



City of Billings

HOME-ARP

Allocation Plan



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Consultation

Before developing its plan, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must consult with the Continuum of Care(s) (CoC) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state's boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

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

The City of Billings Community Development Division developed and distributed a survey to local service providers in October 2022. The survey was designed to establish community needs, identify gaps relative to homelessness, and engage consultation partners in the allocation planning process. The survey solicited information concerning the Qualifying Populations (QPs) as defined in the [HOME-ARP requirements](#). Agencies that served one or more QP within the past 12 months were asked to identify the following: population(s) served (including demographics and household types); services provided to each population; waiting time to access services; shelter usage; priority housing and shelter needs for each population; priority service needs for each population; and unmet service needs for each population. Agencies were also provided the opportunity to demonstrate interest in accessing HOME-ARP funding. Additionally, information gathered from survey responses allowed City staff to evaluate organizational capacity to carry out a HOME-ARP project.

An online version of the survey was released on October 12, 2022. Links to the survey were posted on the City's website and sent via email to 84 local agencies. Hard-copy surveys were also mailed to these agencies to provide alternative methods for completion. The online survey closed on November 18, 2022. Organizations that did not meet the deadline were given until December 31, 2022, to provide supplementary data. Homeless service providers, domestic violence service providers, Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), public and private agencies addressing the needs of qualifying populations, organizations involved with civil rights and fair housing, and agencies serving persons with disabilities were invited to complete the survey. Providers were also given the option to request technical assistance and/or meet with City staff to discuss the requested information. The following agencies submitted at least partial responses to the City's survey:

Angela's Piazza	(LIFTT)
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Operations	Montana Rescue Mission (MRM)
Chinook Horses, Equine Therapy	National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Billings
Community Crisis Center	Off The Streets Corporation
Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)	RiverStone Health
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley (FPYV)	The Salvation Army
Family Service	St. Vincent de Paul
HER Campaign	St. Vincent Healthcare
HomeFront	Support & Techniques for Empowering People
<i>Previously Housing Authority of Billings</i>	(STEP, Inc.)
Human Resources Development Council District 7	SYNERGY HomeCare
Living Independently For Today and Tomorrow	Tumbleweed

United Way of Yellowstone County
Veterans, Inc.
Yellowstone Co. Human Trafficking Task Force

Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC)
YWCA Billings

The following agencies were contacted via email and sent hard-copy surveys, but did not provide feedback:

Adult Resource Alliance of Yellowstone County	Habitat for Humanity
Ag Workers Health and Service	Homecare Services LLC Love Inc.
Alternatives, Inc.	South Central Mental Health Center
Alzheimer's Association Montana	Montana United Indian Association Montana
Aware Inc.	Veterans Affairs Division
Big Brothers Big Sisters Yellowstone County	National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
Big Sky Senior Services	Native American Development Corporation
Billings Child Care Association	New Day Ranch
Billings Clinic	Residential Support Services, Inc.
Billings Family YMCA	Rimrock
Billings Fire Department	Rocky Mountain Healthy Living, LLC
Billings Food Bank	Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council
Billings Police Department	Ronald McDonald House of Billings
Billings Public Library	Rural Employment Opportunities
Billings Public Schools	The Home Center
Billings Urban Indian Health & Wellness Center	The Phoenix
Boys and Girls Club of Yellowstone County	Veteran's Meat Locker
CASA of Yellowstone County	Veterans Navigation Network
Chase Hawks Memorial Association	Veterans Upward Bound Vocational
Community Leadership and Development, Inc.	Rehabilitation Services
COR Enterprises Dog Tag Buddies	Veterans of America-Northern Rockies
Dress for Success	Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Yellowstone
Eagle Mount Billings	County Sheriff's Office Yellowstone County
Head Start Explorers Academy	Family Drug Treatment Court
Family Support Network	Yellowstone Youth Crisis Network Yellowstone
Family Tree Center	Youth Services Center
Friendship House of Christian Services	Young Families Early Head Start
Gratitude In Action	Youth Dynamics, Inc.

On November 10, 2022, staff sent a reminder to the organizations that had not yet submitted agency data. Additional outreach was made to obtain data from the following organizations: Alternatives, Inc. (email and phone) on December 7, 8 & 9, 2022; Volunteers of America (email) on December 7, 2022; HRDC District 7 (email) on November 15 & 29 and December 8, 2022.

HomeFront, the jurisdiction's PHA, was consulted separately via email and they provided information regarding housing vouchers on September 22, 2022.

In addition to evaluating community survey data from the local CoC, City staff consulted with the Montana Continuum of Care, as the City of Billings is included in a statewide CoC.

Programming must be reviewed for to ensure applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements are in place. City staff contacted Montana Fair Housing on December 6, 2022 to provide an explanation of qualifying populations and preferences under the HOME-ARP Notice and to request consultation for review of program procedures and funding applications. The City will defer to Montana Fair Housing to ensure compliance with the conditions as stipulated at billingsmt.gov/fairhousing.

List of Organizations Consulted

Agency	Agency Type	Method of Consultation	
HomeFront	Public Housing Agency Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence Veterans	Public Agencies Services <i>(Qualifying Population [QP])</i> Fair Housing Civil Rights Persons with Disabilities	In-Person Meeting: July 2022 Zoom meeting: August 30, 2021 Email – vouchers: September 2022 Survey: October 2022 Email – housing waiting lists: February 2023 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for emergency housing, affordable housing, varied multifamily / elderly / veteran housing options, payment assistance, increased capacity for veteran housing vouchers, increased multifamily units, & financial education; reported active in local & state CoC; provided voucher utilization rates and housing waiting list information.		
HRDC District 7	Community Action Agency Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence	Veterans Fair Housing Civil Rights Persons with Disabilities	Survey: October 2022 Emails requesting additional data: - November 15 & 29, 2022 - December 8, 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided limited survey data; reported active in local & state CoC.		
Community Crisis Center	24-Hour Emergency Shelter Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence	Sexual Assault / Stalking Human Trafficking Veterans Persons with Disabilities	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for transitional housing; reported active in local & state CoC.		
St. Vincent de Paul	Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence Sexual Assault / Stalking	Human Trafficking Veterans Fair Housing Civil Rights Persons with Disabilities	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for overnight shelter (low barrier and non-congregate care based on need), mental health and substance use disorder treatment, case management, wrap around services, supportive and transitional housing, social supports, rental assistance, life skills, budgeting, childcare, mental health and trauma informed care, and employment training; reported active in local & state CoC		

Agency	Agency Type	Method of Consultation
RiverStone Health	Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence Sexual Assault / Stalking Human Trafficking	Veterans Public Agencies (QP Services) Fair Housing Civil Rights Persons with Disabilities Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for housing, mental health services, transportation, substance abuse treatment, affordable housing, food insecurity, support for people with criminal history, housing availability that take HUD vouchers, increased beds for individuals fleeing domestic violence / dating violence / stalking / sexual assault / human trafficking; reported active in local CoC.		
The Salvation Army	Non-Congregate Shelter Continuum of Care	Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for shelter space for larger families, caregivers' ability to stay with individual in motel room (paid with voucher), assistance paying arrears, substance abuse treatment, mortgage assistance, supportive services, community training, and peer mentors; reported active in local & state CoC.		
Tumbleweed	Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence	Human Trafficking Fair Housing Civil Rights Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for affordable housing, emergency shelter, and rental assistance; reported active in local & state CoC.		
Bob Buzzas, Buzzas Consulting & Christopher Sage (Pathways MISI)	Statewide Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System	Point-in-Time Survey Lead Email requesting Billings Point-in-Time Data: - September 15, 2022 - November 15, 18, 22, 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
Feedback: Provided housing inventory / homeless population data and gap analysis review.		
Yellowstone County Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence Sexual Assault / Stalking	Human Trafficking Veterans Fair Housing Civil Rights Persons with Disabilities Survey: October 2022 Email requesting survey data clarification: January 6, 2023 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for more case management, outreach, transportation, and overnight drop-in care or emergency shelter for youth, mental health and medication management, improved care coordination.		

Agency	Agency Type	Method of Consultation
United Way of Yellowstone County	Continuum of Care	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for permanent supportive housing for highest utilizers of services, transportation, safe affordable housing, affordable quality childcare, mental health services, and legal services; reported active in local CoC.	
St. Vincent Healthcare	Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention	Domestic Violence Veterans Persons with Disabilities
	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023 Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated greatest need for individuals at greatest risk of housing instability; reported active in local CoC.	
YWCA	Continuum of Care Domestic Violence Sexual Assault / Stalking	Human Trafficking Fair Housing Civil Rights
	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023 Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for additional shelter space, and affordable safe housing; reported active in local & state CoC.	
Angela’s Piazza	Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence Sexual Assault / Stalking	Human Trafficking Fair Housing Civil Rights
	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023 Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for more affordable housing, access to mental health care, public transportation, additional support for stalking and human trafficking cases.	
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence	Sexual Assault / Stalking Human Trafficking Public Agencies (QP Services)
	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023 Feedback: Provided limited survey data; indicated need for higher wages, additional housing, resources for housing cost assistance / mental health / legal services.	
Montana Rescue Mission	Emergency & Non-Congregate Shelter Continuum of Care Homeless Services	Domestic Violence Fair Housing Civil Rights
	Email inquiring about shelter beds: August 4, 5 & 24; September 5, 18, 2022 Phone: August 5, 2022 Survey: October 2022 Email requesting survey data clarification: January 6, 2023 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023 Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated a critical need for additional emergency shelter for individuals, families, and unaccompanied youth; reported active in local & state CoC.	

Agency	Agency Type		Method of Consultation
Chinook Horses Equine Therapy	Continuum of Care	Homeless Prevention	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for transportation to attend treatment / mental health services, and access to mental health / substance use / other treatment that accepts Medicaid; reported active in local CoC.		
NAMI	Homeless Prevention	Persons with Disabilities	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated emergency shelter and rental housing as critical needs.		
LIFTT	Homeless Services	Fair Housing	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Homeless Prevention	Civil Rights	
	Domestic Violence	Persons with Disabilities	Feedback: Provided survey data: indicated need for affordable housing, life skills training, substance abuse treatment, childcare resources, transportation, suicide prevention, workforce training, renter's education, victim advocacy and education / training, temporary shelter, financial education, and counseling.
HER Campaign	Emergency & Non-Congregate Shelters		Survey: October 2022
		Human Trafficking	Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for low barrier / immediate and short-term placement for survivors of human trafficking; reported active in local & state CoC.		
Family Service	Homeless Services	Domestic Violence	Survey: October 2022
	Homeless Prevention	Veterans	Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided limited survey data; reported active in local CoC.		
Off The Streets Corporation	Continuum of Care	Sexual Assault / Stalking	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Homeless Services	Human Trafficking	
	Homeless Prevention	Veterans	
	Domestic Violence		Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for affordable housing, emergency low barrier shelter, and supportive housing; reported active in local CoC.
Veterans Inc.	Homeless Services	Veterans	Survey: October 2022
	Homeless Prevention	Persons with Disabilities	Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Domestic Violence		Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, lower deposit and utility costs, financial / credit counseling, domestic violence shelters, financial resources including employment opportunities, more veteran focused providers, and additional funding to support homeless veterans in housing crises; reported active in local & state CoC.

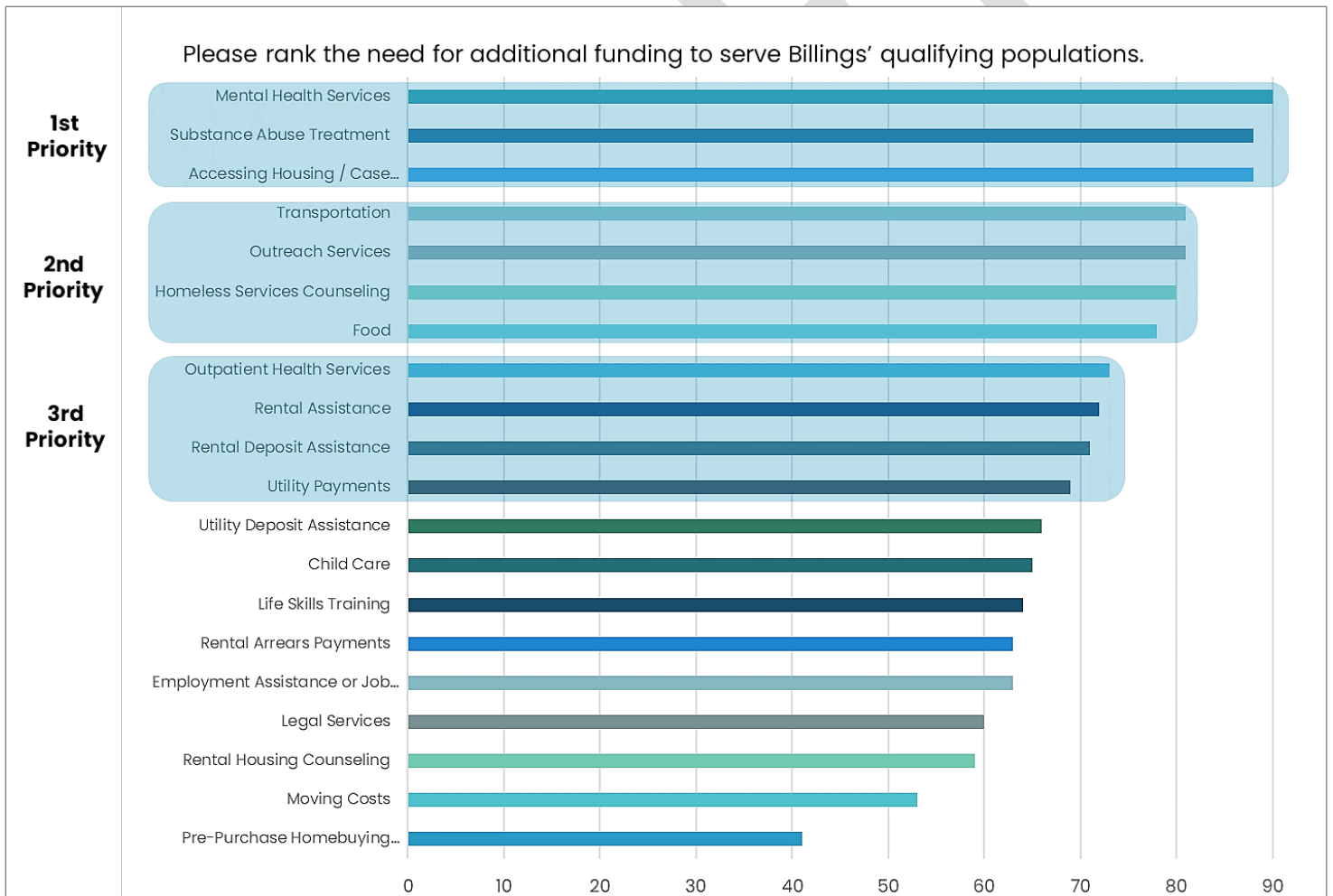
Agency	Agency Type		Method of Consultation
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	Emergency & Non-Congregate Shelters Continuum of Care Homeless Services Homeless Prevention Domestic Violence Sexual Assault / Stalking	Human Trafficking Veterans Fair Housing Civil Rights Persons with Disabilities	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for affordable housing access and preventative services for those at risk of homelessness; reported active in local CoC.		
Early Childhood Intervention	Homeless Services	Persons with Disabilities	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
Feedback: Provided limited survey data.			
STEP, Inc.	Continuum of Care Homeless Services	Homeless Prevention Persons with Disabilities	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for case management and service coordination among providers, childcare, and transportation; reported active in local CoC.		
SYNERGY HomeCare	Senior Home Care Services	Veterans	Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
Feedback: Provided limited survey data.			
Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force	Human Trafficking		Survey: October 2022 Email – drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan: February 25, 2023
	Feedback: Provided survey data; indicated need for additional street outreach, case management, 24 hour low barrier shelter options, permanent supportive housing, harm reduction care and services, life skills training, mentorship programs, supportive services to prevent homelessness, childcare, reliable public transportation for shift work, rent and utility assistance, legal assistance, cell phone assistance, health care and financial education, clothing assistance, trauma informed care, integrated health and behavioral care, wrap around services.		

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities.

Agency feedback via the City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey provided a snapshot of the expansive needs for all qualifying populations. Feedback revealed a strong preference for increasing affordable, transitional, and/or supportive housing units to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of homelessness.

Though the need for increased housing inventory is critical, when agencies were asked to rank the need for additional funding, the highest priorities for all qualifying populations were mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and accessing housing / case management. Additional funding priority rankings for all populations were transportation, outreach, homeless services counseling, food, outpatient health services, rental assistance, rental deposit assistance, and utility payments.

City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey. Additional Funding Needs



Through the consultation process and review of community data identified in the needs assessment and gaps analysis, the City established preferences for people experiencing homelessness and /or people at-risk of homelessness, though all households in qualifying populations will be eligible for HOME-ARP funding. The City of Billings will indicate in its HOME-ARP Application that organizations intending to apply for funding must have the capacity to serve all qualifying populations. The City will also provide definitions of all qualifying populations with the understanding that referral methods will need to incorporate the expanded HOME-ARP definitions.

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Public Participation

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

- The City of Billings was awarded a total of \$1,211,321 in HOME-ARP funding.
- The range of activities the City may undertake include: Administration and Planning; Production or Preservation of Rental Housing; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); Supportive Services; Acquisition or Development of Non-Congregate Shelter; and / or Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance. Activities must benefit individuals and / or families experiencing homelessness in qualifying populations.

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

First Public comment period:

- Start date: August 26, 2022
- End date: September 12, 2022
- Public Notice Dates: August 12, 19 & 26, 2023

The first public hearing was held on September 12, 2022, to obtain public comment on the needs of those experiencing homelessness while developing the HOME-ARP assessment and planning activities. This public hearing was also utilized for the review of the City's Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report.

Second Public comment period:

- Start date: February 25, 2023
- End date: March 13, 2023
- Public Notice Dates: February 24, 2023, March 3 & 10, 2023

The second public hearing will be held on March 13, 2023, at the Billings City Council Regular Meeting to obtain public comment on the Allocation Plan. The City Council will vote on approval of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan via a Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

Describe the public participation process.

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, public notice was published in the Yellowstone County News. Various methods for public participation were advertised including accessibility options for individuals with physical disabilities, hearing, speech, and/or vision impairment. This also included the Traditional Relay Service (TTY) number for Montana Relay. *Affidavit of Publication is attached in the appendices.*

The City notified the agencies consulted as well as those that were sent the initial survey that the draft Allocation Plan was posted on the [City's website](#) for review and public comment. This notification was also sent via a list serv from a representative of the Billings Job Service through the Montana Department of Labor & Industry. Additionally, copies of the plan and notice of public hearing were also emailed to each organization on February 25, 2023.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation.

