:

- 2018: Veterans
- 2019: Youth (18-24)
- 2020-2022: People most at risk with COVID-19
- 2023: Families
- 2024: Chronically homeless

With the recognition that COVID-19 had potentially disastrous impacts in congregate settings serving people experiencing homelessness, the CoC Board approved a change in priority population during the pandemic, refocusing our efforts on people who were most at risk for negative outcomes from COVID-19. The decision was also made to delay targeted work on other populations to keep people safe and move vulnerable people out of congregate settings. This work continued into 2021 and 2022 as our community continued to feel the impact of the pandemic.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, each year we kicked off efforts of our target population with a 100-Day Challenge, usually in the fall. During these Challenges our community brought providers serving specific populations together to get creative about their services, figure out how to serve complex cases within the population, and work together to make our system function the best it possibly can. Like many other things, our targeted population challenges looked different after working throughout the pandemic to ensure as many people had a place to call home as possible.

Veterans

Veterans experiencing homelessness remain a focus for our community. Veterans were the community's priority population in 2018, when we embarked on a 100-Day Challenge and a group of dedicated service providers began reviewing progress and determining a clear path forward to create a system where there are more veterans leaving homelessness than entering.



Our community saw a 12% increase in veterans experiencing homelessness in 2022, compared to 2021.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, our community has seen a significant decrease in the percent of veterans moving out of homelessness. The percent of veterans who returned to homelessness after two years remained stable at 20% in 2021 and 2022, however the percentage of returns is higher than other groups. The Veteran Committee is charged with continued efforts to address barriers to end homelessness for veterans in Tarrant County.

490

Veterans served
in 2022

175

Veterans found experiencing
homelessness on the night
of the 2023 count.

20%

Veterans returned to
homelessness in 2
years

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Youth

Young adults, age 18 to 24 and unaccompanied minors, were identified as our community's priority population for 2019. Youth are especially vulnerable on the street and are often taken advantage of and exploited in different ways. Additionally, a subset of this population, including LGBTQ+ youth, foster care alumni, and trafficked youth, need specialized services to help overcome barriers and past trauma.

In the last quarter of 2021, our CoC was awarded HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) funding totaling \$4,083,000. The goal of this funding is to support communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. YHDP requires each community to develop a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP). The CCP is the result of a comprehensive planning process that brings together a diverse group of stakeholders, including youth with lived experience of homelessness, to develop a community-specific approach to ending youth homelessness. In addition to youth with lived experience, more than 25 agencies were involved in the CCP process, including child welfare agencies, state and local governments, runaway and homeless youth (RHY) funded agencies, correctional institutions, local non-profits, institutions of higher learning, and more.

Our community collaborates incredibly well, and as a result was the first CCP plan submitted and approved for this round of funding. This plan outlined the community's plan to utilize YHDP funding to support new youth-focused projects, including Crisis Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Through a local competition the Allocations Committee recommended six new projects for YHDP. All six YHDP projects were officially under contract with HUD to provide services to youth and young adults in our community starting in October 2022 and are now operational.

Notable Trends

Number of youth served:

2021: 507

2022: 761

30% increase

Percent of youth who returned to homelessness:

2021: 17%

2022: 16%

Percent of youth who retained or increased their employment income:

2021: 22%

2022: 24%

761

youth served in 2022

138

youth found experiencing homelessness in the night of the 2021 count.

16%

youth returned to homelessness after two years

People Susceptible to COVID-19

The Centers for Disease Control recognized that people experiencing homelessness were at great risk for COVID-19 infections and complications. People experiencing homelessness have increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 infection and they cannot “shelter in place” in a home of their own. Additionally, people experiencing homelessness often have co-occurring health conditions, which put this population at higher risk of COVID-19 complications. Because of this, our community designated people susceptible to COVID-19 as the priority population for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

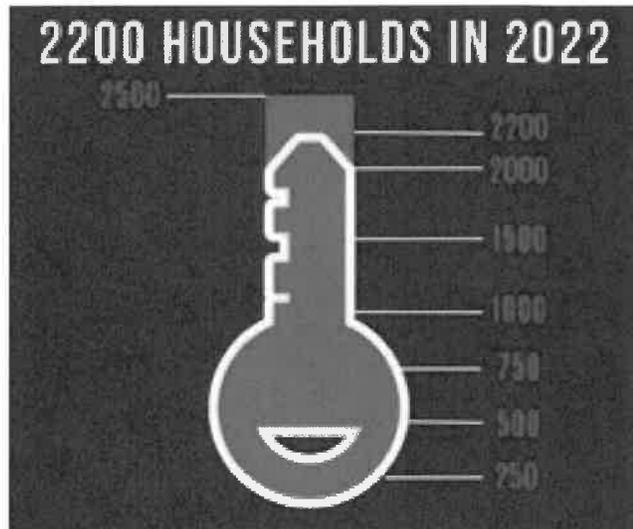
The CoC worked with JPS Health Network to identify factors that would put a person experiencing homelessness at greatest risk of COVID-19 complications. Through a partnership, JPS helped identify people experiencing homelessness who had these factors, which then resulted in them being prioritized for housing. Our community was able to quickly get vulnerable people out of congregate settings and do our best to protect as many people as possible.

One significant success coming out of COVID was the creation of Casa de Esperanza, a motel conversion that created 119 units of PSH for chronically homeless individuals who were most at risk. The City of Fort Worth invested \$10M in CARES funds to create this impactful new housing.

House America Challenge

Recognizing the need to respond to our nation’s homelessness crisis, HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge called on state, tribal, and local leaders to re-house 100,000 households experiencing homelessness and to add 20,000 new units of affordable housing into the development pipeline from September 20, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Always up for a challenge, the CoC Leadership Council agreed that our community would participate in the House America Challenge by endeavoring to house 2,200 people from September 20, 2021 to December 30, 2022. With the lingering effects of COVID-19 still impacting our community, CoC leadership understood this was a lofty goal, but recognized the importance of pushing our system and resources to provide assistance to our most vulnerable.



In late 2021 and early 2022, COVID-19 virus continued to evolve. The Omicron variant hit Tarrant County and caused shelters to continue to limit capacity and created staffing shortages across the CoC. This resulted in a slower than expected start to our housing challenge. Though the year brought unexpected twists and turns along the way, by the end of 2022 our system housed 2,647 households, surpassing our goal of 2,200 and contributing to the continued commitment of moving as many households as possible out of homelessness. We are thankful and proud of the hard work from our community partners. Because of their willingness to take on a challenge and commitment to home, over 2,500 households now have a place to call home.

Families

Our community is working very intentionally to address family homelessness. Historically, our system has served families exceptionally well and has been able to quickly respond to their needs, primarily through the rapid exit and rapid rehousing interventions. Unfortunately, in 2022 our system saw a 50% increase in families experiencing homelessness can be attributed to the end of federal funding that was pushed into communities during the pandemic, including a never-before-seen amount of rental assistance and homeless. These funds along with the federally mandated eviction moratorium helped keep people housed from 2019 until 2021. With these resources now going away, many families in our community are struggling to stay afloat.

Notable Trends

Number of families who experienced homelessness:

2021: 458

2022: 688

Percent of families that returned to homelessness:

2021: 14%

2022: 15%

209

Families experiencing homelessness on the night of the 2023 point-in-time count.

