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# HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan for the State of Oklahoma

February 8, 2023
Virtual Public Meeting
US Department of Housing and Urban Development

## Agenda for Public Comment

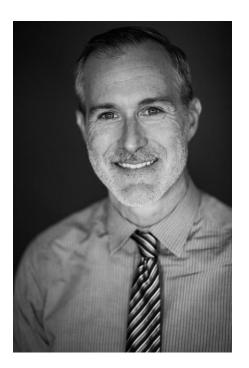
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- 1. Introduction
- 2. Findings
- 3. Allocation plan
- 4. Public comment

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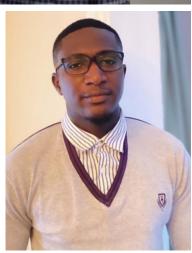






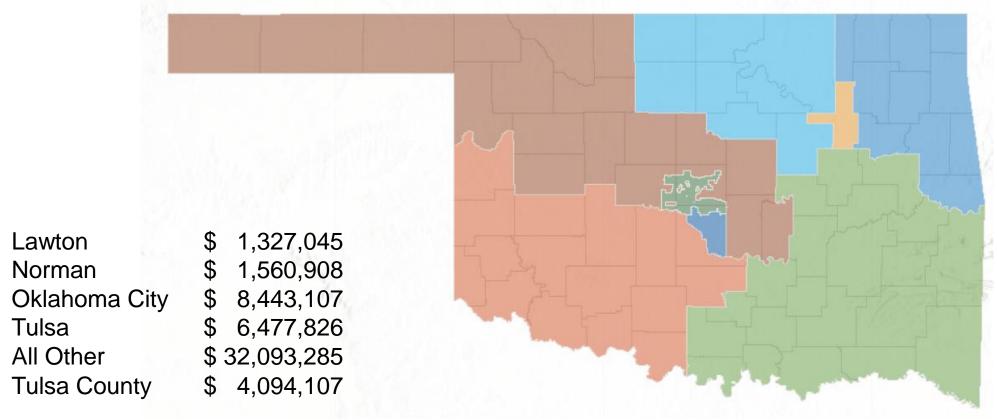






# HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan

### US Department of Housing and Urban Development



Available at: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/HOME-ARP.pdf

The HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) provides funding to HOME Participating Jurisdictions to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.

## **HOME-ARP** funds can be used for four eligible activities:

- 1. Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- 2. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- 3. Supportive Services & Homeless Prevention Services and Counseling
- 4. Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Housing

## 3 Step Process

- Consult with stakeholders
- Public participation
- Develop and submit plan



# Step 1: Consult with Stakeholders

Oklahoma HOME ARP Allocation Plan Website

www.iqc.ou.edu/housing

# Process: Step 1 Consult with Stakeholders





June – August 2022 Service Provider Survey

• 87 responses

Service Provider Consultation

• 50 individuals

# Process: Step 1 Consult with Stakeholders





September – November 2022 Lived Experience Survey

• 75 responses

Lived Experience Consultation

• 16 individuals

# Process: Step 1 Consult with Stakeholders





Review of Administrative Data:

Annual Report of the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Review Board.

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC).

Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

US Department of Veterans Affairs Violence Policy Center.

# Summary of Feedback

- Increasing number of unhoused
- Affordable housing needs are great
- Voucher system broken
- Rising rents
- Quality of affordable housing
- Landlord engagement
- Wrap around services needed
- Build collaboration and capacity
- Foster youth, veterans, DV victims

## Unhoused Population in 2022

- 3,754 individuals (3,063 households)
- 1,317 (35.1%) individuals (1,173 households) unsheltered,
- 536 (14.3%) individuals (359 households) in transitional housing,
- 1,901 (50.6%) individuals (1,531 households) in emergency shelters.
- 458 (12%) were youth, under the age of 18,
- 1,334 (36%) were believed to be chronically homeless,
- 960 (26%) experienced severe mental illness,
- 835 (22%) experienced chronic substance abuse, and
- 28 (<1%) were living with HIV/AIDS.