The community survey released in October 2022 was accompanied by an explanation of funds, eligible activities, and a letter from the City's Mayor, William Cole, to promote participation.

A public informational presentation was organized and held at the Billings Public Library on December 16, 2022. The City provided an overview of eligible funding activities, preliminary survey findings, and program timelines. Two email distribution lists were used to provide details about the presentation and an invitation to attend. In total, 221 local contractors / developers and 176 individuals from the following were contacted:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)
- Public Housing Agencies
- Montana Fair Housing
- Billings City Council
- Neighborhood Task Forces
- Downtown Billings Alliance
- Non-Profit Organizations

For those who were not able to attend in person, virtual attendance via Zoom was made optional. Over 30 public attendees, one City Council member, and five City staff participated. Attendance lists including Zoom attendees are included in the appendices.

The drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and March 13, 2023, public hearing date was posted on the City of Billings website. Community members were invited to provide comment during the public comment period and/or during the public hearing.

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

To date, there have been no public comments or recommendations received. Any comments / recommendations received during the upcoming public comment period and public hearing will be summarized in the Allocation Plan prior to submission to HUD.

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

Comments and/or recommendations are pending a public comment period and public hearing.

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Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

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

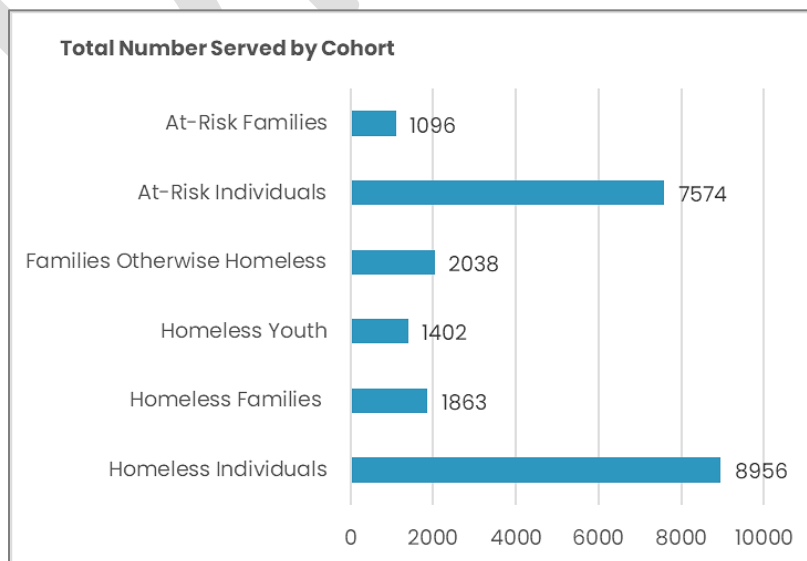
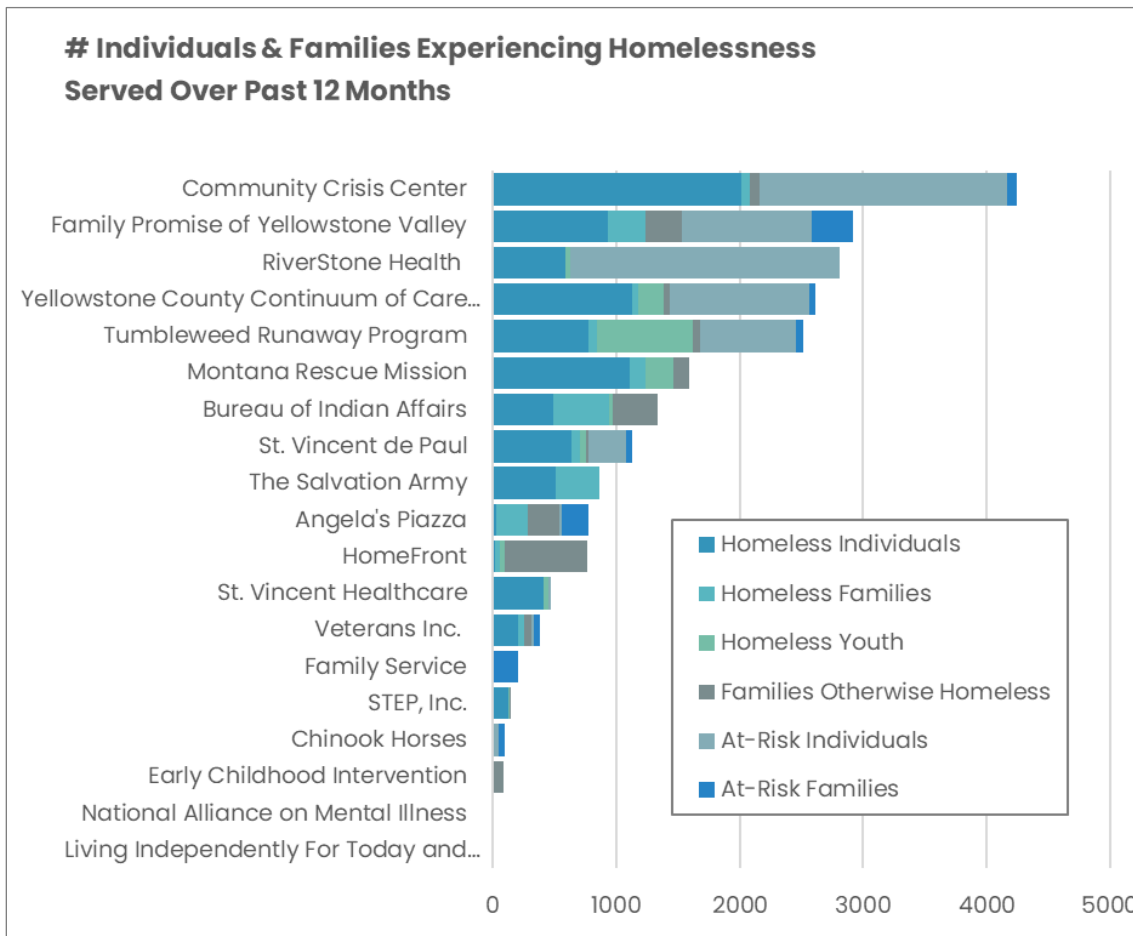
The City used a variety of sources to guide the needs assessment and gaps analysis. These included the City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey; American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Data Estimates; Point-In-Time (PIT) counts from January 2019 and January 2020; direct consultation with the Montana Continuum of Care; 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA); HRDC District 7 2020 Community Needs Assessment; and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data sets from 2014-2018. Additional data on homelessness was obtained from the [Homelessness and Housing Supports in Yellowstone County: A preliminary analysis](#), a compilation and analysis of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data from 2019. The City also utilized direct email consultation to assemble updated housing inventory from local providers. It is important to know that many data sources may not reflect population changes due to the coronavirus pandemic, which reached its first case number peak in November / December 2020.

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

The survey process for the City of Billings provided staff with general knowledge regarding the number of individuals and families served by local organizations in each qualifying population over the past twelve months. The City acknowledges that social service agencies may collect, assess, and report demographics and eligibility criteria differently from each other as well as differently from the HOME-ARP definitions. Some agencies may not have had the data tools in place to gather this information and respond effectively to this type of survey. It is important to note that, in the survey, respondents were asked to report on the number of unduplicated individuals in the HOME-ARP qualifying populations and were provided with separate definitions of each; however, it appears some organizations may have duplicated numbers of individuals and families served across multiple qualifying populations within the survey. Therefore, the total numbers served from multiple qualifying populations appears to be duplicated in some survey charts. A full chart depicting the populations served, as reported by social service organizations in the survey, can be found in Appendix D, page 68.

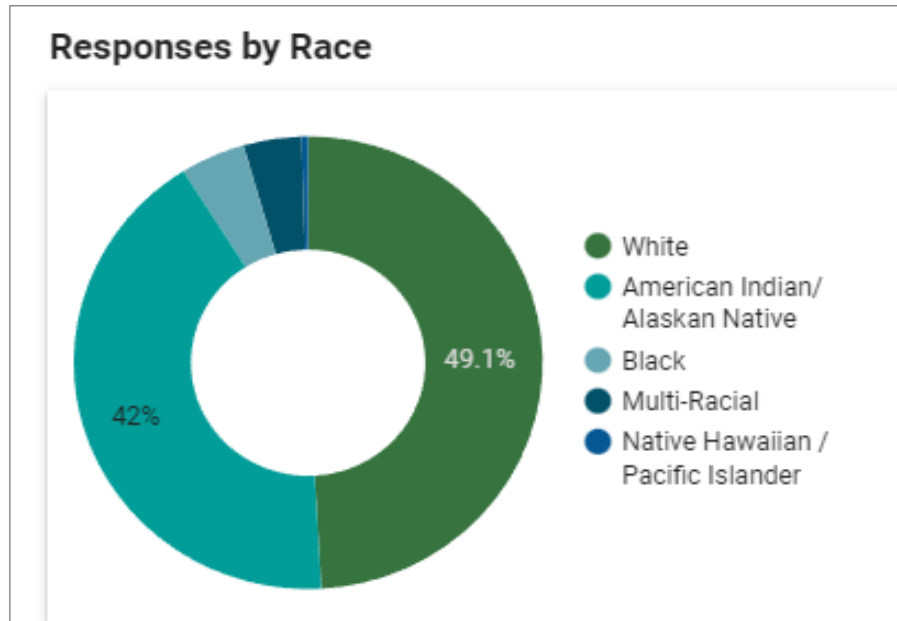
Accounting for potential duplication of individuals and families served, it appears the Community Crisis Center, Yellowstone County Continuum of Care, and Montana Rescue Mission served the highest number of individuals experiencing homelessness. The Bureau of Indian Affairs served the highest number of homeless families, while Tumbleweed provided services for the most unaccompanied youth. RiverStone Health provided services for the

highest number of individuals at-risk of homelessness. Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley served the highest number of at-risk families. Homeless individuals were the most frequently served population reported in the City's survey, followed by at-risk individuals. Please note, organizations may have served the same individuals and families during the reporting period.



Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to the [January 2020 Point-In-Time \(PIT\) survey](#), there were 1,545 people experiencing homelessness in the State of Montana. In Billings, 224 people (167 households) were counted in this survey – 15% of Montana’s total homeless population. The overall population experiencing homelessness decreased from 2018 to 2020 (2,060 in 2018 and 1,676 in 2019).



Source: [Montana Homeless Survey](#)

In the January 2020 PIT count, 49% of homeless individuals counted in Billings were White, 42% were American Indian / Alaskan Native, 5% were Black, 4% were Multi-Racial, and 0.1% were Native Hawaiian / Islander. Approximately 18% of individuals identified as Hispanic. The Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) community was disproportionately represented compared to [population and racial estimates in Billings \(U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts\)](#).

In the 2020 PIT count, 65% of homeless individuals in Billings identified as male, and 34% identified as female. Individuals within the ages of 25–44 made up 46% of the population. It is important to note that according to Billings HMIS data from the previous year, 24% of the total population accounted for was youth, ages 13 – 17; the largest percentage for a singular age demographic ([Homelessness and Housing Supports in Yellowstone County: A preliminary analysis](#)). Upwards of 54% of households reported having at least one disability, whereas [only 9% of Billings residents under 65 reported having a disability \(U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts\)](#). These included physical health, mental health, and/or substance abuse.

According to the [Homelessness and Housing Supports in Yellowstone County: A preliminary analysis](#) report, 337 unhoused patients were seen an average of 2.35 times at St. Vincent Healthcare in 2019. Billings Clinic saw 264 unhoused patients for a total of 1,051 visits in 2018. Both facilities reported that the majority of these patients were male and people of color.

In the 2020 PIT Survey, most Billings respondents reported they were sleeping outside; however, data obtained in PIT counts may not account for all households served by organizations in Billings. According to 2019 HMIS data in the Billings Coordinated Entry System (CES), 23% of unhoused adults and 14% of families were sleeping outside upon initial assessment.

The same PIT Survey noted that the majority of households (twenty-nine) indicated they had been experiencing homelessness for over two years. Thirty-nine households reported having been homeless four or more times in the last three years. Most households estimated they had been unhoused for twelve months or more each time they had experienced homelessness. Therefore, 30% of the population surveyed were considered "[chronically homeless](#)". Ninety-eight households reported having no income whereas fifty-five households reported having at least one type of income.

Unaccompanied Youth and Families with Children and Youth

Approximately 35% of homeless households in Billings included children and youth ([Homelessness and Housing Supports in Yellowstone County: A preliminary analysis](#)). Twelve service provider respondents from the City's HOME-ARP Survey reported family sizes ranging from one to four, with the exception being families served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The average family household size served by this agency was eight.

According to the 2019 PIT count, unaccompanied youth made up one out of every seven homeless households in Billings. One in twenty youth reported sleeping outside or in a place not meant for habitation. Like adult populations, the majority of unaccompanied youth in the 2020 PIT count reported being homeless four or more times within the last three years. Most unaccompanied youth indicated brief bouts of homelessness – more than one month, but less than three months.

In a [2019 Montana YRBS-Homeless Report](#), almost five percent of students were sleeping in places that were not a parent's or guardian's home. The majority of these students identified as Hispanic and/or American Indian / Native American, despite the fact that white, non-Hispanic youth make up [over 80% of the youth population in Montana \(U.S. Department of Justice\)](#). In Billings, similar trends existed; almost half of homeless students were American Indian / Native American and/or Hispanic. Additionally, half of all unaccompanied youth that were assessed for Coordinated Entry in Billings reported having a learning disability ([Homelessness and Housing Supports in Yellowstone County: A preliminary analysis](#)).

Eleven agency respondents to the City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey indicated serving unaccompanied youth. Tumbleweed, a Billings nonprofit assisting at-risk youth and young adults, reported serving the most individuals, 778 over the past twelve months. Tumbleweed also reported serving 22 unaccompanied youth individuals experiencing domestic and/or dating violence and 27 individuals fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking.

At-Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

A severe housing problem exists for households at-risk of homelessness. According to [2014-2018 CHAS Data](#), there were 3,275 renter occupied households and 1,785 owner occupied households earning between 0–30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). This is approximately 11% of all households in Billings.

Out of all the vacant-for-rent properties in Billings, there were none available that would have been considered affordable for earners falling below 30% AMI. According to the [City of Billings Five Year Consolidated Plan](#), approximately 75% of all renters with incomes less than 30% of the AMI are severely cost-burdened (paying more than 50% of monthly income towards housing).

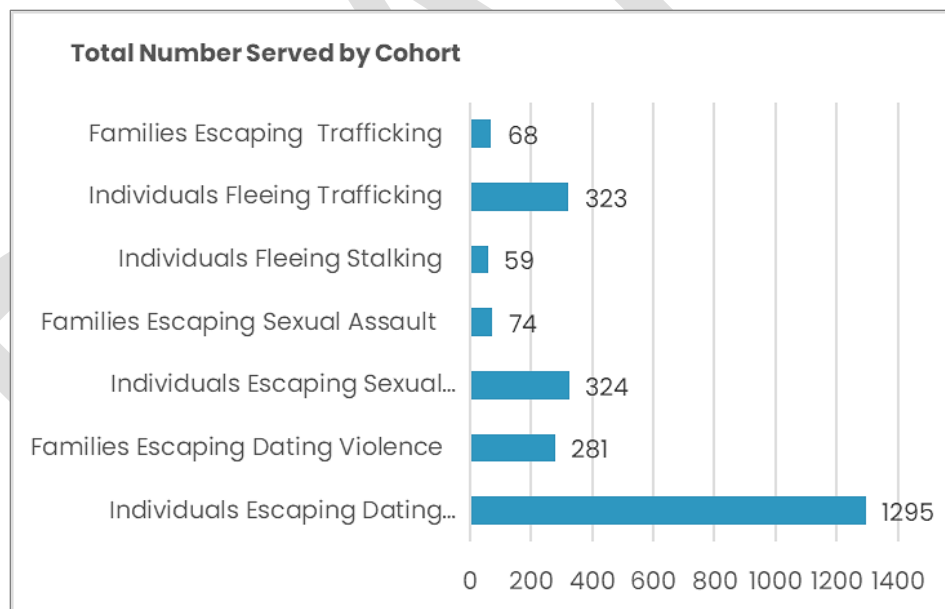
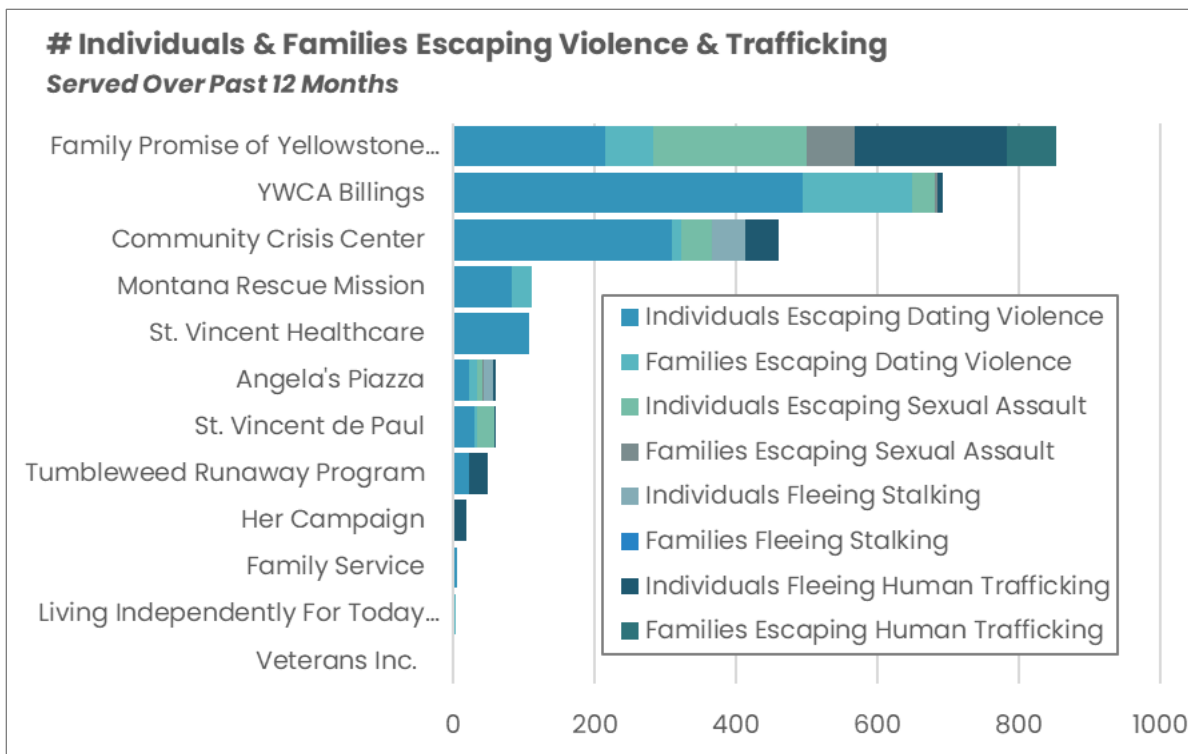
These factors only exacerbate the risk of homelessness, as households experiencing housing cost burden have fewer resources to cover the cost of other necessities. This data also exposes a lack of affordable housing options for this population.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic / Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

The relationship between homelessness, domestic / dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking in Billings is significant. The [2020 Community Health Needs Assessment Report](#) indicated that over 20% of respondents had been a victim of domestic violence at least one time. The 2020 PIT survey counted 156 victims of domestic violence in the state, or 10% of the population.