670

Family members experiencing homelessness on the night of the 2023 count

15%

Returns to homelessness after two years

Chronically Homeless

People experiencing chronic homelessness have been identified as our community's priority population for 2024. Chronically homeless individuals are people who have experienced homelessness for more than one year or more than four times in three years and have a disability. People experiencing chronic homelessness often face complex and long-term health conditions such as mental illness, substance abuse disorders, physical disabilities, and other chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

People experiencing chronic homelessness are considered particularly vulnerable because they often live outdoors or in other living situations not meant for human habitation, which typically intensify or worsen any disabilities or ongoing medical conditions. Additionally, chronically homeless individuals are often the most visible population experiencing homelessness and personify stereotypes about the homeless population.

Our municipalities strategically invested in the homeless response system by dedicating over \$64,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to build housing. This will transform the way we are able to respond to homelessness and will bring our community closer to the goal of ending chronic homelessness. Along with the opportunity to build more housing, we are continually improving our data and increasing our understanding as we prepare to shift our focus to this priority population in 2024.

NEEDS & GAPS

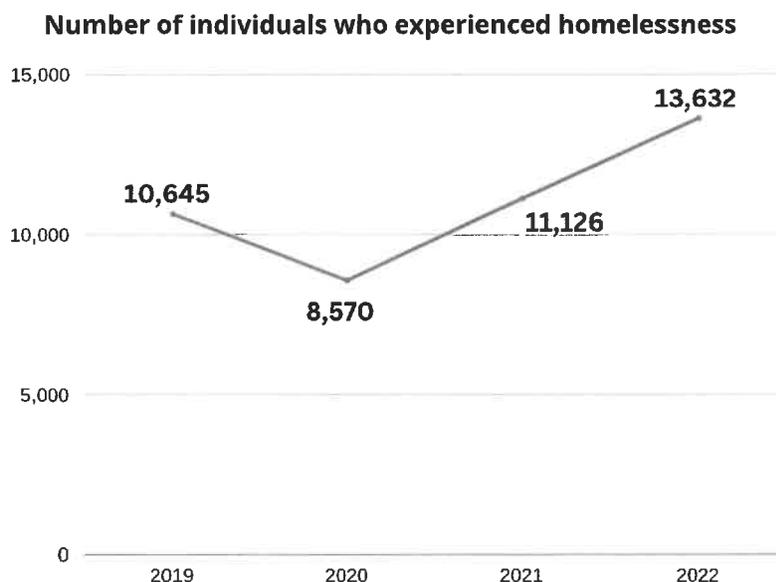
As we work to maximize resources, annually the Homeless Coalition completes an analysis of projected need and available resources. This analysis looks at housing programs and housing stock available for people experiencing homelessness versus the need in our system.

ANNUAL DATA

Year after year, people experiencing homelessness report their top needs are housing that is affordable and increased income to be able to afford housing in our area. The metroplex's booming population growth, the nation's rising inflation rate, and unpredictable economy has created a housing market that leaves many in our community unable to find or afford a unit that fits within their household financial capacity.

In 2022, 7,173 households experienced homelessness in Tarrant and Parker Counties. Of those, 5,411 households are either experiencing homelessness for the first time or were reentering our system of care after previous stabilization. This is compared to 5,221 households experiencing homelessness with 3,911 households entering either into or back into homelessness in 2021. While there is not one specific reason for the increase, there are a number of contributing factors that we have identified that have impacted the system.

- **COVID safety net no longer available:** For over two years, local, state and federal governments invested billions of dollars in rental assistance and homeless prevention to help keep people in their homes. As the pandemic drew to a close, these resources are no longer available.
- **Evictions at an all time high:** COVID protections significantly lowered the number of evictions occurring and protected tenants who were struggling. These protections are no longer available and more people are being evicted at higher rates than before the pandemic. In 2022, 220,000 households were evicted.
- **Significant increases in cost of housing:** As the DFW real estate market has heated up, rent has increased across all types of units. In 2022, rent for affordable units increased by 9%. Additionally, as the price to purchase a home increases, the rental market continues to become more competitive.
- **Inflation:** Inflation impacts everyone in our community, and people who are on the verge of, or are experiencing homelessness are no exception. When people have to pay more for basic needs, household budgets are often squeezed in other areas, including housing.
- **Lack of affordable units:** Like many communities across the US, our community faces a significant lack of affordable units available. DFW now has the largest deficit of affordable units in the state.



UNDERSTANDING NEEDS

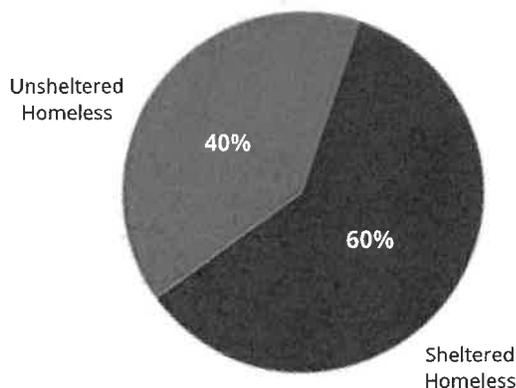
As a community we are committed to making data-driven decisions, including being willing to change systems we have used for years. In 2020 we began discussions around the need for a tool that would help professionals at all levels better understand population strengths, barriers, and needs around housing. To do this, we spent the summer of 2021 working with providers, shelter workers, street outreach workers, housing case managers, and program managers to find the quickest way to identify appropriate housing using people-first language.

After using the VI-SPDAT to score and prioritize people for housing for the last 5 years, we created a new housing assessment tool (HAT) that focuses on housing people in the most appropriate housing intervention. The HAT looks at categories such as a client's strengths and weaknesses, what type of housing the client prefers, and where the client would like to live. The HAT helps case managers assess the best housing intervention for the client, such as Rapid Rehousing/Short term Rental Assistance, Transitional Housing, Long-Term rental subsidy, alternative housing, and site base case management housing. The HAT allows staff responses and enables providers to use problem-solving skills based on the client's responses and capacity. The HAT encourages the client to provide their own preferences and insight and to advocate for what they desire.

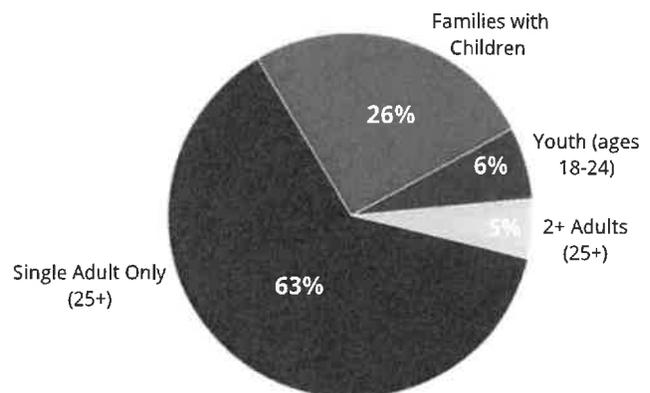
This tool provides information for appropriate housing interventions and an incredible amount of information that allows us to better advocate for our client's needs and the resources needed to meet that demand. On a systems level, this information helps us understand what types of housing we should be advocating for and how we can best assist partners in creating and sustaining housing and services that best meet community and individual needs.

Data below has been gathered from almost one year of HAT data. Although some of the information mirrors what we have traditionally found in our data, there are some differences as well. The point in time count gives us a snapshot of one night, while HAT data gives us a much more comprehensive look at the population experiencing homelessness.