Unhoused	Percent of State of Oklahoma Population <sup>1</sup>	Percent of Total Unhoused Population	Percent in Emergency Shelter	Percent in Transitional Housing	Percent who are Unsheltered
Total			51%	14%	35%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	10%	14%	10%	11%	21%
Asian	3%	1%	1%	<1%	1%
Black	8%	21%	23%	27%	16%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<1%	1%	2%	<1%	<1%
Other	7%	8%	9%	7%	6%
White	73%	55%	55%	54%	56%
Hispanic or Latinx	12%	9%	10%	7%	8%

At Risk for being Unhoused	Total Occupied Housing Units	Total Paying 30 percent or more in monthly housing costs	Owner Occupied Paying 30 percent or more in monthly housing costs	Renter Occupied Paying 30 percent or more in monthly housing costs
Oklahoma	1,485,397	401,899 (26%)	177,701 (12%)	224,198 (15%)
Household Income				
Less than \$20,000	218,591	177,421 (81%)	66,707	110,714
\$20,000 - \$34,999	219,266	118,892 (54%)	42,817	76,075
\$35,000 – \$49,999	202,377	56,313 (28%)	30,554	25,759
\$50,000 - \$74,999	285,192	33,871 (12%)	24,275	9,596
\$75,000 or more	559,971	15,402 (3%)	13,348	2,054

# Fleeing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Trafficking

- 119 Oklahomans were killed in acts of domestic violence in 2020
- members of the black community (21%) and American Indian Citizens (15%) overly represented among victims
- 1/3 of lived experience survey respondents had experienced housing insecurity due to their victimization
- Approximately 525 (14%) of those counted during 2022 point in time counts were considered victims
- Landlord engagement around unique needs crucial to ensure anonymity
- "Mother penalties" for those with children such as child care, employment, transportation

### Veterans

- Oklahoma is home to approximately 291,315 veterans
- overall number of unhoused veterans is declining, disparities observed among veterans of color, particularly Black veterans
- increasingly younger service members, enlisted at lower pay grades, and frequently suffer from mental illness and substance abuse
- Approximately 273 (7%) veterans were counted during point in time counts in Oklahoma
- Lack of preparedness, mental illness frequently mentioned by stakeholders
- Specific populations are somewhat regional, often in proximity to military locations
- Locally, some commented on experiencing increased demand for housing services

### **Families**

- having children is the single greatest predictor of whether someone will face eviction
- 252 of the unhoused or housing insecure households were families with children under the age of 18,
  - 6% were unhoused,
  - 58% in an emergency shelter, and
  - 36% in transitional housing
- The unique challenges to unhoused families was a consistent theme at consultations meetings.
- Challenges are often multigenerational
- Impacts are multigenerational
- Particularly challenging to assist large families

# Describe the Unmet Housing Need

Response to question: Where are the most problematic gaps in your region in terms of providing services and supports to unhoused and housing insecure individuals?	Rank	Votes
Affordable housing access	1	40
Transportation	2	26
Substandard housing programs	3	26
Mental health services	4	25
Transitional housing	5	24
Substance abuse treatment and support	6	24
Emergency and temporary shelter	7	19
Economic assistance	8	18
Housing subsidies	9	15
Education/ job training	10	14
Eviction assistance	11	14
Disability services and support	12	12
Elder care/ aging support	13	12
Hygiene services (laundry/ bathing)	14	11
Health services	15	10
Safety, security, and emergency protocols and policies	16	8
Domestic violence/ abuse services and support	17	6
Food/ feeding programs	18	2

# Describe the Unmet Housing Need

### Affordable Housing Need

- Increasing the affordability of housing remains an important priority in Oklahoma
- 71,000 affordable housing units are needed to create housing security for very low-income renters, the majority of whom are
  - in the labor force (40%),
  - disabled (25%), or
  - elderly (18%)
- Notable Needs:
  - Supportive Wrap Around Services
  - Community engagement around the unhoused and housing insecurity
  - Inadequate housing stock and housing quality
  - Landlord engagement
  - Unique needs related to transportation, family size, accessibility, eviction processes



US Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report reported 5,331 total year-around beds, including:

- 606 Family units
- 1,746 Family beds
- 3, 532 Adult-only beds
- 53 Child-only beds

A subset of this inventory is available for:

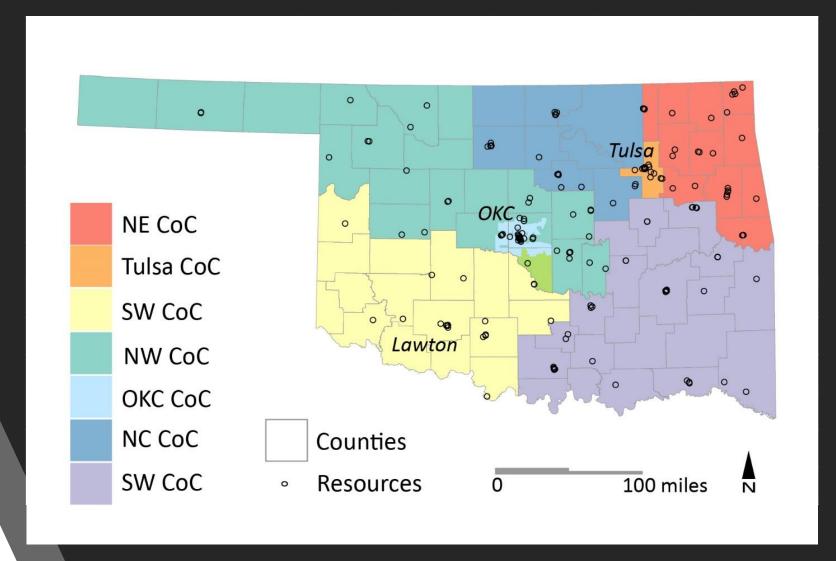
- those experiencing chronic homelessness (705 beds)
- Veterans (1,103 beds)
- Youth, 24 years of age and younger (274 beds)

	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult- only Beds	Child- only Beds	Total Year Around Beds
Cleveland County	75	139	181	3	323 (6%)
Northeast Oklahoma	4	27	46	0	73 (1%)
North Central Oklahoma	92	155	105	11	271 (5%)
Oklahoma City	103	351	1,287	6	1,644 (31%)
Oklahoma Other	40	109	145	0	254 (5%)
Southeast Oklahoma	152	540	501	23	1,064 (20%)
Southwest Oklahoma	19	53	39	0	92 (2%)
Tulsa City & County	121	372	1,228	10	1,610 (30%)
Total	606	1,746	3,532	53	5,331



	Beds for Chronically Unhoused	Beds for Veterans	Beds for Youth
Cleveland County	0	67	36
Northeast Oklahoma	0	5	0
North Central Oklahoma	2	13	71
Oklahoma City	338	460	41
Oklahoma Balance of State	56	9	26
Southeast Oklahoma	6	240	23
Southwest Oklahoma	0	0	0
Tulsa City & County	303	309	77
Total	705 (13%)	1,103 (21%)	274 (5%)







## Summary

### In 2022:

- 3,754 Oklahomans were unhoused,
- 1,317 Oklahomans were unsheltered,
- 525 of the unhoused and housing insecure individuals were fleeing or victims of violence,
- 273 of the unhoused and housing insecure individuals were veterans,
- 177,421 Oklahomans in the lowest income tier pay over 30% of their income for housing, and
- Black individuals and American Indian or Alaskan Native Citizens are disproportionately represented among the housing insecure and unhoused.

## Summary

### Populations of particular concern:

- youth transitioning out of foster care,
- people experiencing chronic mental health problems,
- formerly incarcerated people, and
- people residing in substandard housing.

### Areas of need:

- more supportive and wrap around services,
- approaches to address negative perception of unhoused individuals and affordable housing,
- more housing stock and housing that meets health and safety standards,
- landlord engagement, and
- recognition of unique needs of specific populations at risk for homelessness in Oklahoma.

# Allocation Plan

	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
	Allocated		
Supportive Services	6,418,657.00	20%	
Acquisition/Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	4,813,992.75	10%	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	6,418,657.00	20%	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	9,627,985.50	30%	
Non-Profit Operating	1,604,664.25	5%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	1,604,664.25	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	3,209,328.50	10%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	32,093,285.00		

## Allocation Plan

Funds will be available statewide, over the course of three rounds or until funds are completely allocated.

Round 1: will solicit applications for 50% of the allocation focused on rural parts of the state that are not eligible for a separate distribution from another HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Round 2: will make available remaining funds to organizations statewide.

Round 3: will make any remaining funds available based on funding availability after round 1 and round 2.

Proposals will be modeled after existing application processes established for the existing 2023 HOME program found at: <a href="https://www.ohfa.org/home-investment-partnership-program/">https://www.ohfa.org/home-investment-partnership-program/</a>

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