The 2020 Billings Police Department Annual Report indicated that the number of investigations surrounding domestic violence issues has increased each year since 2017. In 2019, approximately 34% of Coordinated Entry individual assessments in Billings indicated exposure to at least one type of domestic violence. Billings' 2019 PIT count revealed that domestic violence issues were among the top reasons for housing barriers ([Homelessness and Housing Supports in Yellowstone County: A preliminary analysis](#)).

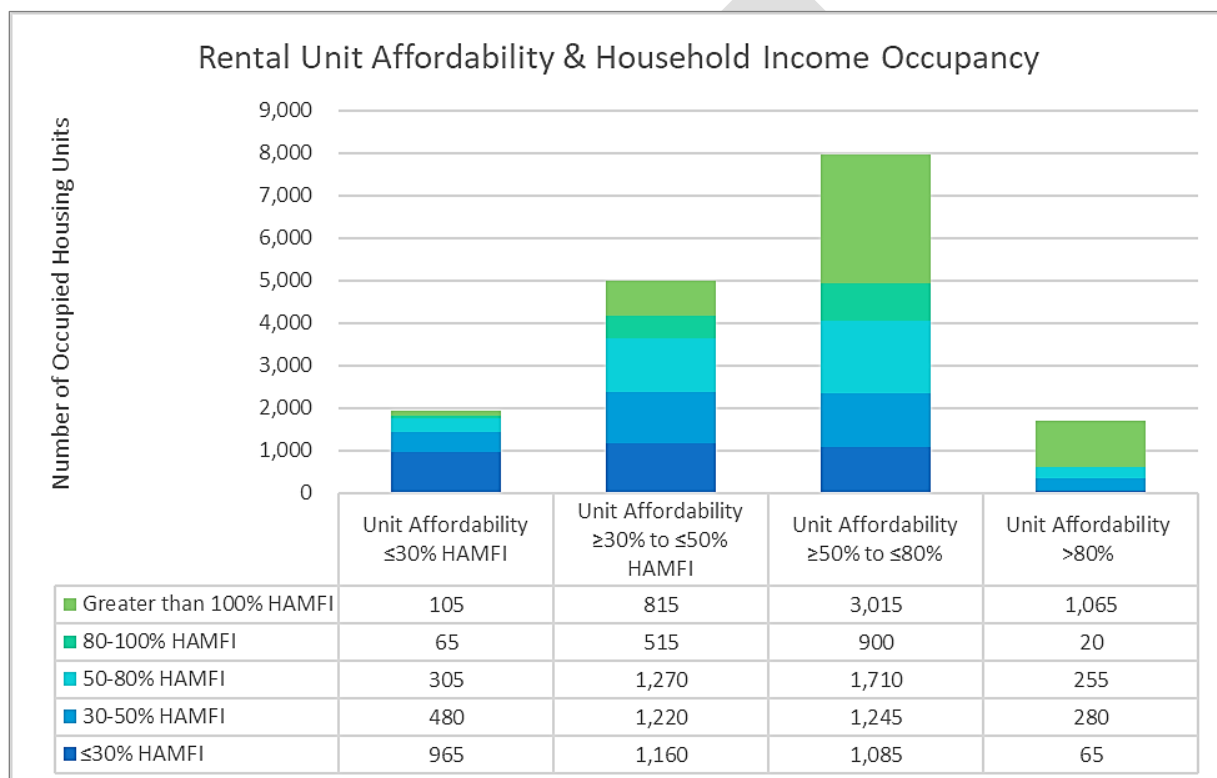
Twelve organizations from the City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey indicated they were serving community members in this qualifying population. Most people served were individuals escaping domestic / dating violence. People escaping sexual assault and human trafficking made up 33% of those served. In total, Billings agencies served 2,001 individuals over the past twelve months in this qualifying population. (*City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey*). See charts following.



According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline Data Report ([Montana State Report For 2020](#)), the hotline received 462 substantive signals (e.g. text messages, phone calls, online tip reports, etc.) regarding human trafficking issues. Of those, 66% of signals came from victims of trafficking. This was the 22nd highest number of signals in the country. Most victims involved in human trafficking events were adult females. The Montana Department of Justice reported a [1,400% increase](#) in the number of human trafficking cases from 2015–2022.

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

Renters in Billings earning 50% or less of the AMI occupy approximately 6,750 housing units, or 40% of the total rentals, according to [2014-2018 CHAS Data](#). Of these households, 1,380 have at least one of four housing problems identified by HUD which include: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, and housing cost burden. City staff anticipates that the number of households with a severe housing cost burden has increased since 2018 due to the economic results of the COVID-19 pandemic and rising housing costs in the area.



One important figure to note is that most households in Billings earning more than 80% of the HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) are occupying a large portion of the housing units that fall within the affordability range for lower-income earners. This phenomenon also limits the number of units for households with annual incomes below 50% of the AMI and contributes to the number of households that experience housing cost burden.

Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member

According to the [2021 Annual Homeless Assessment Report \(AHAR\) to Congress](#), between 2009 and 2021, the sheltered veteran homelessness population increased in only six states: Oregon (135 more sheltered veterans), Vermont (65), Idaho (62), New Hampshire (40), Rhode

Island (32), and Montana (27 more sheltered veterans). Montana also has one of the lowest rates of sheltered individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness, just under eight percent.

In January 2020, [165 veterans](#) were experiencing homelessness in the State of Montana; just under eleven percent of the total population. Billings is representative of this as well. According to the 2020 PIT Survey, 19 out of 167 households (11%) experiencing homelessness reported having at least one veteran family member.

Ten eligible veteran households accessed Rapid Re-Housing funds through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program at Volunteers of American (VOA) in 2022.

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

Of the agencies that participated in the City's HOME-ARP Survey, individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals at-risk of homelessness were the most commonly served demographics. It is important to note that totals obtained from the City's HOME-ARP Survey may be duplicated, due to reporting variations and the fact that multiple agencies may have served the same individuals / families.

In 2018, Montana implemented a new Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) through [Pathways MISI](#) to carry out the activities for the Continuum of Care (CoC) including a Coordinated Entry System (CES). Community housing partners use HMIS and the CES to collect data relative to individuals and families experiencing barriers related to homelessness, increase housing access, maintain housing, and to meet HUD reporting requirements. In the City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey, eight organizations reported using HMIS regularly to obtain client-level data and assess housing needs and barriers. Eleven agencies reported active participation in CES Meetings. *See Appendix D, page 65.* This information will help determine organizational ability to carry out the HOME-ARP priority activities identified in this plan.

Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter

The Community Crisis Center provides twenty-four-hour crisis intervention and congregate shelter for individuals. The center was created through a collaborative partnership of providers including SCL Health, Billings Clinic, the Mental Health Center, and RiverStone Health. There are 18 adult-only beds regularly available for individuals experiencing homelessness. Up to 20 [overflow / voucher beds](#) are also available.

Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley formerly provided congregate shelter beds for families. The shelter model is operated through the Interfaith Hospitality Network and includes

congregations that provide shelter, meals, and support to each family. Families also receive intensive case management services at Family Promise.

The Montana Rescue Mission (MRM) provides congregate and non-congregate shelter options and has 86 total beds for both individuals and families experiencing homelessness. MRM is in the process of building a "[Unified Campus Project](#)," which will increase the number shelter beds at their organization. The project will contain 50 beds for women and families and 76 beds for men. In September 2022, the City Council voted to provide MRM with approximately \$76,000 for administrative services and to enhance data entry through HMIS.

In September 2022, Billings City Council approved the use of public safety mill levy funds totaling \$510,000 to operate a seasonal low barrier emergency shelter over a two-year period. The partnership between the Yellowstone County CoC, Community Crisis Center, and Billings First Congregational Church, "ShelterFirst," provides seasonal nightly shelter for up to 31 individuals, including families, through April 30th. The five-year strategic plan for the local CoC includes further infrastructure development with additional funding.

[YWCA Billings](#) operates an emergency shelter for single adults and households with children to quickly escape violent relationships. Gateway House has 12 family units, 35 family beds, and 2 adult-only beds in total. [In late 2021, the YWCA](#) opened a domestic violence shelter to serve the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Nations. The agency is also developing *Gateway Horizons*, which has 25 family units and 77 family beds available. [The YWCA Billings applied for funding through the 2021 Continuum of Care competition for this project.](#)

In addition to a Safe House, HER Campaign's emergency shelter can provide eight beds for survivors of sex trafficking for 30 to 90 days. The shelter serves women including trafficking survivors who are pregnant, have disabilities, and/or handicaps. A variety of advocacy services are also offered for survivors to facilitate a more permanent housing solution.

Angela's Piazza, a local agency advocating for and supporting victims of domestic violence, also reported providing non-congregate emergency shelter for nine individuals between October 2021 and October 2022.

Supportive Services

The City relies heavily on service providers as well as the local Continuum of Care and the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to provide supportive resources for qualifying populations within city-limits. According to the [United Way of Yellowstone County website](#), the following organizations are Key CoC Partners:

- Alternatives, Inc.
- Besaw Integrity Consulting
- Billings Clinic
- HomeFront
- City of Billings
- Community Crisis Center
- District 7 HRDC
- Downtown Billings Alliance

- Mental Health Center
- MT Dept. of Corrections
- Probation & Parole Division
- Mary Underriner
- Montana Rescue Mission
- Rimrock Foundation
- RiverStone Health
- St. Vincent Healthcare
- Tumbleweed
- Volunteers of America (VOA)
- YWCA
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Yellowstone County

Many of these agencies provide direct services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness including Rapid Re-Housing, case management, homeless services counseling, housing search assistance, mental health services, employment assistance, and life skills assistance. A full list of organizations / survey respondents reporting participation in the local CoC as of October 2022 can be found in Appendix D, page 65.

In 2019, over [\\$3.4 million was allocated](#) through HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. [The plan](#) identified risk factors associated with the gaps in services for unaccompanied youth and outlined key steps to address these concerns. District 7 HRDC received \$102,580 as a renewal grant for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project, ten percent of the overall \$1 million award.

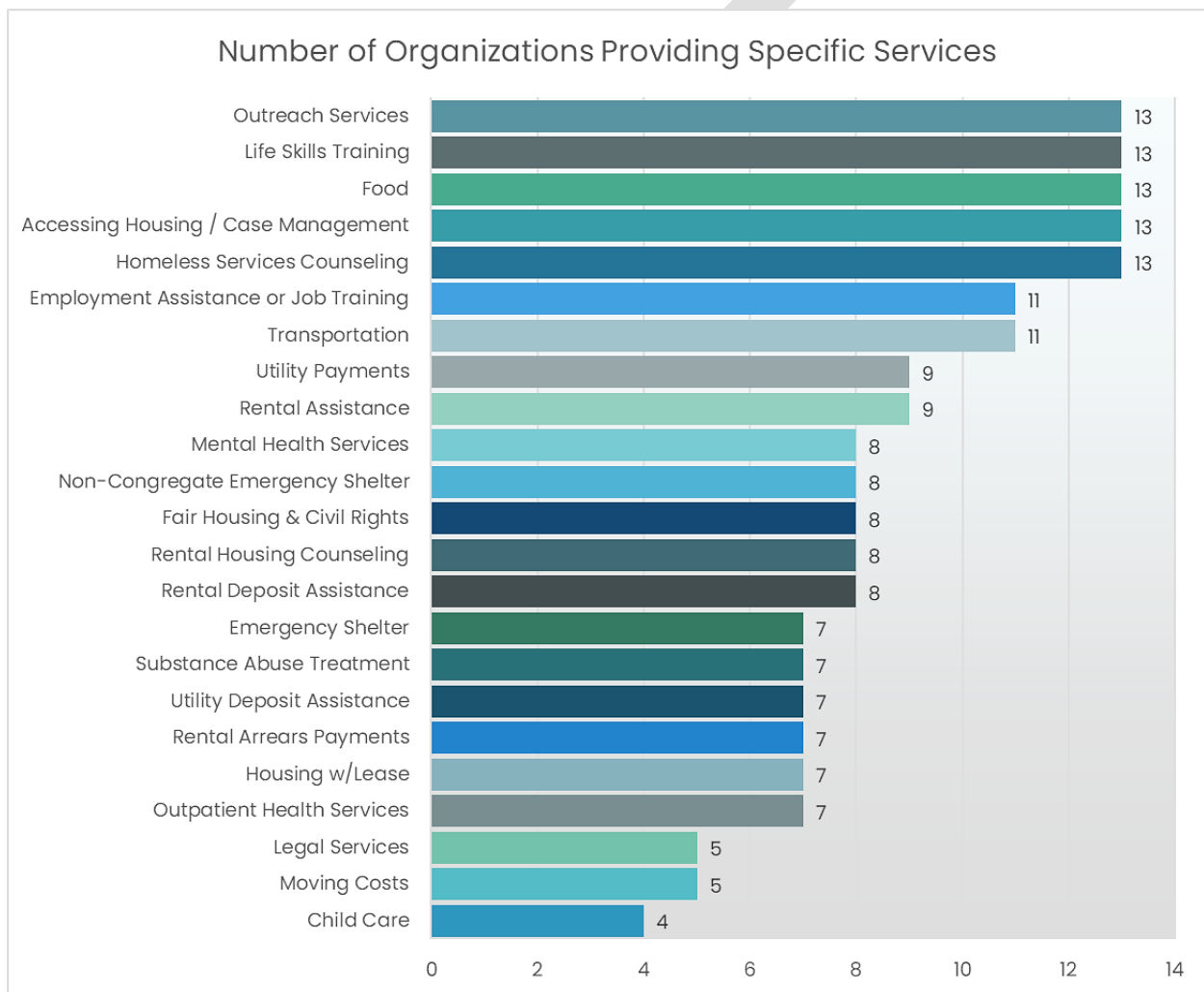
Various resources have been established to address the needs of people escaping violence and/or trafficking in Billings. YWCA's housing program provides a variety of support services at no charge. These include: shelter, 24-hour help lines, hospital accompaniment, case management, legal assistance, clinical services, advocacy, employment and training programs, financial empowerment and tuition assistance. A Housing Navigator coordinates services for survivors within the YWCA and with community partners.

Tumbleweed operates victim advocacy programs for youth in need of services to support victims with the development of life skills and to address barriers to medical and behavioral health, education, and employment.

The Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force was formed in 2016 to evaluate needs related to trafficking and to advocate for survivors. It is comprised of over 800 representatives from 80 organizations. The Task Force meets once per quarter and is open to the public.

Supportive service assistance to prevent homelessness is provided at various local agencies. HRDC District 7 offers supportive service assistance through its Homeless Prevention program with the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The Salvation Army can assist individuals and families with emergency rent assistance as well as motel and hotel vouchers. Family Service has limited funding for assistance with rent (if an eviction notice has been issued), utilities, and one-time funding for security deposits for individuals and families eligible for Section 8 housing.

In addition to serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, agencies in Billings provide a variety of services for other qualifying populations. The Salvation Army offers supportive service assistance to individuals and families facing housing instability. This includes case management to address housing, childcare, legal, employment, and health barriers. NAMI provides mental health services. Other organizations provide substance abuse treatment, childcare, outpatient health services, employment assistance / job training, fair housing & civil rights training, food, life skills, and legal services. In the HOME-ARP Survey, the majority of respondents reported providing outreach, life skills training, food, and accessing housing / case management services.



Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs for eligible individuals and families in Billings are administered by the local PHA, HomeFront. According to HomeFront, 82% of HCVs were being utilized as of September 2022. Additional Local Preference vouchers for individuals and

families experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, and with family reunification needs also had an 82% utilization rate.

HRDC District 7 administers tenant-based, permanent rental and supportive service assistance through Rapid Re-Housing under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Up to 40 family units can be assisted with these funds. Unaccompanied, parenting youth may be eligible for transitional housing at Harmony House through HRDC District 7. Residents can receive transitional living support for up to 18 months as well as aftercare services for an additional 6 months. There are five family units and twenty total beds available through this program.

Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley offers transitional living spaces for 12 families, and a total of 30 family beds.

HER Campaign opened a transitional housing project in May 2021. The program can serve four women and/or women with children for up to two years. During this time, women are provided with one-on-one support to build skills working towards financial independence.

Beginning in 2021, the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) issued Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) through a direct referral program with the Montana Continuum of Care Coalition. EHV referring agencies in Billings are HRDC District 7, United Way of Yellowstone County, and YWCA Billings.

Volunteers of America (VOA) provides rapid re-housing services through Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) in Billings. SSVF in Billings has seven family units and ten beds in total. The VOA also operates Independence Hall, a transitional housing program for adult males with 20 beds.

Affordable & Permanent Supportive Rental Housing

[HomeFront](#) owns and operates seven affordable rental housing developments in Billings. HomeFront also operates affordable public housing rentals, rentals for individuals over 62, and for individuals with disabilities. They also manage the city's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. Over 3,000 residents are currently served through HomeFront programming in Billings.

The MRM Unified Campus project plans to add six transitional housing units and 23 supportive housing apartments. The rentals will be reserved for individuals and families earning less than 60% of the AMI.

In 2018, YWCA Billings opened a low-income housing tax credit property, Gateway Vista. This two-story, 24-hour secured facility has twenty-four apartments and gives preference to Gateway Shelter residents and other victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Residents have access to counseling and case management, and YWCA's 24/7 help lines

where 4,775 callers were assisted in the last year. Gateway Vista Apartments are based on a percentage of area median income.