Unsheltered vs. Sheltered



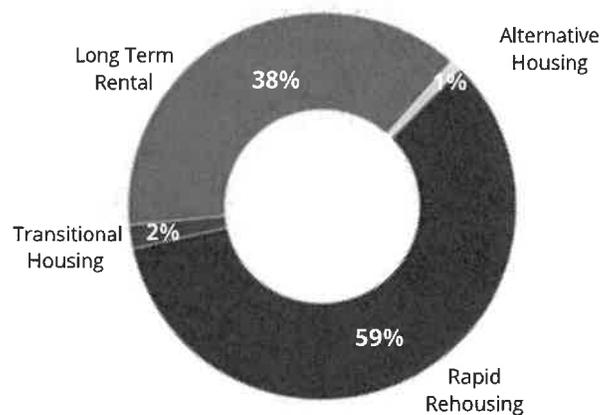
Household Type



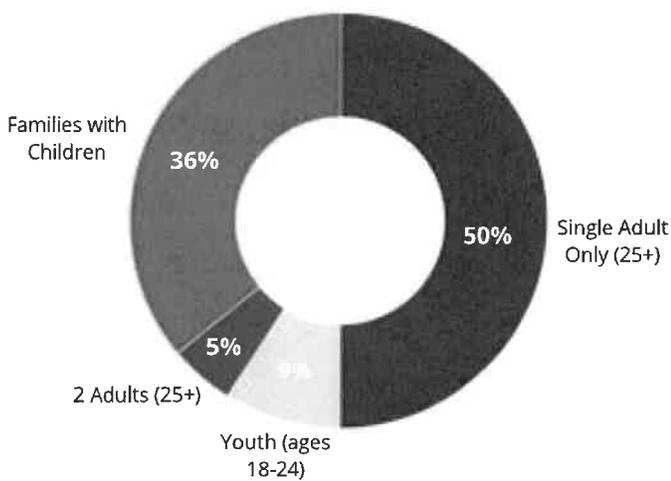
Along with giving us a better understanding of strengths and potential barriers people may experience, the HAT also allows us to see what housing interventions would be the best fit for people experiencing homelessness. As a system, our goal is to move from only being able to provide available housing to being able to provide the most appropriate housing.

HAT data has shown that 59% of households would be best served by Rapid Rehousing, meaning they need a medium-term intervention, a chance to get back on their feet, increase their income and regain stability. 38% of the population identifies as in need of long-term support; right now this is typically Permanent Supportive Housing or some other type of long-term rental assistance. This group of households tends to be older, may have a disability, and of often on a fixed income.

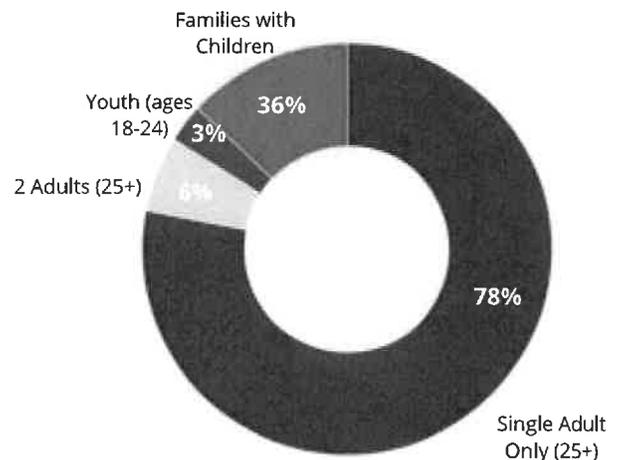
Recommended Housing Interventions



Household Types Recommended for Rapid Rehousing



Household Types Recommended for Long-term Assistance



The HAT also gives us a better picture of barriers and needs around what clients might face when working to access housing. Often clients face three primary barriers: lack of rental history, lack of credit history, and lack of income. The HAT gives case managers a clearer understanding of what obstacles clients may be facing when searching for housing.

Top 5 Challenges to Housing



54%

One or more stays
in prison, jail,
correctional facility
(lifetime)



40%

No earned income
from employment
during past year



37%

One or more
experiences of
homelessness
before the age of 25



31%

Felony
Conviction



30%

One or more stays
in a psychiatric
facility (lifetime)

FOCUS GROUPS

As part of the annual needs and gaps assessment completed in February 2023, the Homeless Coalition's Planning Department conducted eight focus groups with 63 clients currently in our homeless services system. These focus groups were held in-person, at various shelters and agencies within Tarrant County. The purpose of the focus groups was to gather information about those experiencing homelessness, their needs, and how well their needs are being met by our system of care.

Traditionally, focus groups conducted by TCHC staff were conducted annually. Understanding the importance of learning from those impacted by homelessness, TCHC is expanding focus groups to be conducted on a quarterly basis, as well as extended to include people in our CoC housing programs. This expansion and focus on data collection through focus groups will allow our community to better understand people's experiences with homelessness and how we can better serve them.

TOP THREE NEEDS ARE:

1. Housing
2. Employment/income assistance
3. Transportation

COMMON FEEDBACK:

1. Staff should be compassionate, patient, and trauma-informed
2. Concerns around cleanliness and sanitation
3. Need accommodations for those with disabilities

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“There are so many people nationwide that are homeless... how many people might just fall short a few dollars on rent and be here.”

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“Talk to us. Come see for yourself what we need and how you can help.”

- when asked what decision-makers in our city can do to help people experiencing homelessness.

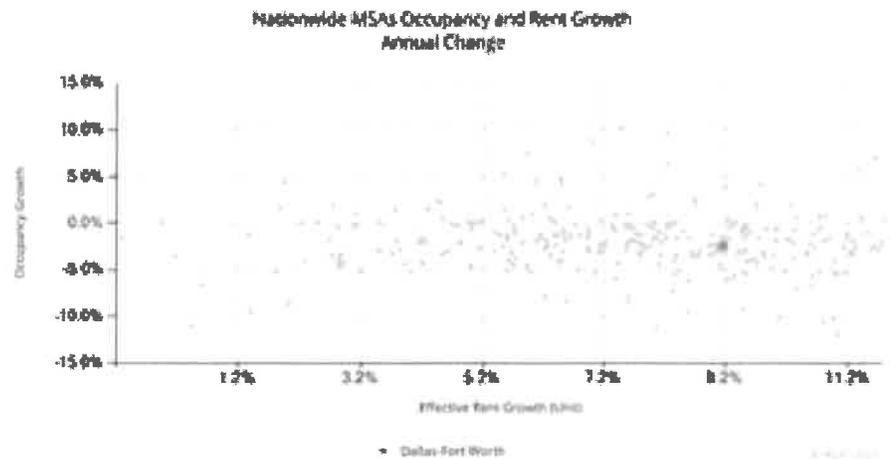
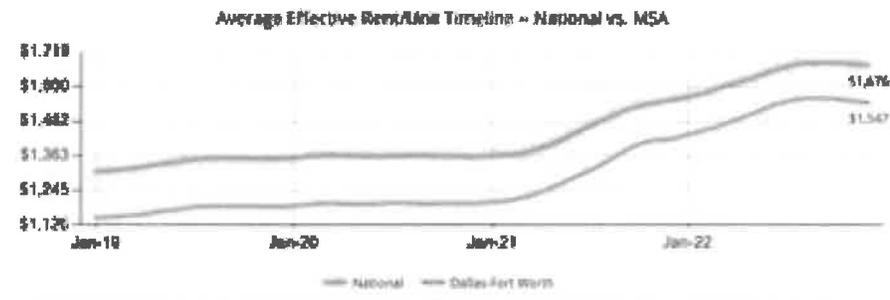
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HOUSING MARKET INFORMATION

The housing market has a significant impact on homelessness. While a hot real estate market may be good for some, often it creates significant difficulty when households are working to find available and affordable units and it also makes developing units much more challenging. Over the past year more people experiencing homelessness have reported they are homeless because they can no longer afford the unit they were in. Because of the incredible demand, landlord and property owners can raise rent rates and still have plenty of people who need a unit. Additionally, with the median purchase price of a home at \$330,000, many community members have been priced out of the homebuyer market, putting further pressure on the rental market.