Rental housing options in Billings are limited compared to the number of families that are income-eligible. The following properties are considered affordable housing options:

- Aspen Grove Senior Subsidized Apartments
- Magic City Terrace (Volunteers of America)
- Sunrise Manor
- Fraser Tower
- South Forty Apartments
- Ponderosa Acres
 - Sage Tower
 - Western View Apartments
 - Big Sky Apartments
 - Rose Park Plaza
 - Grand View Apartments
 - Prairie Tower Apartments

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Both Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing options exist in Billings for Veterans. Permanent Supportive Housing through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) is operated by HomeFront in Billings. As of September 2022, 87% of HUD-VASH vouchers were being utilized. A total of 106 beds are available through VASH. At VOA, 20 transitional housing beds at Independence Hall are reserved for single, adult males, whereas Rapid Re-Housing through SSVF can support seven veteran family units. A summary of shelter and housing inventory can be found in Appendix C, page 60.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations.

People experiencing homelessness experience higher rates of morbidity and mortality as the social determinants of health are greatly affected by lack of safe, affordable, and accessible housing ([Tackling Health Disparities for People Who Are Homeless, National Library of Medicine](#)). Solving the issue of homelessness is complicated and requires a highly dedicated amount of time, investment, and resources. It is necessary that people experiencing issues related to homelessness have access to, and knowledge of, services in order to combat these barriers.

[The HRDC District 7 2020 Community Needs Assessment](#) reported that the top five services that households most need but don't know how to access were: low-income housing or rental payment assistance; utility payment assistance; transportation; minor home repair or weatherization services; and employment and training. Additionally, when respondents were asked to provide details regarding the most important issues, they had faced within the past twelve months, the highest ranked responses were affordable health care, safe affordable housing, and access to living wage jobs. Following these were barriers related to transportation, childcare, and food. These unmet service needs closely resemble the responses from service providers through the City's HOME-ARP consultation process.

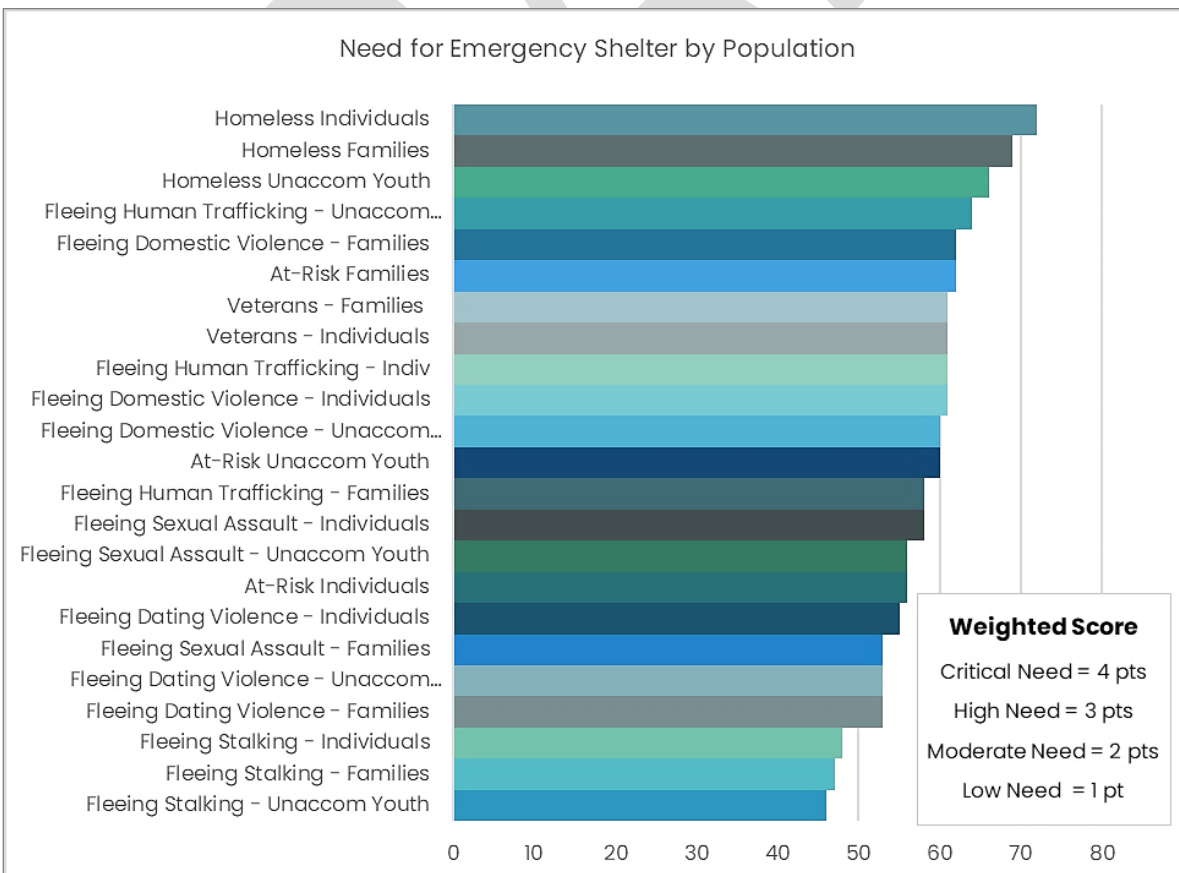
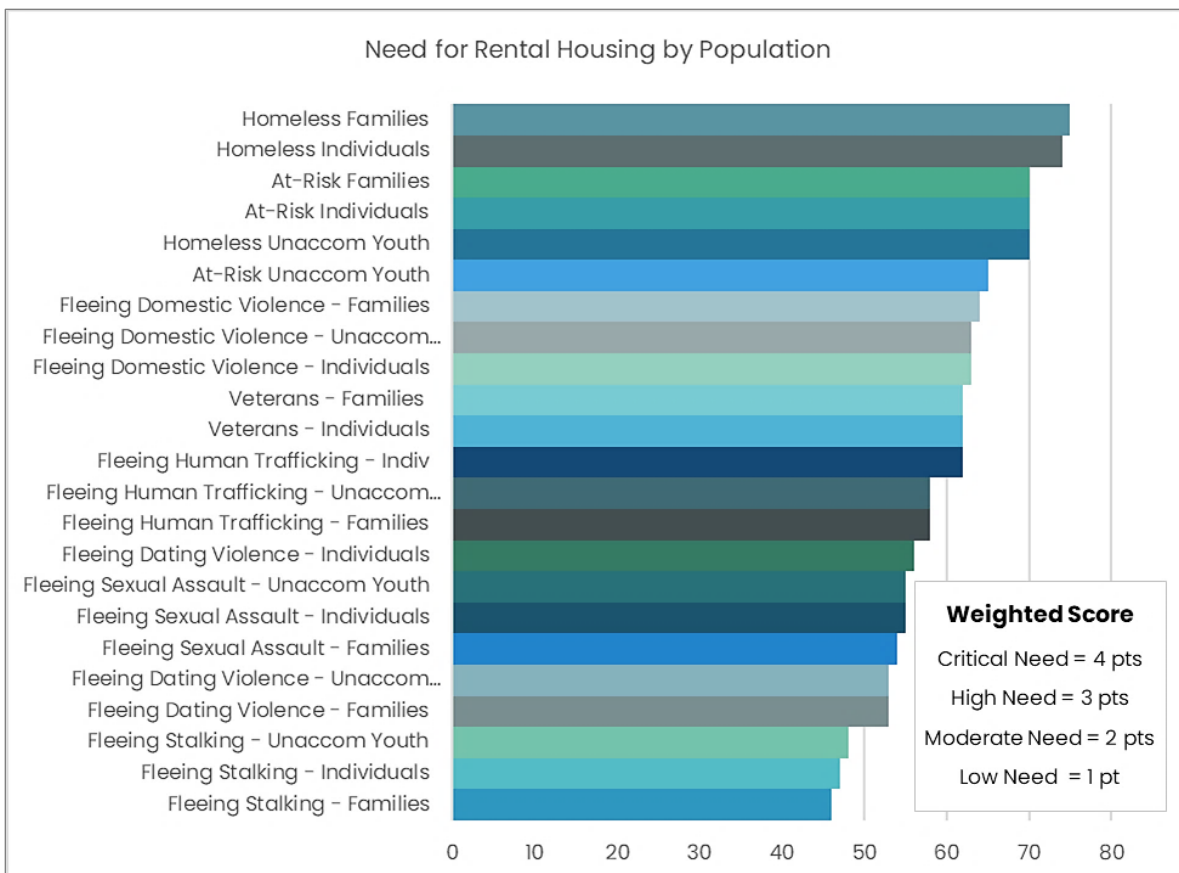
According to the [City of Billings' Consolidated Plan](#), HomeFront has over 4,400 single person households earning 0-30% of AMI on waiting lists for housing options. During the HOME-ARP consultation process, HomeFront reported that the combination of low rental inventory available and sky-rocketing rental costs has become the most significant issue for people that receive housing vouchers, but unable to secure housing, and therefore remain on waiting lists. As of September 2022, there were 177 vouchers that had been issued to families searching for housing that had not yet been utilized.

In 2021, the City of Billings utilized CDBG-CV (Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act) funding for supportive services in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The City formed agreements with several non-profit organizations in Billings to provide services detailed in the [Coronavirus Initiative Report](#) assessment. From July 2021 – June 2022, over 1,900 households with incomes below 30% AMI were served, or 87% of all beneficiaries. These funds have since been allocated and mostly expended.

At present, the number of affordable housing options in Billings is not sufficient to meet the needs of the current population. With both little inventory and low vacancy rates for affordable units, all qualifying populations are experiencing hardships when it comes to obtaining and maintaining housing. For homeless individuals, there is currently a significant lack of adult-only shelter beds available in Billings. In addition to lack of affordable housing and other supportive housing units, the existing issue of limited funding proves there is an unmet need for many residents trying to access supportive services.

The City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey asked agencies to rank the need for housing for each qualifying population. Rental housing was the most pressing unmet housing need. Families and individuals experiencing homelessness were ranked as experiencing the most critical need followed by at-risk families, at-risk individuals, and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness. Although emergency shelter was also ranked highly for many of these populations, it appears that a slightly higher need for rental housing exists. *See charts following.*

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City staff is not recommending the use of HOME-ARP funds be allocated toward developing rental housing or emergency shelter, as City Council has prioritized the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds to address this need. Agencies can apply through the Affordable Housing Development program at billingsmt.gov/AHDInfo.

In addition to ranking the housing and shelter needs, survey respondents were asked to provide comments regarding unmet housing and service needs for each qualifying population. The results are as follows:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

For individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness, social service agencies indicated that the most common unmet needs were access to various types of affordable housing, lack of shelter options, and lack of case management, and health services.

- *“Outreach on the streets; case management; 24 hour low barrier shelter options ; permanet [sic] supportive housing; harm reduction care and services, no services should EVER be dependent on participation in religious activity”*
- *“Not adequate space at MRM or Family Promise for larger families. Individuals who can't meet their ADL's - can't get into assisted living / mental hospital. Need caregivers in motel room. Money to pay off old credit companies - rent, damages, and utilities. Substance abuse treatment options for those who have severe mental health diagnoses with no active treatment.”*
- *“Overnight shelter, both low barrier and other as well as non-congregate care, mental health and Substance use disorder txmt [sic], case management, wrap around services, supportive and/or transitional housing, Social Support”*
- *“During Q2 of this year, we assessed and provided some sort of services for 756 literally homeless adults. Of this, existing case management can prioritize no more than 160 people at any given time.”*
- *“Lack of affordable accessable [sic] housing”*
- *Lack of affordable housing and lack of permanent supportive housing and services. High cost to move in (ex. security deposit 3 months rent). High cost of utilities. Lack of financial and credit counseling assistance. Lack of CORI friendly housing.*
- *“access to affordable housing”*
- *“case management and service coordination among providers; child care; transportation”*
- *“Permanent Supportive Housing for the highest utilizers of services. This is housing with supportive services attached to keep people stabilized.”*
- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*

- *“insufficient family income”*
- *“Unmet service needs include immediate, accessible and affordable housing. This includes emergency shelter such as low barrier shelter. Another unmet need is housing that is manageable and affordable by tenants with limited ability to manage their own home. This population includes mentally and physically disabled adults who cannot or do not qualify for other housing programs. Low barrier shelter and supportive housing are the greatest unmet needs for this population.”*
- *“Transitional housing while persons awaiting treatment”*
- *“Adequate, available, affordable housing; access to mental health care”*

Unaccompanied Youth

- *“Same as above; life skills training; drivers training; mentorship programs; safe places to be a child, teen, and young adult; children should NOT be expected to act as and perform adult behavior 24 hours a day; no services should EVER be dependent on participation in religious activity”*
- *“Overnight shelter, both low barrier and other as well as non-congregate care, mental health and Substance use disorder txmt [sic], case management, wrap around services, supportive and/or transitional housing, Social Supports”*
- *“There is an extreme shortage of case management for this population, among all other literally homeless clients we serve. We also need outreach and overnight drop-in care or emergency shelter specifically for youth”*
- *“Life skills training, substance abuse training, and suicide prevention.”*
- *“Lack of rental/credit history to move into housing.”*
- *“case management and service coordination among providers; child care; transportation”*
- *“Transportation”*
- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*
- *“insufficient resources”*
- *“Unmet service needs include immediate, accessible and affordable housing. This includes emergency shelter such as low barrier shelter. Another unmet need is housing that is manageable and affordable by tenants with limited ability to manage their own home. This population includes mentally and physically disabled adults who cannot or do not qualify for other housing programs. Low barrier shelter and supportive housing are the greatest unmet needs for this population.”*
- *“A tolerant family and community - LQBT youth are too often kicked out of their family”*

At-Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

For individuals and/or families at-risk of homelessness, social service agencies indicated that the most common unmet needs were affordable housing options, financial assistance related to housing, case management, and supportive services to cover costs such as childcare and transportation.

- *“Supportive services designed to prevent homelessness; child care; reliable public transportation for shift work; rental and utility assistance; no services should EVER be dependent on participation in religious activity”*
- *“Rental Assistance, Life Skills, Budgeting, Employment Training, case management, wrap around services, Social Supports”*
- *“Case management, Case management, Case management. I cannot emphasize this enough. Second to this is outreach with transportation coming in third”*
- *“Life skills training and budgeting.”*
- *“Lack of affordable housing and financial supports.”*
- *“preventative services”*
- *“case management and service coordination among providers; child care; transportation”*
- *“Low inventory of affordable housing that is also safe. Affordable, quality childcare and before and after school care. Transportation.”*
- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*
- *“rental qualifications, large downpayments, high rental rates”*
- *“Transitional housing”*
- *“Public transportation at night”*

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic / Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking.

For individuals and/or families fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic / dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, social service agencies indicated that the most common unmet needs were lack of shelter options, affordable housing, and other supportive services including mental health care and legal services.

Domestic / Dating Violence

- *“SAFE and secure housing; cell phones with new numbers; legal assistance and protection of public information; SAFE child care; healthcare and financial counseling [sic]/aid; clothing assistance; trauma care; no services should EVER be dependent on participation in religious activity; SAFE space and TIME to work through the healing process”*

- *“Not enough space at YWCA shelter. Those placed in a motel can't necessarily be kept safe. Community training for best practices.”*
- *“Specific and Separate Shelters, Ability to house pets, Mental Health and Trauma informed care, Non-congregate shelter”*
- *“Victim advocacy, resources for temporary shelter, and victim counseling.”*
- *“YWCA Billings services are at capacity. The opening of Gateway Horizons will alleviate some of the shelter shortage but I believe we will still be unable to serve everyone who needs it. Additionally, it is almost impossible to find affordable, safe housing that is accessible to hard to rent populations [sic].”*
- *“Lack of DV shelters, lack of space for nontraditional groups fleeing.”*
- *“Mental health services - legal services”*
- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*
- *“insufficient resources for healing”*
- *“Adequate, available, affordable housing”*

Sexual Assault

- *“Need an advocate / counselor / transport. Community training for best practices.”*
- *“Specific and Separate Shelters, Ability to house pets, Mental Health and Trauma informed care, Non-congregate shelter”*
- *“Victim counseling and a safe place while fleeing.”*
- *“Lack of DV shelters, lack of space for nontraditional groups fleeing.”*
- *“Mental health services - legal services”*
- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*
- *“Insufficient resources for healing”*
- *“Adequate, available, affordable housing; access to mental health support”*

Stalking

- *“Not enough space at YWCA shelter. Those placed in motel through MERA cannot be protected. Community training for best practices.”*
- *“Specific and Separate Shelters, Ability to house pets, Mental Health and Trauma informed care, Non-congregate shelter”*
- *“victim education for cyber bullying and Victim counseling and a safe place while fleeing.”*
- *“Lack of DV shelters, lack of space for nontraditional groups fleeing.”*
- *“Mental health services - legal services”*

- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*
- *“insufficient resources for protection”*
- *“Law enforcement that take this seriously”*

Human Trafficking

- *“SAFE transportation to a different city or state; advocate assistance throughout legal/court process; legal protection from criminal charges; restitution”*
- *“Peer mentors that can provide immediate transport. Community training for best practices.”*
- *“Specific and Separate Shelters, Ability to house pets, Mental Health and Trauma informed care, Non-congregate shelter”*
- *“Victim education and counseling, community education and partnerships within the community.”*
- *“We need low barrier, immediate short-term (3-5 day) placement option for survivors exiting the life. Trauma, other mental health problems, flight or fight response to an abusive life, drug dependency, sleep deprivation, and many more factors demand that each Survivor exiting the life of trafficking get a few days to rest and think about their next step in life before making a life decision under the influence of a grave need to survive.”*
- *“Lack of DV shelters, lack of space for nontraditional groups fleeing.”*
- *“Mental health services - legal services”*
- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*
- *“insufficient support during legal proceedings and after”*
- *“Adequate, available, affordable housing; access to mental health support; follow through on capturing the trafficker”*

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

For individuals and/or families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, social service agencies indicated that the most common unmet needs were lack of affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services for substance abuse treatment and life skills, and case management.

Individuals or Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness

- *"Mortgage assistance through MERA is a loan and very difficult to acquire. Provide less requirements and one-time free assistance rather than a loan."*
- *"Rental Assistance, Life Skills, Budgeting, Employment Training, case management, wrap around services, Social Supports"*
- *"This is an area where we have quite a bit of assistance, but it is often hampered by so many funding requirements that it can be difficult to utilize. Unrestricted funds would help case managers find creative solutions for Housing Problem Solving"*
- *"Child care resources/ options, transportation, adapting back to workforce."*
- *"Lack of affordable housing, high cost of living, lack of financial resources including employment opportunities"*
- *"Mental health and other supportive services that can be accessed easily any time of the day or night"*
- *"Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance"*
- *"rental qualifications, credit scores, high rental rates, low availability"*
- *"Adequate, available, affordable housing"*

Individuals or Families At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

- *"Increase access to mental health, DV, substance abuse treatment. Money doesn't solve the problem. They need supportive services w/easy access."*
- *"Social Supports, Life Skills, Budgeting, job training, child care, intensive case management, wrap around services for entire family"*
- *"Have I mentioned case management? We could also use care coordination teams with members strategically placed to fill gaps within the homeless crisis response system"*
- *"Lack of affordable, accessible [sic] housing and renters education."*
- *"Lack of affordable housing, high cost of living, lack of financial resources including employment opportunities."*
- *"Low inventory of affordable housing that is also safe. Mental health support that can be accessed easily any time of the day or night. Affordable quality childcare, before and afterschool care."*
- *"Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance"*
- *"insufficient resources for income, housing"*

- *“Adequate, available, affordable housing”*

Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member

- *“Integrated [sic] health and behavioral care; permanent supportive housing when needed; wrap around services at all levels”*
- *“Services for those who are not income qualified by who have had a major life event or disaster.”*
- *“Specific Services like VOA and Independence Hall (need a second shelter for female veterans who are homeless), long term case management”*
- *“Traumatic Brain Injuries, PTSD, medication management, holistic relief. Aside from this, we work well with local veteran service providers and defer to them on the best way to meet any unmet need in this category”*
- *“Budgeting education, more affordable housing.”*
- *“Lack of Veteran focused providers such as Veterans Inc. Lack of funding to support all homeless veterans during a housing crisis with minimal financial resources.”*
- *“Mental health services”*
- *“Affordable housing, emergency shelter, rental assistance”*
- *“insufficient resources for housing, medical”*

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

Table One indicates a significant gap exists between the number of individuals and families at-risk of homelessness compared to the number of available affordable housing units for this qualifying population.

Table One: Non-Homeless Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table			
Categories	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# Units	# HH	# HH
Total Occupied and Vacant Rental Units	18,075		
Occupied and Vacant Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	1,920		
Occupied and Vacant Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	275		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		2,380	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		1,105	
Current Gap for HH at 30%			(460)
Current Gap for HH between 30% and 50%			4,150
Data Sources: CHAS 2018 Five-Year Data by Place			

Data (Table Two) indicates the number of beds and units, when combined, are adequate to provide shelter and housing to families and a significant need for the development of 272 units or 311 beds for individuals. A gap exists between the number of Adult-Only beds in emergency shelters and transitional housing units versus what is needed. Currently, permanent supportive housing units in Billings exist for individuals or families with veteran status and those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence and/or human trafficking.

Table Two: Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table															
Housing Type	Current Inventory					Homeless Population						Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Veterans	# Family Members	Family HH (≥ child)	# Adults	Adult HH (w/o child)	Veterans	Victims of Domestic Violence	Family		Adults Only	
	# Beds	# Units	# Beds	# Units								# Beds	# Beds	# Units	# Beds
Emergency Shelter	52	20 ⁺	88	88	0										
Transitional Housing	44	21 ⁺	0	0	20										
Permanent Supportive Housing	0	0	0	0	90										
Other Permanent Housing						NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
Sheltered Homeless						48	27	171	152	22	24				
Unsheltered Homeless						33	4	288	208	NA*	NA*				
Totals	92	37	88	88	110	81	31	399	360	22	24				
Current Gap												11	6	(311)	(272)
<p>Data provided by Montana Continuum of Care, November 2021 via Bob Buzzas and Christopher Sage, PCNI.org * The last unsheltered count was observational due to the pandemic. Veteran status and DV were not observed. ⁺Adjusted with 2021 HUDExchange data.</p>															

While the need for additional shelter beds is significant, the development of [MRM's Unified Campus Project](#) and [YWCA's Gateway Horizons](#) will add over 230 beds to help close this gap. Both of these organizations serve a significant number of people experiencing homelessness each year, so these improvements will be greatly impactful for the community. At this time, using HOME-ARP funds to provide supportive services and address housing instability appears to outweigh the need for developing shelter units in Billings.

The City of Billings is also included in a statewide Continuum of Care. Year after year, the Montana Continuum of Care has prioritized and allocated a vast majority of HUD's Continuum of Care funding for renewal programs benefiting organizations in western Montana. This leaves very little funding for new projects in Billings. In 2021, over 80 percent of the \$3.26 million was dedicated to renewal and reallocation projects.

Since 2005, organizations located in Billings were directly allocated seven percent of the near \$40 million allocated through the Montana Continuum of Care (\$2.88 million). Organizations in Missoula were allocated 40 percent of the Continuum of Care's funding (\$15.8 million). Organizations in western Montana receive most of the allocations; agencies within 120 miles of Missoula received 73 percent (\$29 million) of the funding.

[The Montana Census and Economic Information Center \(CEIC\) released data](#) analyzing ACS 5-Year Data. In 2019, Billings had the highest percent of occupied housing units in the state. The vacancy rate for rentals hovered at around 7% in 2019. In 2021 [Billings was rated the number one city](#) in the Wall Street Journal's Emerging Housing Markets Index. This type of national attention likely led to an influx of people moving to Billings and therefore driving up housing costs. [In June 2021, the average price for a single-family home had increased by 32% since the previous year.](#)

Rental prices have also continued to increase. According to ACS 5-Year Estimate data, Billings's [median gross rent was \\$965 \(U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts\)](#) from 2017 – 2021. Fair Market Rent (FMR) for Billings is now over \$1,000 per month for a two bedroom unit, [the fourth highest in the state](#). The increasing cost of housing leaves the options limited for community members in need of more affordable housing. The financial strain on individuals and families is also significant, as the ability to remain in a stable housing situation becomes increasingly difficult.

As of January 20, 2023, the Montana Department of Commerce is no longer accepting new applications for [the Montana Emergency Rental Assistance \(MERA\) program](#). According to the State of Montana, over 12,000 Montana households received assistance for future and past due rent, past due and future utilities since 2021.

For eligible individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee violence and/or trafficking, YWCA's Housing Navigator is a key resource; however, not all survivors will be able to receive financial assistance for housing because of limited resources.

In the City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey, organizations were asked to identify whether they maintain a waiting list for each type of service they provide. Respondents indicated that the majority of time spent on a waiting list for services in Billings is one week or less. However, regarding housing and shelter needs, most individuals and families are on a waiting list for approximately three months. Wait time for financial assistance (including rental and deposit assistance) was averaged at three months, the highest wait time for any of the supportive services.

Despite there being a variety of services available to assist qualifying populations, funding is not currently sufficient to meet the need. More affordable housing and expanded funding for services is crucial to addressing the gaps in housing and service delivery in Billings.

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

The City does not intend to further define 'other populations' beyond what is established in the HOME-ARP Notice.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations.

In line with the proposed funding needs in the City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey, supportive services related to health (including mental health, substance abuse treatment, outreach services, food, and outpatient health services) were the highest ranked needs for the qualifying populations. The Yellowstone County CoC also recommended that the City consider using HOME-ARP funding for supportive service needs, especially case management and care coordination teams to fill the gaps within homeless crisis response.

The provision of supportive services is a clear priority need for all the qualifying populations. Additionally, rental assistance, utility assistance, and deposit assistance were among the highest priority needs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, and other populations.

According to the City's HOME-ARP Survey, the highest ranked housing needs were for rental housing. Rental housing for homeless families was ranked highest followed by homeless individuals, at-risk families, at-risk individuals, unaccompanied youth. Though the lack of affordable housing for qualifying populations in Billings remains a significant issue, the City

has determined that providing Supportive Services with HOME-ARP funds will more effectively benefit all qualifying populations.

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

Quantitative data sources include the 2014-2018 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2019 and 2020 American Community Survey (ACS), 2019 and 2020 Point-In-Time counts through the Montana Continuum of Care, and some analysis of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in Billings. The City relied heavily on the consultation process and other community assessments to fill in gaps in the available quantitative data and to better understand agency services, gaps, and needs. The City reviewed the number of organizations serving the qualifying populations and their current capacity as well as how the organizations are funded. Through this information, the City determined that a need for more affordable rental housing inventory, permanent supportive housing, and the provision of expanded supportive services are crucial to address unmet needs and bridge gaps in services.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and / or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and / or contractors.

The development of funding application materials and applicant eligibility criteria will be undertaken during HUD's review of the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The City will hold an open application process following HUD's approval of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Any developer, service provider, subrecipient and/or contractor may apply. Following the application deadline, all applications received will be reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and an applicant's ability to provide services based on the priorities identified within the allocation plan. The City will also consult with Montana Fair Housing to ensure procedures are in place so that applicants convey compliance with fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements during preference implementation.

Funding allocations for selected applicants will be finalized following the City's review of the applicant's project scope regarding how well it meets the prioritized needs and gaps as identified, as well as their ability to carry out activities as outlined in the federal requirements.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly.

The City proposes that selected applicant(s) administer selected activities; the City will monitor the applicant(s) / subrecipient(s).

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

Administrative funds were not provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding			
Service	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$969,057		
Acquisition, Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	\$0		
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$60,566	5%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity-Building	\$0	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$181,698	15%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$1,211,321		

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

In accordance with the City’s FY2020–2024 Consolidated Plan, the City manages its activities and programs on the basis of timely community need. Types of applications for funding may vary based on changing community resources and needs throughout the expenditure period; however, the City expects that funding will be allocated to address the overall needs and gaps as discussed in its Allocation Plan.

The City proposes to fund Administration and Planning at the full amount (15% of the total HOME-ARP funding amount). These funds will allow City Staff to execute duties related to the program efficiently including program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. Funding must also be sufficient to operate and monitor the HOME-ARP program and any subrecipient(s) through the expenditure deadline of September 2030.

The City proposes that Non-Profit Operating be funded at the full amount (5% of total HOME-ARP allocation respectively). This funding will ensure subrecipient(s) implement and carry out HOME-ARP activities in accordance with federal regulations and guidelines. Non-Profit agencies and organizations are the most skilled at serving qualifying populations in Billings, and the City will support their efforts through this allocation.

The City will distribute the remaining 80% of the total funding award through Supportive Services to supplement programs that currently exist and/or other projects that are eligible to take on this activity through a written agreement with the City. Through its gap analysis, the City identified that the number of households in need of services to secure and maintain housing in all qualifying populations is significant. Providing supportive services to qualified households will help close the gap on several priority needs identified by both residents and providers in Billings.

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

The gaps analysis identified the need for more affordable housing and shelter beds for individuals; however, the City does not propose the acquisition / development of non-congregate shelter, or the development of affordable rental housing with HOME-ARP funds. The total allocated funding amount does not lend itself to the production of more than three units without a significant amount of additionally leveraged funds. Considering the restricted use period of ten to fifteen years, and that only a few individuals that could potentially benefit, undertaking these activities is not considered an effective use of HOME-ARP funds to address this gap.

The needs assessment revealed that the number of households considered homeless, at risk of homelessness, requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, and/or other populations at greatest risk of housing instability need ongoing assistance to secure and maintain affordable housing options. Limited resources and wait times identified for this type of support provided a rationale for funding these activities. Because financial assistance for rental applications, deposits, utility payments, etc. and short / medium-term financial assistance for rent are eligible Supportive Services in the HOME-ARP Notice, the City expects these needs can be successfully met.

To serve all qualifying populations, the City determined that Supportive Services would most effectively meet the unmet needs and address service gaps that currently exist in Billings. Most people in need of services within the qualifying populations will benefit from these funding uses.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

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

The City of Billings will not be proposing the production or support of additional affordable rental housing units.

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

The City of Billings does not have an affordable rental housing production goal that will utilize HOME-ARP funds.

Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A preference permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A method of prioritization is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. The HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether the PJ intends to give a preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.

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

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

The City will implement a preference for individuals and families that meet the HOME-ARP definitions of homeless and/or at-risk of homelessness. Because supportive services and funding applications may vary, applicants that will serve all qualifying populations, yet establish a preference for individuals or families that meet the criteria for homelessness and/or at-risk of homelessness, will be given additional points in the City's application review and allocation process.

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

The City's needs assessment and gaps analysis demonstrated a considerable lack of affordable housing options, especially for homeless and at-risk households. Because the City proposes that the majority of HOME-ARP funds be allocated to supportive services and not the development of additional housing or shelters, financial assistance for these populations must be prioritized. The expanded provision of services for these populations will meet many of the needs that were identified by service providers.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

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

The City of Billings does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing.

Appendices

- A. City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey
- B. Mayor's Letter of Support – City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey
- C. Billings Housing & Shelter Inventory
- D. Survey Charts
- E. Affidavits of Publication – Notice of Public Hearings
- F. Public Outreach Attendance Lists

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Appendix A : City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey

HOME-ARP Service Provider Survey



Background: The City of Billings has been allocated about \$969,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). HOME-ARP funding must benefit individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and in other vulnerable populations to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability within the Billings city limits. There are four eligible activities:

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

This survey was designed to gather data to help determine priorities for a coordinated HOME-ARP response within the Billings community. Please be as accurate as possible in your responses, as community need must be established prior to funding allocation. If the organization served an individual or family more than one time in the past 12 months, please count that individual / family only ONCE. **Please complete this survey by November 14, 2022.**

You may either complete this paper survey and return it by US mail, complete the survey online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HOME-ARP_Billings, by clicking the link at <https://www.billingsmt.gov/2989/HOME-ARP-American-Rescue-Plan>, or scan the QR code at right to complete the online survey on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. If you need assistance, please contact the Billings Community Development Division at (406) 247-8675.



Organization Name:			
Contact Name:		Job Title	
Contact Email:		Phone Number	()

Please ensure the information provided below is representative of verifiable backup documentation and data for the organization.

1. Is your organization interested in accessing HOME-ARP funding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
2. Does your organization have strategic plans, annual reports, or other materials that provide information about program services and outcomes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please describe materials your organization has about program services and outcomes AND if they are available for review.	
3. Does your organization solicit feedback from populations served? (e.g., client or participant satisfaction surveys)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please describe the feedback solicitation methods used AND if they are available for review.	

4. Please enter the total unduplicated number of people the organization served in the PAST 12 MONTHS for each of the following populations. Also identify average household size. <i>BLUE CAPS indicate HOME-ARP "qualifying populations"</i>	# Individuals (single person household)	# Families	Average family household size
If the organization served individuals or families more than one time in the past 12 months, please count that individual / family only ONCE.			
EXPERIENCING HOMELESS Those lacking fixed, regular, adequate night-time residence <i>(e.g., living in car, motorhome, park, campground, abandoned building, bus station, airport, etc.)</i> Living in a supervised shelter <i>(e.g., congregate, non-congregate, transitional housing, hotels / motels - paid by charitable / government organization, or institution)</i> Losing primary nighttime residence <i>(e.g., within 14 days of application, no subsequent residence identified, or lacks support networks / resources to obtain housing)</i>			
UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH <i>Unaccompanied individuals under 25 years old and it is not possible to live in safe environment.</i>		N/A	
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND/OR YOUTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No housing lease, ownership, or occupancy agreement for 60 days prior; • Has moved two or more times within the last 60 days; • Is expected to stay homeless due to chronic disability, addiction, history of violence, neglect; • Sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons; • Children of migrants; • Those abandoned at a hospital or awaiting foster care placement; and/or • Living in temporary accommodation for not more than 90 days in the residence of another individual 	N/A		
INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS <i>"Homeless" as defined in 24 CFR 91.5.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently housed with temporary / emergency assistance (financial, services, rental assistance, etc.) • Needs additional housing assistance / supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness 			

Please enter the total unduplicated number of people the organization served in the PAST 12 MONTHS for each of the following populations. Also identify average household size. <i>BLUE CAPS indicate HOME-ARP "qualifying populations"</i>	# Individuals (single person household)	# Families	Average family household size												
If the organization served individuals or families more than one time in the past 12 months, please count that individual / family only ONCE.															
<p>Those Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking</p> <p>Domestic Violence: <i>A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a person: Who is / was in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; With whom the victim shares a child in common; or Who is / was cohabitating with the victim (as a family member and / or a spouse or intimate partner).</i></p> <p>Dating Violence: <i>Violence committed by a person who is / was in a social relationship of romantic or intimate nature with the victim.</i></p> <p>Sexual Assault: <i>Nonconsensual sexual act including, but not limited to, a person who lacks capacity to consent.</i></p> <p>Stalking: <i>Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to: fear for their safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.</i></p> <p>Human Trafficking: <i>The use of force, fraud, or coercion for the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining a person for the purpose of: A commercial sex act (under the age of 18 is defined as a severe form of trafficking); or Labor or services through subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.</i></p>															
<p>INDIVIDUALS / FAMILIES AT GREATEST RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY</p> <p>≤30% Area Median Income (AMI) and experiencing severe cost burden and paying more than 50% of monthly household income for housing costs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>≤50% AMI and meets at least one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved 2+ times over last 60 days • Living in another's home due to economic hardship • Notified housing terminated within 21 days • Lives in hotel / motel not paid by charitable / government organization • Lives in SRO / efficiency apartment, 2+ persons • Lives in 1+ bedroom apartment w/>1.5 persons per room • Exiting institution, health / mental health facility, foster care youth facility, corrections, etc. 															
<p>5. Please check any notable demographics within the homeless populations the organization serves:</p>															
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Please feel free to comment regarding notable demographics checked above.															