Over the past two years, the average rent in Fort Worth increased by 21%, going from \$1,150 in January of 2021 to \$1,440 a month in December 2022. Rent for affordable housing units are no exception and have also risen dramatically from \$950 a month in January 2021 to approximately \$1,190 in December 2022, also a 21% increase.

In addition to the rapid rise of rental costs, there is also a lack of unit availability in our community. According to an analysis conducted by the Ft. Worth Housing Finance Corporation in 2018, the gap between need and available housing units for people of lower incomes in Fort Worth is approximately 46,000 units. The National Low Income Housing Coalition's *2021 Gap Report* identifies DFW as the having the largest deficit of units and needs over 250,000 units to meet the need of households who make less than 50% AMI (approximately less than \$35,000/year).



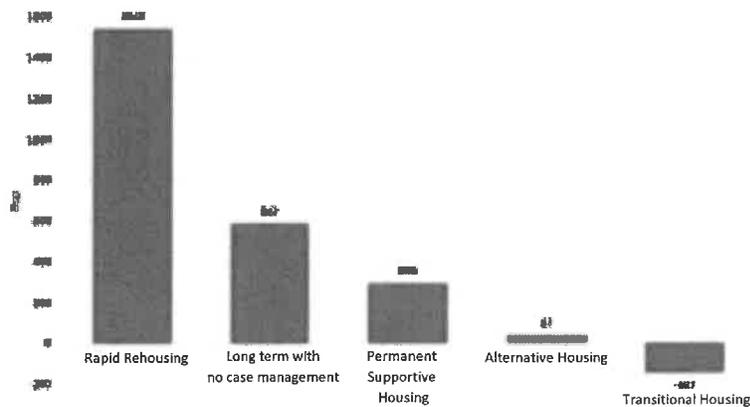
ASSISTANCE GAPS

If we could end homelessness and house everyone in our community, we would. Unfortunately, we currently do not have all the resources needed to accomplish this goal. In the past we've gotten into significant discussions regarding who gets prioritized for housing. Is it families with children? Older adults on a fixed income who have been priced out of the market? Veterans? The person working two jobs to make ends meet? Regardless of who we decide should get the limited housing assistance available, the bottom line is that we do not have enough to serve everyone. Someone in the groups will be left out and will continue to experience homelessness.

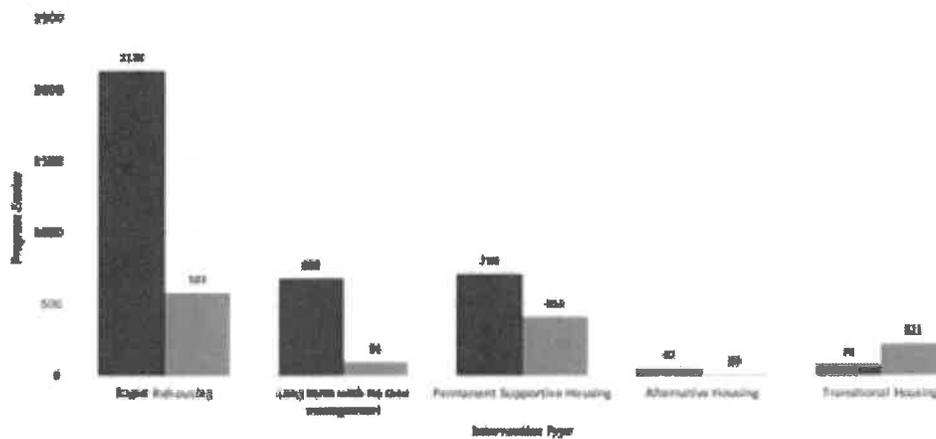
The Homeless Coalition, the CoC, and partners serving people experiencing homelessness are committed to ending homelessness for as many households as possible. Over the past year we have made a concentrated effort to fully utilize all housing assistance available. Our community has been successful in this effort and maintains an utilization rate of over 95% for all housing programs.

The charts below detail available resources versus need in our system.

2022 Annual Gap Between Needed Vs. Actual Housing Resources



2022 Annual Housing Needs Vs. Available Resources



(*) Based on Annual Resource Requirements vs. Program Capacity (Based on HUD Only - No Homelessness) and Available Resources vs. Anticipated Needs into program in one year (Based on 2022 Data)

NEW SOLUTIONS AND DIRECTIONS

Because demand outpaces available resources the CoC is continually exploring new approaches to respond to homelessness, including:

- **Affordable Housing Development:** A lack of affordable housing continues to be a major concern and cause of homelessness in our community and across the United States. To help combat rising rental costs, our CoC is committed to advocating for available funding to be dedicated to build affordable housing options. Utilizing ARPA funding pledged by Tarrant County, the City of Fort Worth and the City of Arlington, we anticipate having over 400 newly built PSH and affordable housing units.
- **Housing Tool Assessment (HAT):** The HAT helps assess the best housing intervention for clients. It encourages the client to provide their own preferences and advocate for what they desire, allows staff responses, and enables providers to use problem-solving skills based on the client's responses and capacity. This tool provides information for appropriate housing interventions and a treasure trove of information that allows us to better advocate for client's needs and the resources needed to meet that demand.
- **Case Management Standards of Care:** Case management standards of care help ensure consistency and uniformity of case management service implementation across the CoC. Standardizing case management services across the CoC will help guarantee that people receiving services in our community receive consistent quality services regardless of their entry point into our system.
- **Shared Housing:** In shared housing, two or more people live in one apartment or home and share the costs of living there, such as rent and utilities. This provides low-cost housing in high-rent markets. Shared housing also has other benefits, including the potential to share housing maintenance and cleaning responsibilities, social support, and sometimes child care support. In addition to being an option for reducing homelessness, shared housing is also an intervention to allow senior citizens to age in place.
- **Qualitative Data:** Qualitative research is a type of research that aims to gather and analyze non-numerical data in order to gain an understanding of individuals' social reality, including understanding their attitudes, beliefs, and motivation. As our CoC continues to focus on data-driven decisions, we will further integrate qualitative data into our decision-making processes. Historically, focus groups have been held annually to learn more about the people we serve. Beginning in 2023, these types of conversations will be conducted on a quarterly basis to help understand the unique challenges people face in Tarrant and Parker Counties.
- **Critical Time Intervention:** Critical Time Intervention (CTI) is an intensive time-limited form of case management that provides support for vulnerable individuals during periods of transition. CTI has been applied with veterans, people with mental illness, people who have been homeless or in prison, and many other groups. Utilizing this form of case management to assist during the transition from homelessness to housing for some of our most vulnerable in our community will provide additional supportive services to help ease the pathway to stability.

POINT IN TIME COUNT

A snapshot of what homelessness looked like on January 26, 2023.

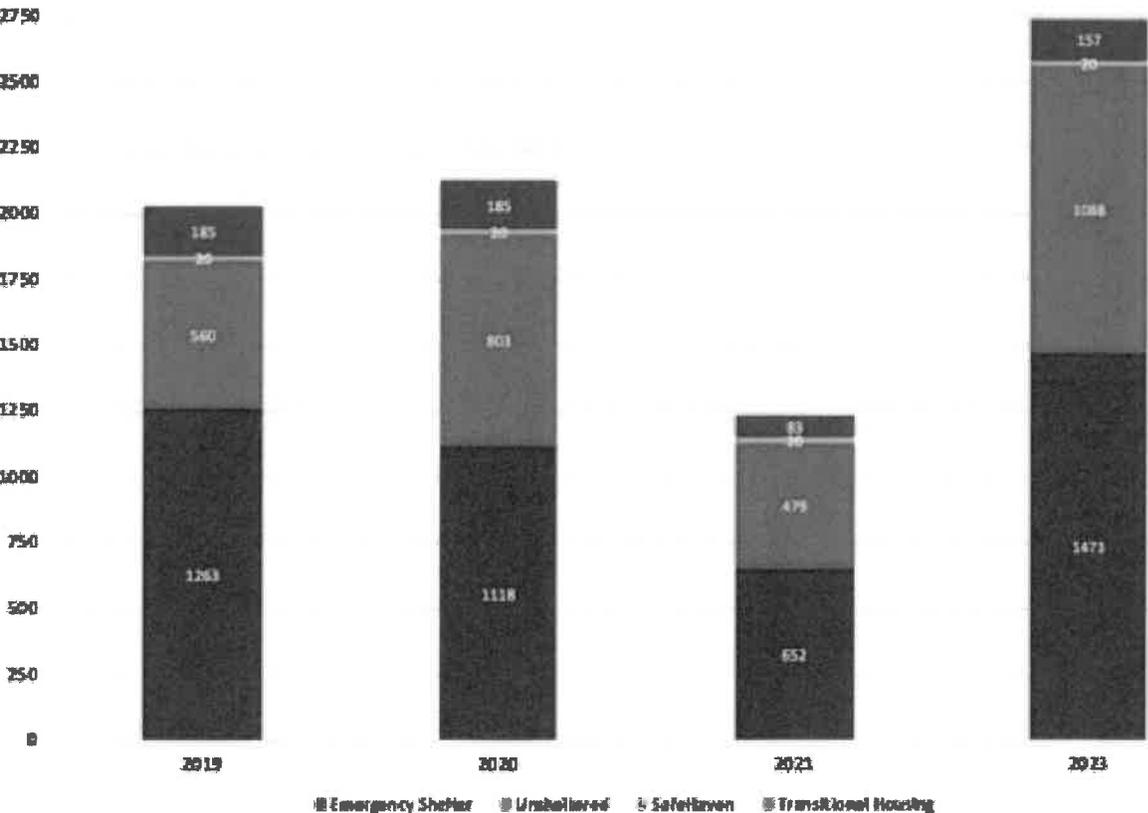
2023 Point in Time Count

One way we understand what homelessness looks like on a given night is by conducting an annual Point in Time Count. The 2023 Homeless Count was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, and included identifying and surveying those living outdoors along with using HMIS data to identify those living in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Haven.

While the Point in Time (PIT) Count was conducted differently in 2021 and 2022 because of the pandemic, we returned to a traditional PIT Count in 2023. Because of this, we have compared our most recent 2023 data to 2020.

On January 26, 2023, almost 500 volunteers were mobilized throughout Tarrant and Parker Counties to conduct the Point-in-Time Count. On the night of the count a total of 2,723 people were identified as homeless in Tarrant and Parker counties. This was a 20% increase in people experiencing homelessness on the night of the count, as compared to 2020. From 2017 to 2020, homelessness on count night had remained relatively static, hovering around 2,000 people.

The increase in the point-in-time count mirrors the increase in homelessness seen in other communities as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our community has seen an increase in both the number housed and the number of new households entering into homelessness.



How do we compare?

Tarrant County is the 3rd most populous county in Texas and the 13th largest county in the United States, with an estimated population of 2.2 million in 2022. Homelessness as a percentage of the population has remained consistent, with no significant increase compared to previous years. Comparatively, Homeless census (point in time count) compared to population census, 0.001% of the population in Tarrant County is experiences homelessness. The map below represents the most relevant nationally available point-in-time data from 2020. At that time, Tarrant County had the sixth lowest rate of homelessness per population among the 48 largest cities.



HOMELESS POPULATIONS IN THE 15 LARGEST CITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

*2020 NATIONAL DATA AVAILABLE

YEAR TO YEAR

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number	2,028	2,103	1,234	2,723
Annual Change	+0.6%	+5%	-42%	+121%

Where people are sleeping

Understanding where people chose to sleep is critical in understanding how our system is functioning to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. 57% of people experiencing homelessness on Count night accessed emergency shelter, while 43% were unsheltered staying in places not meant for human habitation.



SAFE HAVEN

Safe Havens are small facilities that provide permanent housing for persons with severe and persistent mental illness.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional Housing (TH) programs provide time-limited rental assistance (less than 2 years) and supportive services geared towards self-sufficiency.



UNSHELTERED

Individuals sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, including cars, vacant lots and buildings, under bridges or in the woods.

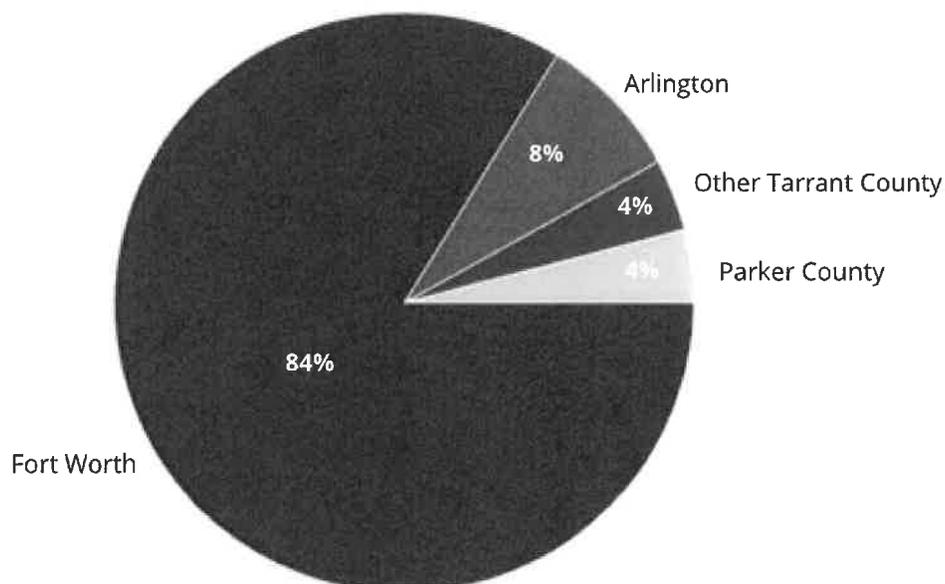


EMERGENCY SHELTER

Emergency shelters (ES) are intended for transitional or temporary shelter and crisis relief.

Geographic Distribution

The majority of those experiencing homelessness are located within the City of Fort Worth, as most homeless services are located in Fort Worth. Geographic distribution is similar to trends in previous years.