Household Size	30% AMI Income Limit*	50% AMI Income Limit*
1	\$17,800	\$29,650
2	\$20,350	\$33,850
3	\$22,900	\$38,100
4	\$25,400	\$42,300
5	\$27,450	\$45,700
6	\$29,500	\$49,100
7	\$31,500	\$52,500
8+	\$33,550	\$55,850

*Effective June 15, 2022

6. How many unduplicated people from the above-noted QUALIFYING POPULATIONS did the organization provide the following services <u>within the past 12 months</u> ? Please also identify funding source and waiting list data.	# Unduplicated people served in the past 12 months	Identify Funding Source Used to Provide Service	If waiting list is used, # people on waiting list	Average waiting time for those on waiting list to access services
If the organization served individuals or families more than one time in the past 12 months, please count that individual / family only ONCE.				
Housing				
Accessing Housing / Case Management: <i>Housing search, moving arrangements, securing utilities, submitting applications, etc.</i>				
Homeless Services Counseling: <i>Assistance in finding emergency shelter or gaining access to transitional housing.</i>				
Housing: <i>Providing affordable rental housing to qualified populations with a signed lease.</i>				
Moving Costs: <i>Truck rental / moving company fees to move into permanent housing.</i>				
Rental Assistance: <i>Paying rent to landlords for clients not able to afford monthly rent to maintain housing.</i>				
Rental Arrears Payments: <i>Payment of late fees or missed rent charges to remove a demonstrated barrier to maintain housing.</i>				
Rental Deposit Assistance: <i>Rental deposits to obtain housing.</i>				
Rental Housing Counseling: <i>HUD rental and rent subsidy programs, fair housing, rental search assistance, landlord tenant laws, lease terms, rent delinquency, referrals to state / local / federal resources.</i>				
Utility Deposit Assistance: <i>Deposits for gas, electric, water, and / or sewer.</i>				
Utility Payments: <i>Payments required by the utility company for gas, electric, water, and / or sewer.</i>				
Healthcare				
Mental Health Services: <i>Outpatient treatment, crisis intervention, counseling, prescriptions of psychotropic medications, etc. to address mental health conditions to bring about positive resolution.</i>				
Outpatient Health Services: <i>Outpatient treatment, in-home care, and / or emergency services including health assessments, health education, assistance in accessing health services, preventive medical care, prescriptions, follow up services, preventive and urgent dental care.</i>				
Substance Abuse Treatment: <i>Services to prevent, reduce, eliminate, or deter relapse of substance abuse or addictive behaviors and are provided by licensed or certified professionals.</i>				

How many unduplicated people in the QUALIFYING POPULATIONS did the organization provide the following services to within the past 12 months ? Please also identify funding source(s) and waiting list data.	# Unduplicated people served in the past 12 months	Identify Funding Source Used to Provide Service	If waiting list is used, # people on waiting list	Average waiting time for those on waiting list to access services
If the organization served individuals or families more than one time in the past 12 months, please count that individual / family only ONCE.				
Supportive Services				
Child Care: <i>Payments to a licensed, qualified for the supervision and care of minor child(ren).</i>				
Employment Assistance or Job Training: <i>Classroom, online and/or computer instruction, on-the-job instruction, services that assist individuals in securing employment, acquiring learning skills, and/or increasing earning potential.</i>				
Fair Housing & Civil Rights: <i>Providing information and resources.</i>				
Food: <i>Providing meals and / or groceries.</i>				
Life Skills Training: <i>Teaching critical life management skills that have not been learned or were lost due to physical / mental illness, domestic / dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, substance misuse, or homelessness.</i>				
Legal Services: <i>Attorneys services for representation in matters that interfere with the ability to obtain and / or retain housing: child support; guardianship; paternity; protection orders for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and / or stalking; benefits appeals; immigration; citizenship; etc.</i>				
Transportation: <i>Public / private transportation to access medical care, employment, childcare, or other services.</i>				
Homeless Services				
Emergency Shelter: <i>Non-private beds as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.</i>				
Non-Congregate Emergency Shelter: <i>Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required</i>				
Outreach Services: <i>Engaging qualified populations in the community to provide immediate support and intervention services. Includes initial assessment; crisis counseling; addressing urgent physical need (e.g., meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries); actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and mainstream programs; and publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services.</i>				
7. Does your organization provide non-congregate emergency shelter?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, who owns the shelter building?	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization Owns		<input type="checkbox"/> Other Ownership	

If yes, does the organization have confirmed and reliable source(s) of funding for ongoing operating costs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Please explain the funding source(s) for ongoing operating costs:					
8. Please share your opinion by ranking the need for additional funding to serve Billings' qualifying populations in the following areas:					
Rank the level of need for additional funding according to the following scale: 0 = No Need; 1 = Low Need; 2 = Moderate Need; 3 = High Need, 4 = Critical Need	Need for additional funding to serve qualifying populations in Billings				
	0	1	2	3	4
Rental Housing Counseling					
Pre-Purchase Homebuying Counseling					
Homeless Services Counseling					
Child Care					
Employment Assistance or Job Training					
Food					
Accessing Housing / Case Management					
Legal Services					
Life Skills Training					
Mental Health Services					
Outpatient Health Services					
Outreach Services					
Substance Abuse Treatment					
Transportation					
Rental Deposit Assistance					
Utility Deposit Assistance					
Moving Costs					
Rental Assistance					
Utility Payments					
Rental Arrears Payments					

9. Please describe any prominent, UNMET SERVICE NEEDS specific to the following populations. <i>If needed, please refer to the definitions on pages 2-3.</i>		
Individuals and / or families experiencing homeless		
Unaccompanied youth		
Individuals and / or families at-risk of homelessness		
Individuals and / or families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness		
Individuals and / or families at greatest risk of housing instability		
Individuals and / or families fleeing Domestic / Dating Violence		
Individuals and / or families fleeing Sexual Assault		
Individuals and / or families fleeing Stalking		
Individuals and / or families fleeing Human Trafficking		
Veteran individuals and / or families		
10. Please rank the level of need for <u>developing additional shelter / housing</u> to serve qualifying populations within the Billings city limits. <i>If needed, please refer to the definitions on pages 2-3.</i> Rank the level of need for additional shelter / housing according to the following scale: 0 = No Need; 1 = Low Need; 2 = Moderate Need; 3 = High Need, 4 = Critical Need		
Experiencing Homelessness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacking fixed, regular, adequate night-time residence Living in a supervised shelter Losing primary nighttime residence 	Emergency Shelter: Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.	Rental Housing: Private single-family or multi-family rental units for individuals and / or families. Occupants must sign a lease.
Individuals		
Families		
Unaccompanied Youth		

Rank the level of need for additional shelter / housing according to the following scale: 0 = No Need; 1 = Low Need; 2 = Moderate Need; 3 = High Need, 4 = Critical Need		
At-Risk of Homelessness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <30% Area Median Income Lacks resources / support to prevent them from moving to shelter, other place Moved 2+ times over last 60 days Living in another's home due to economic hardship Notified housing terminated within 21 days Lives in hotel / motel not paid by charitable / government organization Lives in SRO / efficiency apartment, 2+ persons Lives in 1+ bedroom apartment w/>1.5 persons per room Exiting institution, health / mental health facility, foster care youth facility, corrections, etc. 	Emergency Shelter: Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.	Rental Housing: Private single-family or multi-family rental units for individuals and / or families. Occupants must sign a lease.
Individuals		
Families		
Unaccompanied Youth		
Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence: <i>A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a person: Who is / was in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; With whom the victim shares a child in common; or Who is / was cohabitating with the victim (as a family member and / or a spouse or intimate partner).</i>	Emergency Shelter: Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.	Rental Housing: Private single-family or multi-family rental units for individuals and / or families. Occupants must sign a lease.
Individuals		
Families		
Unaccompanied Youth		
Those fleeing or attempting to flee dating violence: <i>Violence committed by a person who is / was in a social relationship of romantic or intimate nature with the victim.</i>	Emergency Shelter: Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.	Rental Housing: Private single-family or multi-family rental units for individuals and / or families. Occupants must sign a lease.
Individuals		
Families		
Unaccompanied Youth		
Those fleeing or attempting to flee sexual assault: <i>Nonconsensual sexual act including, but not limited to, a person who lacks capacity to consent.</i>	Emergency Shelter: Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.	Rental Housing: Private single-family or multi-family rental units for individuals and / or families. Occupants must sign a lease.
Individuals		
Families		
Unaccompanied Youth		

Rank the level of need for additional shelter / housing according to the following scale: 0 = No Need; 1 = Low Need; 2 = Moderate Need; 3 = High Need, 4 = Critical Need		
Those fleeing or attempting to flee stalking: <i>Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to: fear for their safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.</i>	Emergency Shelter: Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.	Rental Housing: Private single-family or multi-family rental units for individuals and / or families. Occupants must sign a lease.
Individuals		
Families		
Unaccompanied Youth		
Those fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking: <i>The use of force, fraud, or coercion for the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining a person for the purpose of: A commercial sex act (under the age of 18 is defined as a severe form of trafficking); or Labor or services through subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.</i>	Emergency Shelter: Private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families. No lease required.	Rental Housing: Private single-family or multi-family rental units for individuals and / or families. Occupants must sign a lease.
Individuals		
Families		
Unaccompanied Youth		
	Emergency Shelter	Rental Housing
Individual Veterans that meet one of the above criteria.		
Families, that include a Veteran Family Member, that meet one or more of the above criteria.		
11. Is the organization an active and involved member of the Billings Continuum of Care? (e.g., regularly attending monthly meetings)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
12. Is the organization an active and involved member of the Montana Continuum of Care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
13. Does the organization regularly use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) managed by the Montana Continuum of Care? (e.g., enter and update client data as appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
14. Does the organization actively participate in regularly-scheduled Coordinated Entry System meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
15. Does the organization provide housing and/or services for those reviewed through the Coordinated Entry system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Thank you for responding to this survey. The City appreciates your participation and feedback! The information provided will be used to better understand community needs and priorities related to housing / homelessness in Billings and to facilitate the HOME-ARP allocation process.

Applications for HOME-ARP funding will be released following survey data review and analysis.

Please mail this completed survey to:

HOME-ARP Survey Response
Community Development Division
2825 3rd Ave. N, Suite 610
Billings, MT 59101



Appendix B : Mayor's Letter of Support – City of Billings HOME-ARP Survey



Bill Cole, Mayor
P.O. Box 1178
Billings, MT 59103
P 406.657.8296
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CITY OF
Billings
MAYOR'S OFFICE

Greetings,

The City of Billings will be allocating approximately \$969,000 received from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to an eligible applicant(s). Funding must benefit individuals and families who are either homeless, at risk of homelessness, or part of other vulnerable populations as defined by HOME-ARP regulations.

The City created the following survey to gather information from local organizations to facilitate a needs assessment of service gaps. This will allow the City to prioritize a coordinated response to address the issues of homelessness and housing instability within our community. The City requests that your organization complete and submit the survey by **Monday, November 14th**. Please only submit *one survey per organization* to avoid duplication of data. Please note it may be helpful to review the paper survey and gather requested data prior to online submission. The online version can be accessed at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/HOME-ARP_Billings; however, completed paper surveys will also be accepted.

The City must evaluate the *current* needs and service gaps for all qualifying populations. It is imperative that organizations provide accurate data about the number of *unduplicated* individuals and families served, as well as services provided over the past 12 months. Errors and / or omissions will greatly impact the City's ability to produce a quality needs assessment. The final assessment will be available for review upon completion.

Please be aware that an applicant's eligibility to apply for funding may be dependent upon survey participation. Organizations interested in accessing HOME-ARP funding who submit a survey response may be given priority during the application review process.

Homelessness and housing instability continue to be issues affecting our community. I urge you to consider the implications of providing your organization's data in this survey so HOME-ARP funding might more effectively address the needs of the most vulnerable populations in Billings.

Questions and technical assistance requests should be directed to Carly Collins at 406-247-8675 or collinsc@billingsmt.gov. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Sincerely,

William A. Cole, Mayor

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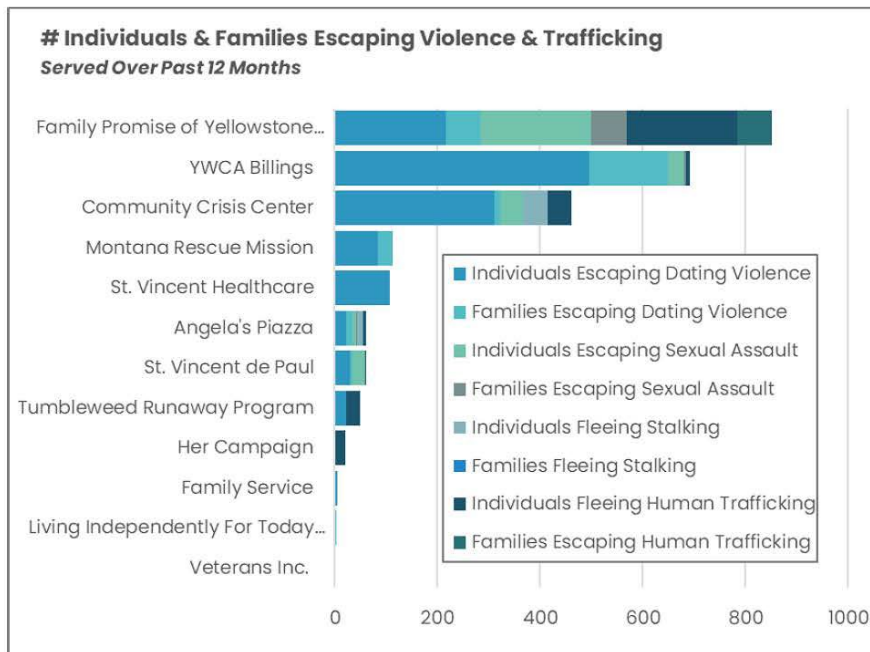
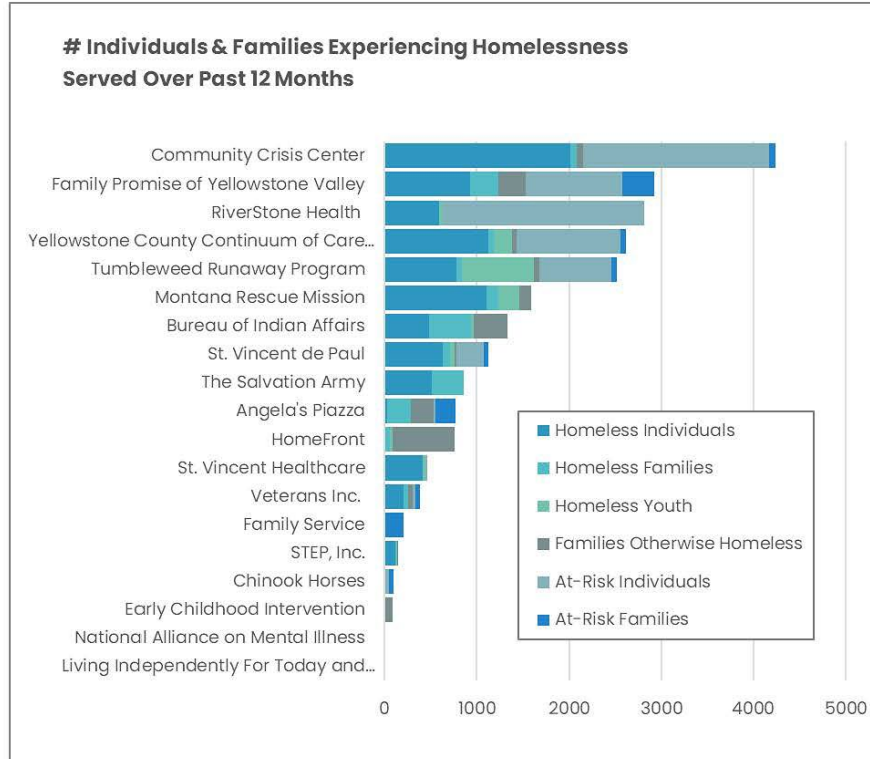
Attachment: HOME-ARP Service Provider Survey

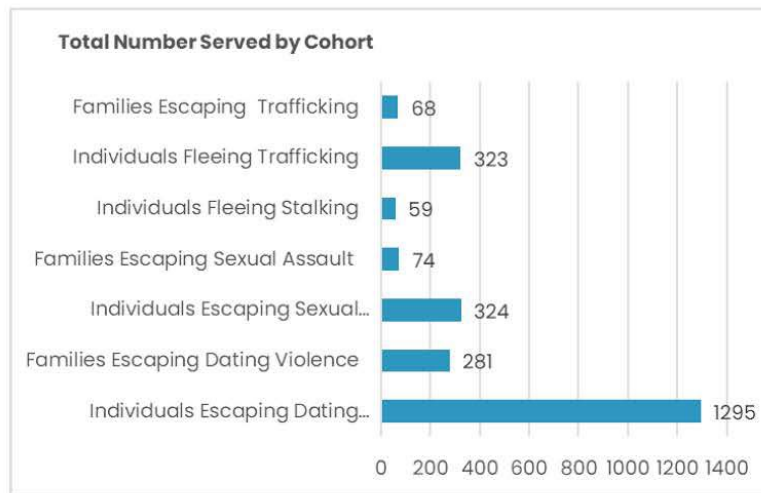
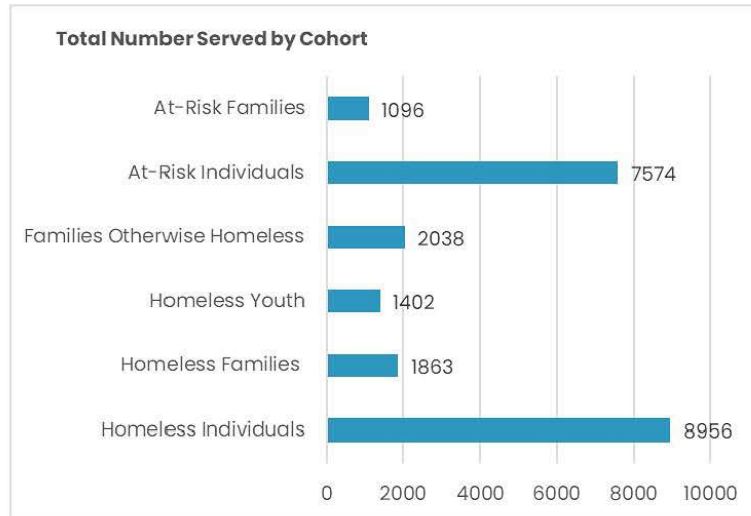
Appendix C : Billings Housing & Shelter Inventory

2022 Summary of Available Beds

EMERGENCY SHELTER		Population	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult-Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Temporary shelter for those experiencing homelessness. Does not require a lease / occupancy agreement.												
Community Crisis Center	Community Crisis Center	Single Males & Females			18			20	38			
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	Shelter	Households with Children	5	14					14			
Montana Rescue Mission	Shelter	Single Males & Females, Households with Children	14	28	58				86			
ShelterFirst	Shelter (Seasonal)	Single Adults & Households with Children					31		31			
YWCA, Billings	Gateway House	Single Adults & Households with Children	12	33	2				35			
YWCA, Billings	Gateway Horizons	Single Adults & Households with Children	25	77					77			
HER Campaign	Shelter	Single Females fleeing Human Trafficking			8				8			
			56	152	86	0	31	20	289	0	0	0
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING		Population	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult-Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Community-based housing for formerly homeless, disabled, individuals / families to live as independently as possible. Month-to-month, indefinite leasing with supportive services.												
VASH HA Billings	VASH Vouchers	Veterans	14	30	60		16		106	60	60	60
YWCA, Billings	Gateway VISTA	Single Adults & Households with Children	24	74					74			
			38	104	60	0	16	0	180	60	60	60
RAPID RE-HOUSING		Population	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult-Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Tenant-based, permanent housing rental and supportive services assistance for short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) for households experiencing homelessness.												
HRDC Dist 7	HRDC 7 ESG-RRH	Emergency Shelter Grant - Rapid Re-Housing	40	25	12				37			
Volunteers of America	SSVF - Billings VOA	Supportive Services for Veteran Families	7	3	7				10	7	7	7
YWCA, Billings	YWCA Billings		10	36	10				46			
			57	64	29	0	0	0	93	7	7	7
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING		Population	Family Units	Family Beds	Adult-Only Beds	Child Only Beds	Seasonal	Overflow / Voucher	Total Beds	Chronic Beds	Veteran Beds	Youth Beds
Interim housing, up to 24 months, with accompanying supportive services. Lease / occupancy agreement required.												
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	Transitional Housing	Households with Children	12	30					30			
HRDC Dist 7	Harmony House	Households with Children	5	10		10			20			
Volunteers of America	GPD-Independence Hall	Single Males			20				20	20	20	20
HER Campaign	Transitional Housing	Single Females & Females with Children	4	4					4			
			21	44	20	10	0	0	74	20	20	20