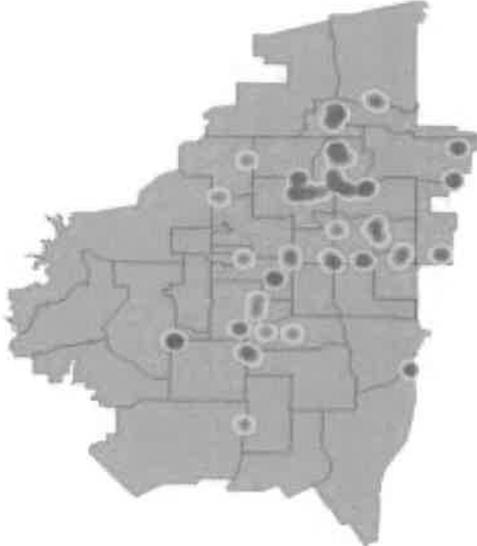


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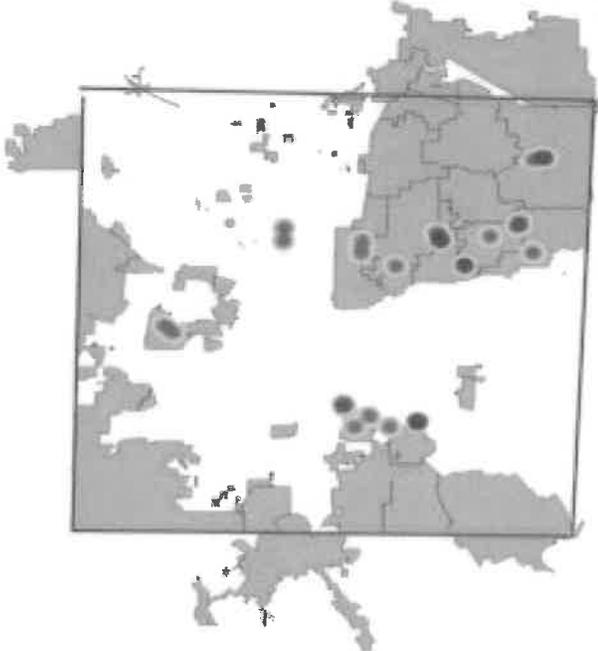
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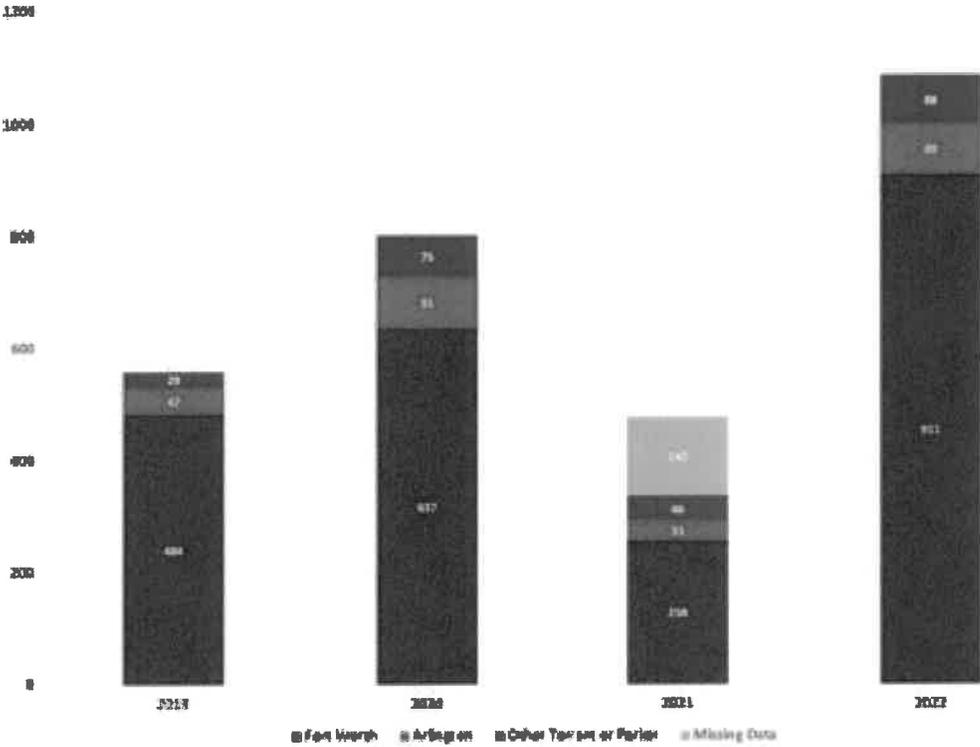
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Unsheltered Homelessness & Sleeping Outside

Unsheltered homelessness increased significantly from 2020 to 2022. This increase mirrors the national trend of cities and communities across the U.S. In Tarrant and Parker counties, unsheltered homelessness increased by 27% from 2020 to 2022 going from 803 households living unsheltered during the annual Point in Time count to 1,088 households.

While there has been an increase in unsheltered homelessness in our community, these numbers may also be impacted by the increase in outreach services in our community. In 2020, our community's outreach services quadrupled in size going from 15 outreach workers to over 60. With this increase our community has been able to better locate and serve people who are living unsheltered.



APPENDICES

History, Scope, and Geography

The McKinney-Vento Act was signed into law by President Reagan in 1987 and was the first of its kind, on a national level, to address homelessness. Twenty-two years later, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act xi) was signed into law in 2009 by President Obama to provide additional resources and opportunities for communities to address the issue of homelessness. The HEARTH Act expanded the definition of homelessness and combined several HUD (Housing and Urban Development) programs into a single Continuum of Care program. The HEARTH Act mandates that communities quantify the level of need in their area and the effectiveness of community-wide interventions. The Point-in-Time Count (PIT Count) accomplishes both of these tasks.

Reports have been issued on the extent and characteristics of the homeless population in Tarrant County since 1994. Early reports were published by Tarrant County Homeless Coalition with staffing support provided by Tarrant County Community Development Division. These reports relied on counts conducted inside shelters, limited canvassing of the unsheltered by volunteers, and estimation methods.

Counts and surveys have been completed in:

1994	2006	2014	2019
1997	2007	2015	2020
2000	2009	2016	2021
2002	2011	2017	2023
2004	2013	2018	

The 2007 count was the first to utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and include a robust “street count” in Arlington. Parker County has been included in the PIT count since 2014. The cities of Arlington and Fort Worth both utilized the 2007 count as baseline data for their respective ten-year plans. Subsequent PIT counts have utilized both HMIS to enumerate people sleeping inside shelters and volunteers to canvas areas within Tarrant and Parker Counties to count people who were sleeping unsheltered.

Terms used in Report

Bed Utilization

An indicator of whether shelter beds are occupied on a night or over a period of time.

Consumer

An individual or family or has or is currently experiencing homelessness.

Continuum of Care

The work of ending homelessness in a community is carried out by a Continuum of Care—the collective networks, institutions, and organizations that provide housing and services to people who are experiencing homeless. Each Continuum of Care (or, “CoC”) serves a designated geography and is responsible for: operating the Continuum of Care, administering an HMIS (Homeless Management Information System); 3) planning for the CoC; and, 4) applying for competitive CoC Program funding from HUD.

Each Continuum of Care appoints an entity (or entities) to lead its strategic, administrative, and information technology efforts. Locally, the Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County Continuum of Care (also known by its HUD designation, “TX-601”) has selected Tarrant County Homeless Coalition to serve as its “Lead Agency”, “HMIS Administrator”, and “Collaborative Applicant”. The service area of TX-601 includes Tarrant and Parker Counties.

Continuum of Care Strategic Plan

A plan identifying the CoC goals and objectives, action steps, performance targets, etc. and serves as a guide for the CoC development and performance improvement related to preventing and ending homelessness. This may be the same as or different than a community's "Ten Year Plan" or other community-wide plan to prevent and end homelessness and may be generated by the CoC lead decision making group or another community-planning body. If the CoC follows a regional or statewide 10 year or other plan to prevent and end homelessness, the CoC strategic plan would be the CoC's specific goals and objectives, action steps and timelines to support the regional or statewide plan.

Chronic Homelessness

HUD defines chronic homelessness as an individual with a disabling condition who has lived in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or an emergency shelter and has been homeless for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the past 3 years as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months. xii

Unaccompanied Youth

Minors up to the age of 24 not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, including those in inadequate housing such as shelters, cars or on the streets. Includes those who have been denied housing by their families and young mothers with no housing options of their own.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The Federal agency responsible for national policy and programs that address America's housing needs that improve and develop the Nation's communities and enforce fair housing laws. HUD's business is helping create a decent home and suitable living environment for all Americans and it has given America's cities a strong national voice at the Cabinet level.

Definitions of Homelessness

The Federal Government has five definitions of homelessness that approach living situations in different ways. This report primarily relies on Categories 1 and 4 of the HEARTH Act definition of homelessness. Included in these definitions are families living in places not intended for human habitation, emergency shelters, transitional housing, and those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The table below has detailed descriptions of each category.

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Literally Homeless	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
<i>Living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or exiting an institution where they temporarily resided if they were in shelter or a place not meant for human habitation before entering the institution</i>	<i>Losing primary nighttime residence, including a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing</i>	<i>Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state</i>	<i>Fleeing or attempting to flee DV, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening situations related to violence; have no other residence; and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing</i>
January 24, 2019	2018	2017-2018 School Year	January 24, 2019
Tarrant and Parker County	Tarrant and Parker County	Tarrant and Parker County	Tarrant and Parker County
2,028	1,593	4,908	252
PIT Count	Prevention and Diversion	McKinney-Vento (cite TEA)	PIT Count

Housing Types

This report employs HUD terminology to describe where people were sleeping on the night of the count. A distinction is drawn between persons sleeping in permanent housing that is operated by the Continuum of Care—where the tenant typically has a lease in their name—and other places people sleep that fit the definition of homelessness. The housing types include:

Housing Type	Description	Homeless or Permanent Housing
Unsheltered (UN)	Includes people living in places not intended for human habitation, such as in cars, vacant lots/buildings, under bridges, or in the woods	Homeless
Emergency Shelter (ES)	Are intended for short-term lodging and crisis relief; TX-601 ES include: ACH Child and Family Services, Arlington Life Shelter, Center for Transforming Lives, Presbyterian Night Shelter, SafeHaven of Tarrant County, The Salvation Army - Arlington, The Salvation Army Mabee Center, and Union Gospel Mission	Homeless
Transitional Housing (TH)	Programs provide time-limited rental assistance (≤ 2 years) and supportive services geared toward self-sufficiency and independence	Homeless
Rapid Exit	Rapid Exit provides one time, limited financial assistance to those with income potential and minimal barriers to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing	Permanent Housing
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	PSH combines rental assistance and a package of robust supportive services tailored to the needs of tenants with complex and often compound barriers to getting and keeping housing	Permanent Housing
Rapid Re-housing (RRH)	RRH provides short- and mid-term rental assistance intervention to help people quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing	Permanent Housing
Safe Haven (SH)	Safe Havens are small facilities that provide permanent housing for persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Locally, the only Safe Haven facility is operated by the Presbyterian Night Shelter - and should not be confused with the organization, SafeHaven of Tarrant County, which provides ES for victims of domestic violence	Permanent Housing
Shared Housing	Consists of a single housing unit occupied by an assisted family sharing a unit with other persons assisted under the housing choice voucher program or with other unassisted persons. The unit contains both a common space for use by the occupants of the unit and separate private space for each assisted family. For example, people who have a roommate are said to be living in "shared housing"	Permanent Housing
Permanent Housing (PH)	The HUD definition of Permanent Housing (PH) is defined as community-based housing without a designated length of stay in which formerly homeless individuals and families live as independently as possible. The CoC Program funds two types of permanent housing: PSH & RRH PH may also be defined as community based housing without a designated length of stay in which formerly homeless individuals and families live as independently as possible. This housing includes rental subsidy but does not include supportive services. PH is often administered by local Public Housing Authorities in the form of Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to serving the homeless populations.	Permanent Housing
Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	OPH is long-term housing not considered as permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing. OPH consists of: 1.PH: Housing with Services providing long-term housing and supportive services for homeless persons, but no disability is required for entry 2.PH: Housing Only providing long-term housing for homeless persons, but do not offer supportive services as part of the project	Permanent Housing

Point in Time Count

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that local Continuums of Care conduct an annual point-in-time count of the homeless in the last ten days of the month of January. The local count was held from January 26, 2023. "PIT Count" requirements derive from the HEARTH Act and are described in the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule (CoC Interim Rule xiii). Further guidance for local Continuums is provided in HUD Methodology Guides xiv and Notices xv. Tarrant County Homeless Coalition developed PIT Count methods to conform with HUD requirements and align with best practices.

Methodology

Sheltered PIT Count Methods

The TX-601 Homeless Management Information System was used to conduct the sheltered PIT count of homeless individuals and families who were spending the night of January 26, 2023 in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program. The data was reviewed to the client record level to ensure de-duplication with personal identifiers. Additionally, bed stays, enrollments and exit data is reviewed for accuracy for the night of the PIT Count. HMIS data meets the required HUD data standards and produces comprehensive PIT Count data.

Organizations that are not "Contributing HMIS Organizations" (CHOs) are provided templates to gather all required PIT Count data. Each non-CHO has an HMIS-equivalent data system that can provide universal data elements and de-duplication methods to ensure an accurate count. This methodology was selected due to its HUD compliance and reliability. HMIS staff review HUD guidance to ensure the data is at the highest quality and is compared against prior year data to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Unsheltered PIT Count Methods

During the night of the unsheltered PIT Count, volunteers canvassed the complete CoC geography. TX-601 produced PIT Count maps based on major highways and distributed the volunteers to serve the whole continuum. TX-601 held meetings with street outreach teams and emergency personnel to gather feedback and plan prior to the count.

A web-based form was created for volunteers to complete the PIT survey. The form was accessible over volunteers' mobile devices or tablets. The form allowed for collecting surveys and also observational data. The form also allowed for GIS location which can be used for further outreach, connecting people to housing, and future PIT counts.

Volunteers were assigned territories to avoid duplication. Teams were trained and the survey language included asking people where they were sleeping on the night of the count (January 26, 2023). Data was de-duplicated after the count completion using clients' identifying information.

Limitations

While significant efforts were undertaken to ensure the 2023 PIT count was as comprehensive and accurate as possible, limitations include but are not limited to concerns about the completeness of the dataset. Tarrant and Parker Counties total 1,807 square miles (1.16M acres). Although the continuum was divided by major highways, and utilized almost 500 street outreach works, volunteers, and emergency personnel, geographic coverage was not 100%. Unsheltered people experiencing homelessness may have been missed, especially who were not along major roads.

Data captured in the HMIS and in the street count relies on self-reports from the person being surveyed and has not necessarily been verified by an expert such as a clinician in the case of a mental illness or an official with the VA in the case of Veteran status. While training is provided to everyone who has access to HMIS and to the volunteers who conduct the surveys, implementation is not uniform. Participation in the unsheltered count is voluntary; therefore, not all data elements were captured for each person counted.

Periodic changes in regulations, programs, definitions, and HMIS software mitigate absolute year-to-year comparisons of some data. For example, the definition of chronic homelessness changed in both 2010 and 2016; however, the data published, retained and assessed by HUD and presented in this report reflect the definitions in place at the time that the counts were taken.

Lastly, point-in-time counts are a snapshot of a single, January night. Weather conditions alone can impact both volunteer turnout and the number of people sleeping outside in both positive and negative directions. While imperfect, the PIT count remains a requirement for federal funding and has utility as a national and local benchmark.