Appendix D: Survey Charts

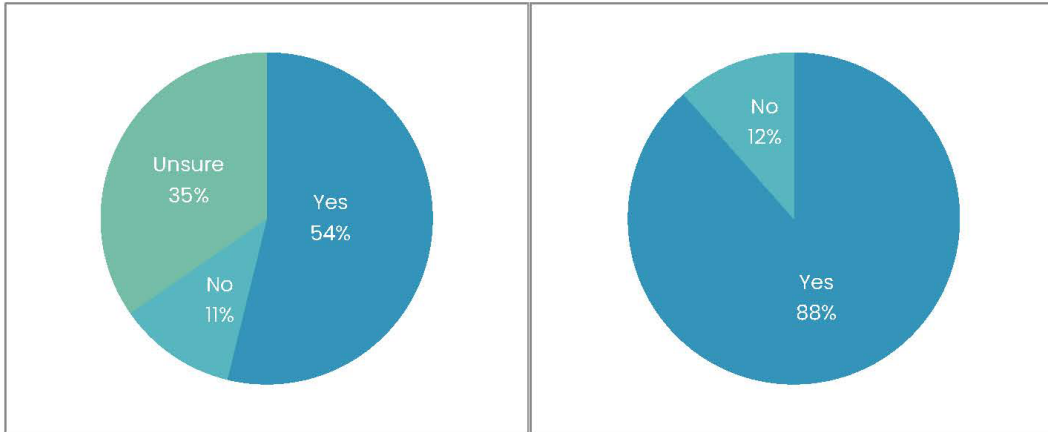




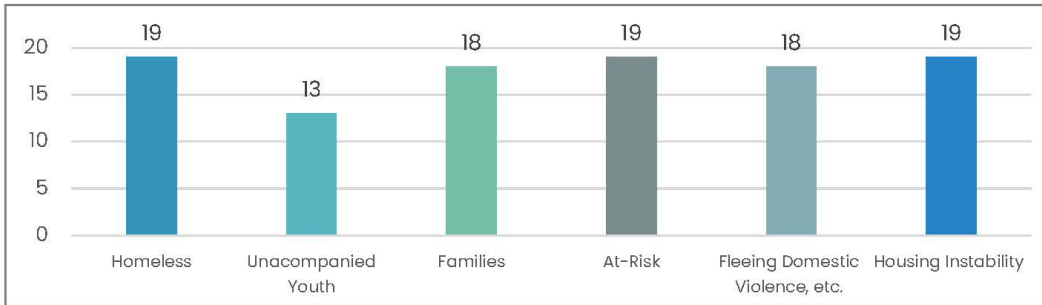
CITY OF BILLINGS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
HOME-ARP Service Provider Survey Results: 26 Responding Organizations

Is your organization interested in accessing HOME-ARP funding?

Does your organization solicit feedback from populations served? (e.g., client or participation satisfaction surveys)



Please select the populations your organization served over the past 12 months.



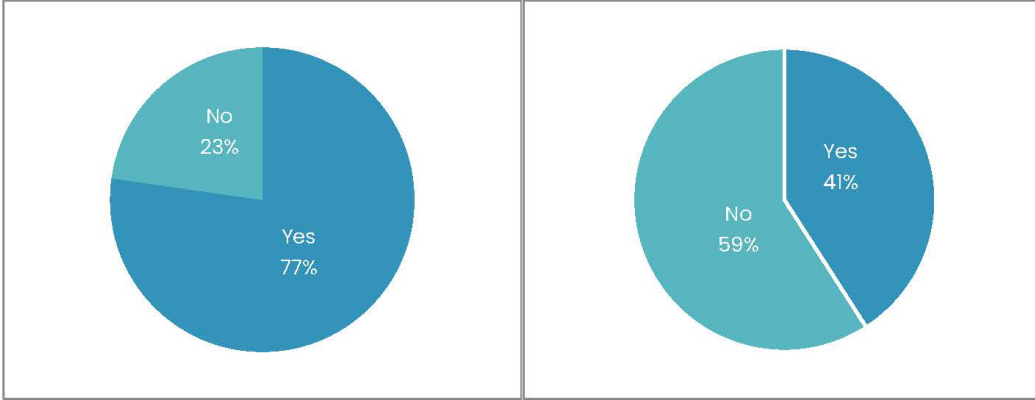
Please indicate any notable demographics within the populations your organizations is serving.

- St. Vincent de Paul serves all--there are no barriers to accessing services (food service, charity office, Representative Payee services, Drop-in-Center groups and case management, day shelter & meals, agency office for Mental Health Center, Rimrock and other providers who come here, and healthcare (Health Care for the Homeless has a clinic here two mornings each week). - We have seen an increase in the number of unaccompanied youth we serve and do refer them to Tumbleweed. We also have seen an increase in veterans who may or may not be eligible for VA services--we do attempt to hook them up with VOA or HUD-VASH case managers. Again, as there are no barriers to services here, we do see many in the categories described above and on a previous page.
- Category I Homelessness according to HUD; People with co-occurring disorders; chronic, repeated, long-term homelessness
- We serve anyone with a disability regardless of medical documentation, age, or any other attribute.
- Mental health (Bipolar, DID, Complex PTSD, etc..)
- All HMIS data needs are addressed in our housing program - Our focus is on the Veteran, however, the household can receive services as well depending on the program. / Veterans Inc.
- Literally homeless according to HUD definition for Category 1
- Federally recognized Tribal members
- Homeless who present as couples, with pets, and those with severe mental illness as well as those with COVID-19
- We primarily work with reservation Tribes/individuals.
- Referrals and support for persons under 18 and we serve Housed and ANYONE needing crisis care and persons not served by other non profits
- Children in the foster care system and parents completing the re-unification process / Chinook Horses
- YWCA Billings serves mostly women who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. As much as 60% of those served are American Indian. Many of those we serve have active substance use disorders or are in recovery.
- We serve women and pregnant women. Substance abuse and recovery is typical and each client typically has at least one mental health diagnosis because of the trauma endured in trafficking. / HER Campaign
- There is a large number of persons who are waiting treatment dates, who need housing and who cannot go to the shelter due to triggers. And or the shelter is too intense for persons who have mental health issues. / Community Crisis Center

CITY OF BILLINGS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
HOME-ARP Service Provider Survey Results: 22 / 26 Responding Organizations

Is the organization an active and involved member of the Billings Continuum of Care?

Is the organization an active and involved member of the Montana Continuum of Care?

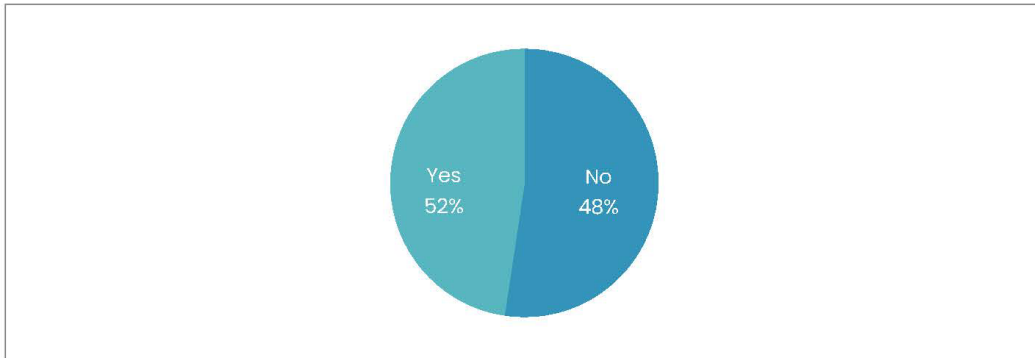


Does the organization regularly use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) managed by the Montana Continuum of Care?

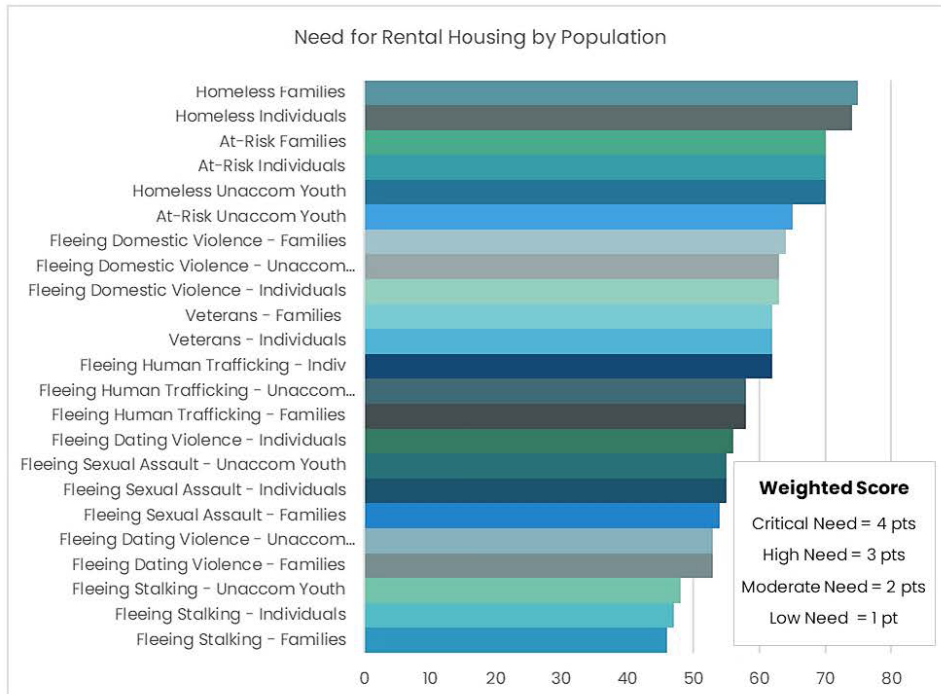
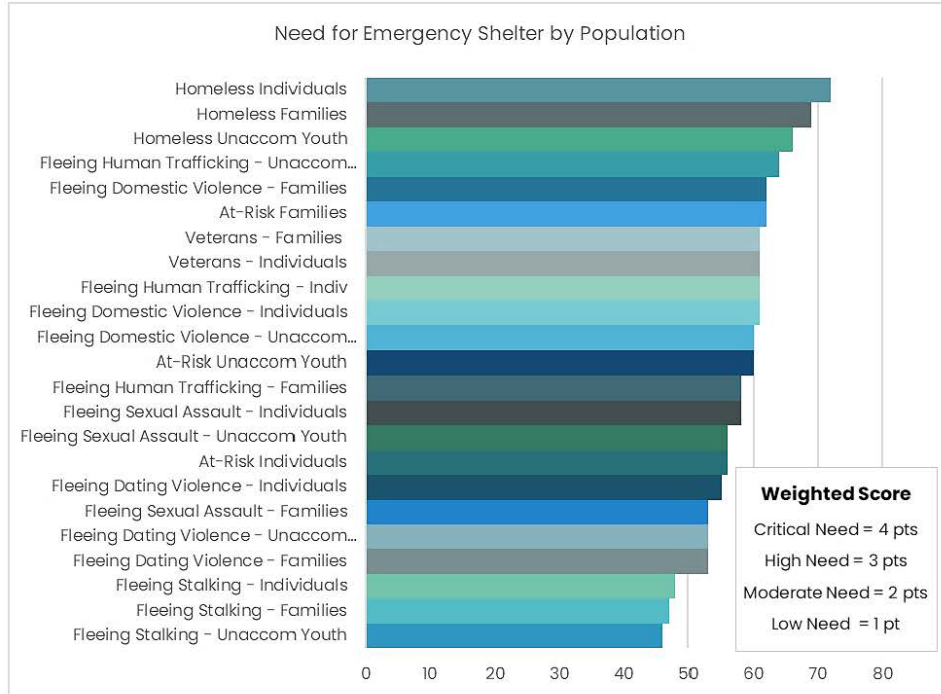
Does the organization actively participate in regularly-scheduled Coordinated Entry System meetings?



Does the organization provide housing and/or services for those reviewed through the Coordinated Entry system?



Organization Name	Is / does the organization:				
	<i>An active and involved member of the Billings Continuum of Care? (e.g., regularly attending monthly meetings)</i>	<i>An active and involved member of the Montana Continuum of Care?</i>	<i>Regularly use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) managed by the Montana Continuum of Care? (e.g., enter and update client data as appropriate)</i>	<i>Actively participate in regularly-scheduled Coordinated Entry System meetings?</i>	<i>Provide housing and/or services for those reviewed through the Coordinated Entry system?</i>
Riverstone Health	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chinook Horses	Yes	No	No	No	No
HomeFront	Yes	Yes			
YCA Human Trafficking Task Force	No	No	No	No	No
National Alliance on Mental Illness	No	No	No	No	No
The Salvation Army	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
District 7 Human Resources Development Council					
St. Vincent de Paul	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Living Independently For Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT)	Yes	No	No	No	No
YWCA Billings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Her Campaign	No	No	No	No	No
Veterans Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
SYNERGY HomeCare					
Early Childhood Intervention					
STEP, Inc.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Way of Yellowstone County	Yes	No	No	No	No
Tumbleweed Runaway Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. Vincent Healthcare	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Off The Streets Corporation	Yes	No	No	No	No
Bureau of Indian Affairs	No	No	No	No	No
Community Crisis Center	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Family Service					
Angela's Piazza	No	No	No	No	No
Montana Rescue Mission	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes



Unduplicated number of individuals / families experiencing homelessness	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>Families</i>	<i>Average Family Household Size</i>	<i>Total # People</i>
Early Childhood Intervention		10	3	30
STEP, Inc.	121	2	3	127
HomeFront	13	47	3	154
Veterans Inc.	202	54		202
St. Vincent Healthcare	414			414
RiverStone Health - Billings, MT	590			590
Tumbleweed Runaway Program	778	60	1	838
St. Vincent de Paul	636	70	3	846
Angela's Piazza	30	251	4	1,034
Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC)	1,128	53		1,128
The Salvation Army	509	354	3	1,394
Montana Rescue Mission	1,108	127	3	1,489
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	931	305	3	1,846
Community Crisis Center	2,011	75	2	2,161
Bureau of Indian Affairs	485	455	8	4,125
Totals (may be duplicated - reporting variations & agencies serving same people):	8,956	1,863	-	16,378

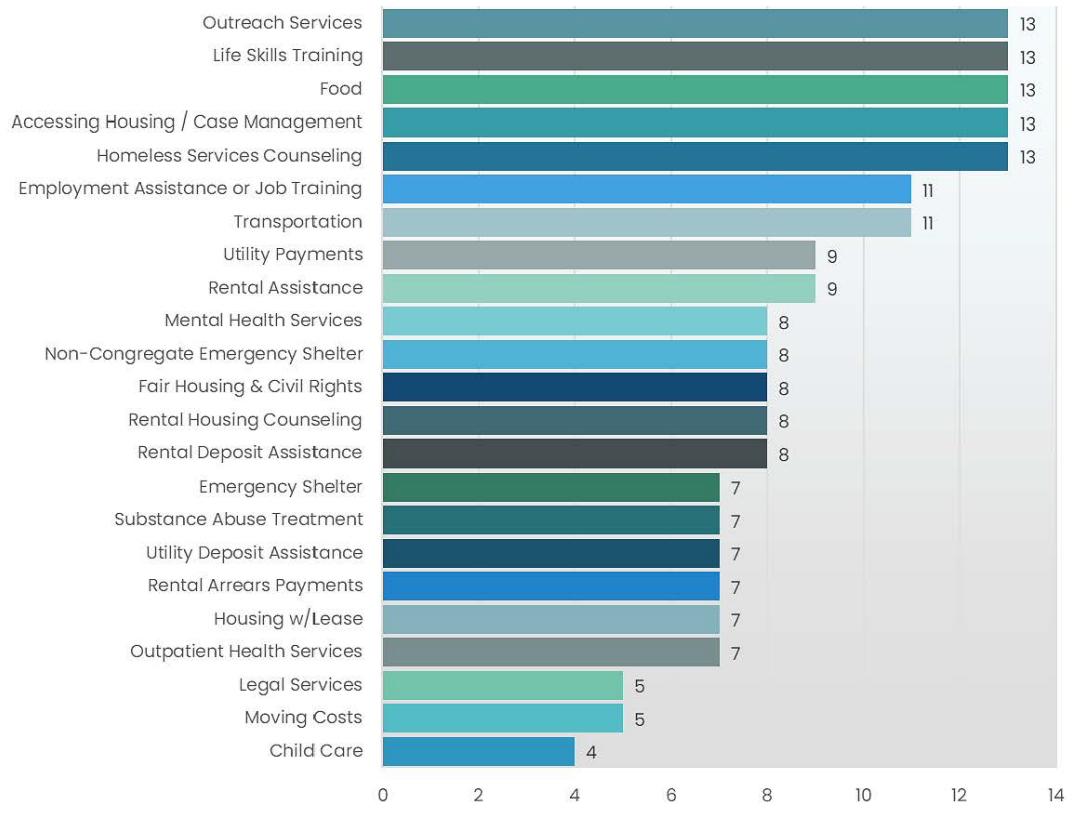
Family size for those experiencing homelessness ranged from one to four with the exception of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The average family household size for this organization is eight.