Data Sources for Report

Annual Point in Time Count (PIT)

The PIT Count is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required activity for communities receiving HUD funding.^{xvi} The PIT Count provides a one day snapshot on the number of persons who are literally homeless. The 2013 PIT Count occurred on January 26, 2013.

Housing Inventory Count

Like the PIT Count, the HIC is required by HUD and occurs on the same day. The HIC gives us a one day snapshot of the number of beds dedicated to serving the homeless in our community. Beds included in State of the Homeless Report 2023 from the HIC are emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, safe haven, and other permanent housing programs.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Reporting

Various HMIS data pulls were used throughout this report. Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) is the local HMIS system which is used to collect client-level data and statistics on the provision of housing and services provided to homeless individuals.

Client Focus Groups

During the month of January, Homeless Coalition staff conducted client focus groups at emergency shelters and outreach locations. 8 focus groups were completed and consisted of standard questions for each group. Groups ranged in size, but generally had fewer than 12 participants in each group to facilitate meaningful discussion. Responses were recorded and used to assist in community analysis of needs and gaps.

ABOUT THE HOMELESS COALITION

Shared Community Vision

A vibrant community where every individual has a place to call home and the resources to live their best life.

Mission

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition leads the community solution to homelessness in Greater Tarrant and Parker counties by serving as a catalyst for community transformation.

TCHC Board Members

Jerome Johnson, Chair
Dr. Victoria Farrer-Myers, Vice-Chair
Dr. Kapreta Johnson, Secretary
Lyn Scott, Treasurer
Devan Armstrong
Nathan Davis
Dr. Frank Lonergan
Deborah Kratky
Jay White
Krystle Gandhi, Past Chair

ABOUT THE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Mission

The CoC cultivates and creates partnerships to collectively impact effective and efficient community solutions for those experiencing homelessness.

Leadership Council

Mayor Mattie Parker | Mayor Jim Ross | Judge Tim O'Hare | Mayor Laurie Bianco | Judge Pat Deen

CoC Board of Directors

Leah King, Chair
Mary-Margaret Lemons, Vice-chair
Cassandra Walker, Secretary
Artie Williams, Allocations Chair
Toby Owen, Governance Chair
Dierdre Brown, ICT Committee Chair
Steve Montgomery, Past Chair

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05/12/2023

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E23-UC48-0001

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

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7. State Application Identifier:

Not applicable

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* a. Legal Name:

Tarrant County, Texas

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

75-6001170

* c. UEI:

DBH1UNN8U5J3

d. Address:

* Street1:

100 E Weatherford

Street2:

Suite 404

* City:

Fort Worth

County/Parish:

Tarrant

* State:

TX: Texas

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

761960103

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Administrator's Office

Division Name:

Community Development

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

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

James

Middle Name:

A.

* Last Name:

McClinton

Suffix:

Title:

Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

817-850-7940

Fax Number:

* Email:

JAMcClinton@TarrantCountyTX.gov

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*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

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Homeless Shelter Operating expenses, homelessness prevention, HMIS and administration costs as identified in the PY 2023 Action Plan.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Middle Name:
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* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:



SHAREN WILSON
Criminal District Attorney
Tarrant County

June 16, 2020

Ms. Shirley Henley
Director, Office of CPD, Region VI
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
801 Cherry Street, Unit 45, Suite 2500
Fort Worth, TX 76102

RE: Urban County Qualification of Tarrant County, TX for Fiscal Years 2021-2023
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Consortium
Qualification

Dear Ms. Henley:

This legal opinion is written in accordance with the requirements of HUD Notice: CPD-20-03, issued March 9, 2020. The terms and conditions of the cooperation agreements between Tarrant County and the County's 30 participating units of general local government are authorized under State and local law, which provide full legal authority for Tarrant County to enter into the agreements.

Article III, Section 64 of the Texas Constitution authorizes Texas counties to enter into cooperative agreements with local governments for the performance of governmental functions authorized by Texas law. Section 381.003(a) of the Texas Local Government Code is the specific Texas law that authorizes the commissioners' court of a county to "administer or otherwise engage in community and economic development projects authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 or under any other federal law creating community and economic development programs."

In light of these constitutional and statutory provisions and the aforementioned cooperation agreement, Tarrant County is authorized to carry out community development and housing assistance activities in the County's 30 participating units of local government.

Sincerely,

Sharen Wilson
Criminal District Attorney
Tarrant County, Texas

KENNETH S. B. SPEARS
Assistant Criminal District Attorney

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Attachments: 1

Attachment 1

Tarrant County Urban Community Development Consortium Participating Cities

	Consortium of Cities
1	City of Azle
2	City of Bedford
3	City of Benbrook
4	City of Blue Mound
5	City of Burleson
6	City of Colleyville
7	City of Crowley
8	City of Dalworthington Gardens
9	City of Euless*
10	City of Everman
11	City of Forest Hill
12	City of Grapevine*
13	City of Haltom City
14	City of Haslet
15	City of Hurst
16	City of Keller
17	City of Kennedale
18	Town of Lakeside
19	City of Lake Worth
20	City of Mansfield*
21	City of North Richland Hills*
22	Town of Pantego
23	City of Richland Hills
24	City of River Oaks
25	City of Saginaw
26	City of Sansom Park
27	City of Southlake
28	City of Watauga
29	Town of Westworth Village
30	City of White Settlement

*Cities in **Blue BOLD** are entitlement cities that have CDBG allocations in which Tarrant County administers on their behalf.

Congressional Districts for Tarrant County, TX

Districts for Tarrant County

Texas U.S. Senators

U.S. Senators represent the entire state.

Texas' current U.S. Senators are [Senator John Cornyn](#) and [Senator Ted Cruz](#).

Texas U.S. Representatives

Congressional District 6--Congressman Jake Ellzey

[Texas Congressional Member Websites](#)

Congressional District 12--Congresswoman Kay Granger

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* City: Fort Worth	County/Parish: Tarrant	
* State: TX: Texas	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: 761960103	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Administrator's Office	Division Name: Community Development	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: James	
Middle Name: A.	* Last Name: McClinton	
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RE: Urban County Qualification of Tarrant County, TX for Fiscal Years 2021-2023
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 05/12/2023	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: M23-DC48-0200	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: Not applicable	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Tarrant County, Texas		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 75-6001170	* c. UEI: DBH1UNN8U5J3	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 100 E Weatherford	Street2: Suite 404	
* City: Fort Worth	County/Parish: Tarrant	
* State: TX: Texas	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: 761960103	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Administrator's Office	Division Name: Community Development	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: James	
Middle Name: A.	* Last Name: McClinton	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: Director	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: 817-850-7940	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: JAMcClinton@TarrantCountyTX.gov		

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

E: County Government

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Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-239

CFDA Title:

Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

14-239

* Title:

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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:**

Owner-occupied home rehabilitation, CHDO set aside, developer activities, and CHDO operating costs as identified in the PY 2023 Action Plan for Tarrant County consortium.

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.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,693,676.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="359,906.15"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="3,596,723.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="5,650,305.15"/>

*** 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

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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June 16, 2020

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CERTIFICATIONS

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

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

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 has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

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.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2023-2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Signature of Authorized Official

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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Date

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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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

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12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE County Judge
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Tarrant County, Texas	DATE SUBMITTED 

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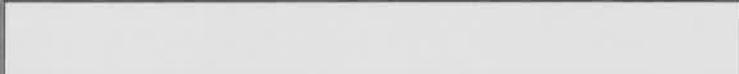
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5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

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

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE County Judge
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Tarrant County, Texas	DATE SUBMITTED 