Total number of unaccompanied youth served over past 12 months	<i>Total # People</i>
Angela's Piazza	2
Living Independently For Today and Tomorrow	3
STEP, Inc.	11
Bureau of Indian Affairs	30
HomeFront	31
St. Vincent Healthcare	32
RiverStone Health - Billings, MT	37
St. Vincent de Paul	51
Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC)	200
Montana Rescue Mission	227
Tumbleweed Runaway Program	778
Totals (may be duplicated - reporting variations & agencies serving same people):	1,402

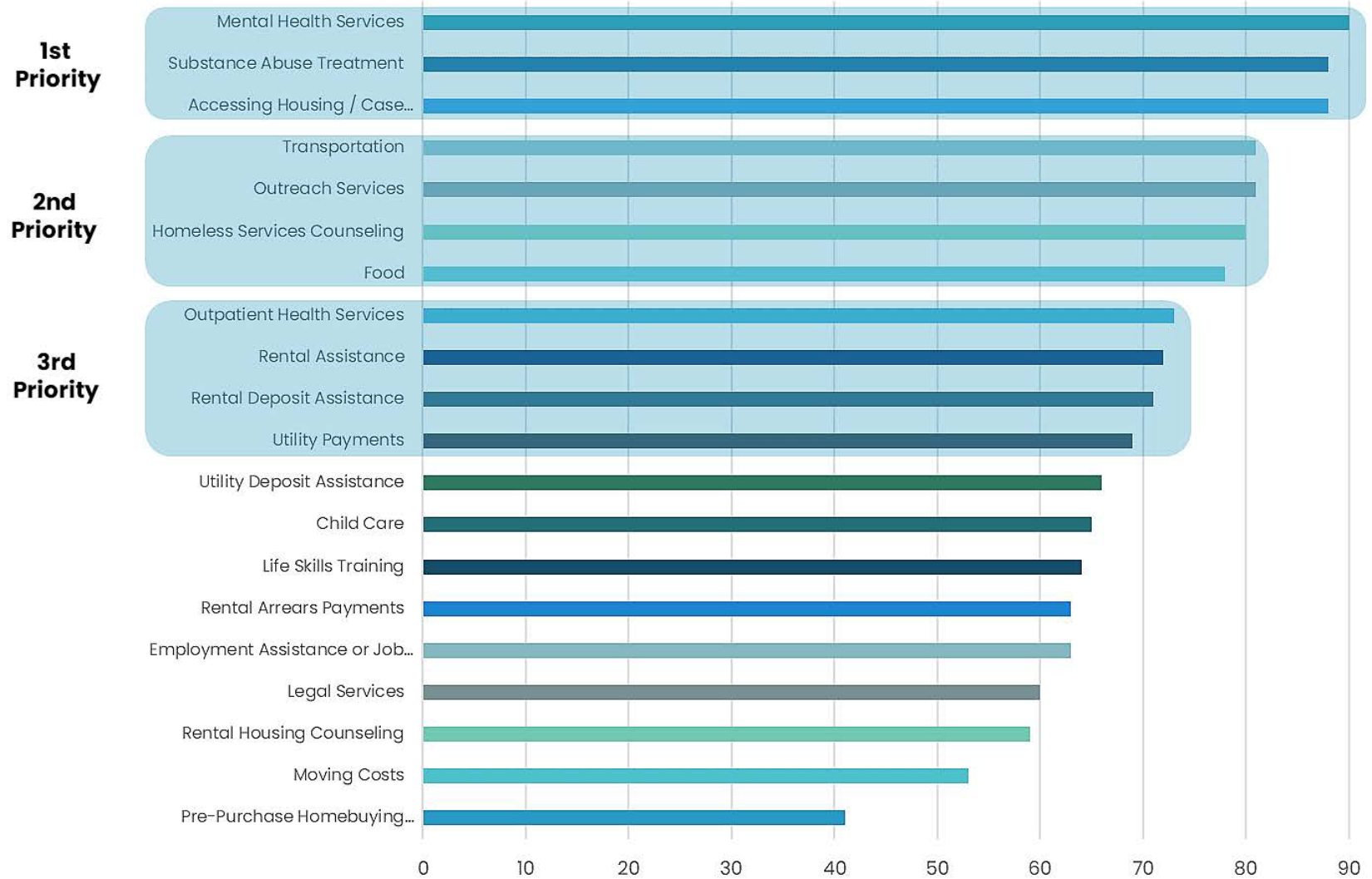
Organizations Reporting QP #s Served	Individuals (Number of)			Families (Number of)		
	Homeless	At-Risk of Homelessness	Unaccompanied Youth	Homeless	Homeless with children	At-Risk of Homelessness
Riverstone Health	590	2,184	37			
Chinook Horses		50				45
HomeFront	13		31	47	671	
National Alliance on Mental Illness		6				
The Salvation Army	509			354		
St. Vincent de Paul	636	301	51	70	19	48
Yellowstone County Continuum of Care (CoC)	1,128	1,128	200	53	53	53
Living Independently For Today and Tomorrow			3			
Veterans Inc.	202	21		54	54	54
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	931	1,052		305	291	340
Early Childhood Intervention				10	75	
STEP, Inc.	121		11	2	2	
Tumbleweed Runaway Program	778	778	778	60	60	60
St. Vincent Healthcare	414	19	32			
Bureau of Indian Affairs	485		30	455	366	
Community Crisis Center	2,011	2,011		75	70	75
Family Service						206
Angela's Piazza	30	24	2	251	250	215
Montana Rescue Mission	1,108		227	127	127	
Totals (may be duplicated - reporting variations & agencies serving same people):	8,956	7,574	1,402	1,863	2,038	1096
	Total Number of Individuals: 17,932			Total Number of Families: 4,997		

Organizations Reporting QP #s Served	Individuals Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Violence				Families Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Violence			
	Domestic or Dating violence	Sexual Assault	Stalking	Human Trafficking	Domestic or Dating Violence	Sexual Assault	Stalking	Human Trafficking
St. Vincent de Paul	31	24		2	3			
Living Independently For Today and Tomorrow	2				2			
YWCA Billings	495	31		7	155	4		
Her Campaign				20				
Veterans Inc.	2							
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley	216	216		216	68	68		68
Tumbleweed Runaway Program	22			27				
St. Vincent Healthcare	107							
Community Crisis Center	310	45	47	47	12			
Family Service	5							
Angela's Piazza	22	8	12	4	12	2		
Montana Rescue Mission	83				29			
Totals (may be duplicated - reporting variations & agencies serving same people):	1,295	324	59	323	281	74	0	68
	Total Number of Individuals: 2,001				Total Number of Families: 423			

Number of Organizations Providing Specific Services



Please rank the need for additional funding to serve Billings' qualifying populations.



Waiting List Analysis

- *Waiting lists are created by tracking specific individuals / families.*

- *If the number of individuals on a waiting list was not identified, the length of time those individuals typically stay on the waiting list was not considered.*

- *If the number of days, weeks, months, or years was not identified, this data was not considered.*

If an organization maintains a waiting list for services provided, the majority of time spent on a waiting list is one week or less.

	# People	Days
Accessing Housing / Case Management		
LIFTT: Three are on the waiting list for six months.	3	180
Homeless Services Counseling		
CoC: 1,128 are on the waiting list for two weeks.	1128	14
Housing		
Family Promise: 100 are on the waiting list for 90 days.	100	90
YWCA: Nine are on the waiting list for three months.	9	90
CoC: 1,128 are on the waiting list for three months.	1128	90
Rental Deposit Assistance		
MRM: 25 are on the waiting list for three months.	25	90
Substance Abuse Treatment		
Community Crisis Center: 78 are on the waiting list for up to two months.	78	60
Child Care		
United Way: 81 are on the waiting list for one year.	81	365
Legal Services		
St. Vincent de Paul: Four are on the waiting list for two weeks.	4	14
Emergency Shelter		
Family Promise: 100 are on the waiting list for 90 days.	100	90

Appendix E : Affidavits of Publication & Public Notices

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF MONTANA

County of Yellowstone

Jonathan McNiven

Being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the Legal Advertising Clerk of Yellowstone

County News, a newspaper of general circulation

published weekly in the town of Huntley, in the County

of Yellowstone, State of Montana, and that the (6) folio

Legal Notice of Public Hearing a true copy of which is

hereto Included, was published in said newspaper on

the following dates:

August 12, 2022; August 19, 2022

making in all (2) publication(s).

Jonathan McNiven
STATE OF MONTANA

County of Yellowstone

On this 19th day of August 2022, before me, the

undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana,

personally appeared Jonathan McNiven, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the

within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal that day and year first

above written.

Tana McNiven
Tana McNiven

NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana, residing
at Huntley, MT.

My commission expires: August 23, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF BILLINGS

FY2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) AND CURRENT COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The City of Billings will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm to obtain public comment on:

- CDBG and HOME Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the prior program year; and
- Current community needs to assist the Community Development Board in:
 - o Designing the application process for the upcoming program year, before the publication of the drafted Annual Action Plan; and
 - o Regarding the needs of those experiencing homelessness in preparation for HOME-ARP assessment and planning activities.

Federal regulations require the City to facilitate two public hearings, at different stages of the program year, to obtain residents' views and respond to questions. Together, the hearings must address housing and community development needs, development of proposed activities, proposed strategies and actions for affirmatively furthering fair housing, and a review of program performance.

Copies of the City's drafted FY2021-2022 CDBG and HOME CAPER are available beginning August 26, 2022 online at www.BillingsMT.gov/CDReports. The CAPER is also available for review at the Community Development office on the 6th floor of the Miller Building, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, MT. The City must facilitate a minimum 15-day public comment period for the CAPER. The City of Billings exceeds this requirement by facilitating a public comment period beginning August 26 through September 12, 2022.

Due to COVID-19 health concerns, the format of the City Council meeting will be held in a partial virtual videoconferencing environment. In order to honor the Right of Participation and the Right to Know in Article II, sections 8 and 9, of the Montana Constitution, the City of Billings and City Council are making every effort to meet the requirements of the open meeting laws.

Public Participation:

• **City Council Agenda Packet:** View on the City's website www.BillingsMT.gov/council-agenda.

Agendas:

• **Watch the Meeting:**

- o www.BillingsMT.gov, click Watch Meetings Online.
- o Community 7 TV - Channel 7, Channel 507 - Spectrum Cable, or online at www.com7tv.com - click Watch Live, Facebook, or YouTube. Recordings are also available after the meeting.
- Attend the Meeting: City Council Chambers, 210 North 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101.
- o Verbal comments are scheduled during the Public Comment / Public Hearings as indicated on the agenda. Written communication can be submitted any time prior to, or during, the public comment period.

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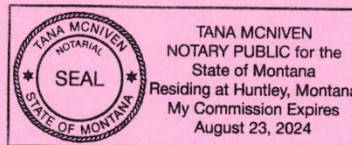
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REVISED INVITATION TO BID AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS BILLINGS LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BILLINGS, MONTANA

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids entitled "Reconstruction of the Airport Commercial Aircraft Ramp" for the City of Billings Logan International Airport will be received by the Billings City Clerk...

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via Facebook Live on the City's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Billings-MT-City-Government-45328429136/...

Schedule 1 - Southeast Concrete Apron Schedule 2 - Slotted Drain Reconstruction This work is to include all tools, equipment, materials and labor to complete this project.

Performance and Payment Bond. After a contract is awarded, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a separate Performance and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract.

Contract Documents. Contact person for this project is Heather Mosser, P.E. at 656-6503. The Contract Documents consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual may be viewed or obtained on-line.

Electronic Transfer - Complete electronic Project Plans, Project Manual, and "Bid Proposal Packet" are available at the Morison-Maierle website...

The Bidder must supply all the information required in the bid documents and specifications. Funding for this Contract is Federally Assisted.

Funding for this Contract is Federally Assisted. Contractors at every tier must comply with applicable federal requirements including but not limited to the Buy American Preference, Civil Rights - General, Davis Bacon Requirements, governmentwide Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying of Federal Employees, Procurement of Recovered Materials, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Federal Trade Restriction, as contained in the bid documents.

Title VI Solicitation Notice. The Owner, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000a-2000d-4) and the Regulation, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and equal opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race or national origin in consideration for an award.

Davis Bacon. The Contractor will be required to comply with the wage and labor requirements and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor as referenced in the Contract Documents.

Contractor Registration. Contractors and any subcontractors doing work on this project will require registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604-8011.

Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Requirements. The proposed contract is under subject to 41 CFR § 60-1.4 and Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal labor provisions. A Contractor is required to have 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a subcontract of \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. The provisions of 49 CFR Part 26 apply to this contract. Billings Logan International Airport has established an overall DBE goal for the year. It is the policy of the Owner to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin in the award or performance of this contract.

As required by 49 CFR Part 26, the Airport Authority is required to create a bidders list, consisting of information about all DBE and non-DBE firms that bid or quote on DOT-assisted contracts. The purpose of this requirement is to allow use of the bidders list approach to calculating future overall DBE goals.

Funding and Award. This contract will be funded in part by a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. Therefore, award of the Contract by the Sponsor will be made subject to concurrence of FAA and the City of Billings.

Pre-bid Conference. The pre-bid conference is not mandatory and is hereby established at 10:00 a.m. February 23, 2023, at the Airport Operations Building, 2281 Oersted Drive (west of the terminal), upstairs Conference Room. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Worden Fire Department monthly meeting will be held at 7pm on March 5, 2023, at the Worden Fire Hall.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The SBURA monthly will be held at 7pm on March 7, 2023. The meeting is utilizing Zoom software.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: BOSTON THOMAS KETTERLING, Nicole Marie Farnsworth Petitioner, on behalf of BOSTON THOMAS KETTERLING Minor Child Cause No. DW 23-0058 Dept. No. ASHLEY HARADA

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NOTICE OF MEETING BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION, AND CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

The Billings Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Board will hold its regular board meeting on Wednesday, March 8, at 1:30 PM, at the Billings Parks and Recreation office located at 390 N. 23rd Street, Billings, MT.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Council Legislative Committee will hold a public meeting every Wednesday during the Legislative Session. Meetings for March will be at 4:00 PM in the City Hall Conference Room, at 210 N. 27th Street, Billings, Montana on:

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Jack B. West West Law Firm, P.C. 301 N. 27th St., Ste. 100 Billings, MT 59101 Telephone: (406) 252-3858 Email: jock@westlawfirm.pro Attorney for Applicants

MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARRY CRAWFORD Deceased.

Judge: Jessica T. Fehr NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above-named estate by the Court.

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Molly S. Considine Patten, Peteman, Bekkedahl & Green, PLLC 2817 2ND Ave. North, Ste. 300 Billings, MT 59101 Telephone: (406) 294-8500 Fax: (406) 294-9500 Email: mconsidine@pobglaw.com Attorneys for Personal Representative

MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MURRAY L. STERLING Deceased.

Probate Case No. DP 22-0439 Judge: Brett Lintner NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate by the Court.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BILLINGS SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR THE FY2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO INCLUDE THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN

The City of Billings will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 5:00 pm, to obtain public comment on the substantial amendment to the FY2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to include the City's HOME ARP Allocation Plan.

The City will also make the following information available to the public:

The City of Billings received a HOME ARP allocation totaling \$1,211,322. The activities the City may undertake include Administration and Planning; Production or Preservation of Rental Housing; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); Supportive Services, Acquisition or Development of Non-Congregate Shelter; and/or Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance.

Costs of the City's substantial amendment to the FY2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and the HOME ARP Allocation Plan are available for review at the Community Development office on the 6th floor of the Miller Building, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, MT. The City will facilitate a minimum 15-day public comment period.

Public Participation: City Council Agenda Packet: View on the City's website www.BillingsMT.gov/submitagenda

Watch the Meeting: www.BillingsMT.gov/click Watch Meetings Online.

Community TV - Channel 7, Channel 507 - Spectrum Cable, or on line at www.spectrum.com - click Watch Live, Radio, book, or YouTube. Recordings are also available after the meeting.

Attend the Meeting: City Council Chambers, 410 North 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101.

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Send a voice mail message by calling 406.657.8286 (Montana Relay 711).

Send an email to public@billingsmt.gov

Send a written letter to Community Development, P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59102.

Communicate via Email: Emails can be sent to the City Council before 3:00 pm on the date of the Public Hearing at council@BillingsMT.gov. All emails sent to the City Council can be viewed online at www.BillingsMT.gov/councilmail. Emails received after 3:00 pm and prior to 5:00 pm, may be read during the meeting.

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- The City of Billings received a HOME-ARP allocation totaling \$1,211,321.
- The activities the City may undertake include Administration and Planning; Production or Preservation of Rental Housing; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA); Supportive Services; Acquisition or Development of Non-Congregate Shelter; and / or Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance. Activities must benefit individuals and / or families experiencing homelessness and other qualifying populations.

Copies of the City's substantial amendment to the FY2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan are available beginning February 25, 2023 online at www.billingsmt.gov/homearp. The drafted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is also available for review at the Community Development office on the 6th floor of the Miller Building, 2825 3rd Avenue North, Billings, MT. The City must facilitate a minimum 15-day public comment period. The City of Billings exceeds this requirement by facilitating a public comment period beginning February 25 through March 13, 2023.

Public Participation:

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Please send a PDF of the Affidavit of Publication to Community Development.

Appendix F: Public Outreach Attendance Lists



Community Development Division

Information Session: CDBG, HOME, Affordable Housing Development, AmeriCorps VISTA, and HOME-ARP

Friday, December 16, 2023, 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Library Community Room

NAME	AGENCY / AFFILIATION		
Rosalie Skees	HRDC7, Home Center		
Patricia Wainster	Home Front		
Tina Stark	Residence of MT		
Krystal Bickel	Adult Resource Alliance		
Doug WILD	CDM		
Tealodi Shaulen	HomeFront		
Helen Verhagelt	HomeFront		
Skylar Magee	HomeFront		
MAX FRENCH	MRM		
Doug Dushoff	MRM		
Marguerite Felig	South Side Neighborhood TF		
Steve Smarsh	BAR		
Larry Larsen	Premier Group Real Estate HUB		
MAX GIFFIN	GRIFFIN DVLPT		

NAME	AGENCY / AFFILIATION		
Kathy Smit	Off The Streets Corporation		
Jim Berve	ABCO Bldg		
Kev Bork	Continuum of Care		
Tom Rupp	City Council		
Tyler Amundson	Big Sky Senior Services		
Belinda Holloway	Dress for Success		

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PCSD Information Session

Name (Original Name)	Join Time	Start Time	End Time	Duration (Minutes)	Participants
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Jennifer Olson (HUD)	12/16/2022 14:24	12/16/2022 14:07			
GIA	12/16/2022 14:24				
iPhoneTyler (2)	12/16/2022 14:24				
Lisa Donnot	12/16/2022 14:28	12/16/2022 15:34			
Autumn-NWMT	12/16/2022 14:28				
Dean Wells	12/16/2022 14:28				
Rosie Goldich - she/her	12/16/2022 14:29			87	
Wes Feist - MT SWIB	12/16/2022 14:30				
Heather McMilin	12/16/2022 14:30				
tara williamson (ryan rummel)	12/16/2022 14:30				12
Collin W. (Collin W. DII GSR)	12/16/2022 14:37				

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