HOME-ARP

Allocation Plan



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HOME-ARP SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 1

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The following serves as a Substantial Amendment to the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The amendment is necessary to add Tenant-Based Rental Assistance and Supportive Services to the plan. Additional amendments are proposed to account for an additional allocation of $3,995 that was not originally accounted for.

The amendments in this document are marked in red noting the specific changes. This amendment was published in the Daytona Beach News Journal for a 30-day comment period. No written comments were submitted. The proposed amendments were approved by the Volusia County Council on August 19, 2025.

The proposed amendments to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan are noted below by the applicable section.

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HOME-ARP SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 2

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The following serves as a Substantial Amendment to the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The amendment is necessary to add a new preference for veterans and families that include a veteran family member that also meet the criteria as qualifying individuals or families under the American Rescue Plan.

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the Allocation Plan for the Home Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program is to identify current housing needs for qualifying populations associated with homelessness and supportive services. Qualifying populations includes persons who are homeless, at risk of being homeless, and/or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking as defined by HUD. This plan will provide an overview of the consultation process, comments received, analysis of unmet needs and current gaps, and summary on how HOME- ARP will be used for qualifying populations.

The HOME-ARP Allocation plan has been prepared by the Volusia County Community Assistance Division, Housing and Grants Administration staff. The Allocation Plan is required to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This document is a part of the planning process to identify how funds will be used to assist with the current housing needs for qualifying populations within the community.

The document will be made available at the following locations:

- Community Assistance DeLand office; and
- Online at http://www.volusia.org/reports

Questions and comments about this plan or how to view the plan should be addressed to the Community Assistance Housing and Grants Administration Staff.

Allocation Plan HOME-ARP

Participating Jurisdiction: County of Volusia Date: April 8, 2022

Background

In September 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of $2,665,311 to the County of Volusia for a one-time grant called Home Investment Partnerships Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, HOME-ARP rental housing, administration and planning, and nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance. HOME-ARP funds must assist people in HOME-ARP "qualifying populations", which include: sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations; those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness; those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking; other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness; those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations. To receive funding, the County must develop and submit to HUD a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must also be informed through stakeholder consultation and community engagement. The following is the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Consultation

Summarize the consultation process.

The County of Volusia Community Assistance Division reached out to all area PHAs, CoC, municipalities, non-profit organizations and health care providers serving the jurisdiction. The consulted stakeholders have relevant knowledge that can speak to the needs, service gaps, and potential activities that would best benefit qualified populations. Stakeholders consulted included those who work with families or individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, and other vulnerable qualifying populations. In the development of the allocation plan, stakeholders were asked for their input concerning the HOME-ARP grant, eligible activities, and the proposed budget. Stakeholders articulated their gap in services and housing needs by providing written input in response to a needs assessment questionnaire during the initial consultation period and subsequently written and verbal feedback as part of the public meeting to review the proposed allocation plan. Community Assistance staff have synthesized feedback from participants and the following table will provide summaries of the insights received.

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

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback – Needs and services identified for the community
Volusia Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless	**CoC**	Needs assessment	Need for affordable rental housing, wrap around services for homeless and most vulnerable; supportive housing, case management, landlords willing to work with target population, funding for outreach staff, etc.
Avenues 12, inc.	**Female Support Services**	Needs assessment	Funding for women who are trying to change their lives; Community assistance program to assist homeless women.
Habitat for Humanity	**Affordable Housing**	Needs assessment	Affordable housing; temporary housing and shelters; pathways to homeownership
First Step	**Shelter**	Needs assessment	Wrap around services for homeless and vulnerable; legal aid; ways to obtain free IDs; health care; rehab centers for homeless'; landlords willing to work with target population; supportive permanent housing; substance abuse services; greater communication between service providers
Halifax Urban Ministries	**Shelter and Support Services**	Needs assessment	affordable housing and affordable rental housing; need for substance abuse counseling and mental health services; Transportation services; affordable housing; financial literacy training; Day Care
Neighborhood Center (NHC)	**Homelessness Support Services**	Needs assessment	Affordable housing; permanent supportive housing; landlords willing to work with target populations; mental health and substance abuse counseling; case management support
Housing Authority of New Smyrna Beach	**PHA**	Needs assessment	Transitional housing; affordable housing; Security deposit assistance for low income renters; homeless shelters;
Orange City	**Municipality**	Needs assessment	No-restriction shelters; mental health counseling; prevention services; rental assistance; mental health and substance abuse services
SMA Healthcare	**Healthcare provider**	Needs assessment	affordable housing; shelter locations; transitional housing; shelters for victims of domestic or sexual violence;
City of Holly Hill	**Municipality**	Needs assessment	Substance abuse and mental health support services; community awareness campaigns; affordable housing;
Disability Solutions for Independent Living	**Support Services**	Needs assessment	Affordable Housing; Housing Vouchers; Rental Assistance - application fees and security deposit assistance; Mental Health Support services
City of New Smyrna Beach	**Municipality**	Needs assessment	Support services: mental illness; substance abuse; no local services; shelter housing

- Several other cities and non-profits were reached out to during the consultation process, but did not provide feedback.

Public Participation

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:

- ***Public comment period:*** 3/3/2022 – 3/18/2022
- ***Public hearing:*** A virtual hearing was held on March 8th, 2022 from 2pm – 3:30pm.

The County held one virtual public hearing for consultation with citizens, county and municipal officials, non-profit agencies, public housing agencies, private developers, governmental agencies, and the Continuum of Care in preparation for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

During the public hearing, County staff discussed the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which incorporates information and discussion of community needs and eligible activities related to HOME-ARP, along with opportunities for the public to provide comments on the proposed budget and activities. A list of eligible HOME-ARP activities and the County's proposed HOME-ARP budget was also presented. The public hearing was held via a Go-To-Meeting on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022. Nine community members attended the public meeting.

The public notice for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was published in the Daytona Beach News Journal Newspaper on Thursday, March 3, 2022 in English. The public comment period on the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will begin March 3, 2022 and end on March 18, 2022 in order to coincide with the public hearing.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

The public hearing was held virtually to overcome any barriers related to transportation and Covid-19 concerns. In addition, the virtual meeting was recorded to allow for any unable to attend to review the meeting. As the meeting was held 10 days prior to the end of comment period, all participants were able to consider their concerns and submit after the hearing had been conducted. Additional efforts to encourage public participation included: email notifications informing area agencies and non-profits of the public hearing, advertising on social media, and posting the draft plan and public hearing information on the County website.

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

There was a total of 14 participants in the public meeting. During the meeting a poll was conducted to gauge support of the allocation plan that indicated 8 of the 9 attendees agreed with the actions proposed in the allocation plan.
One dissenting opinion elaborated and commented that they wanted to see funding for supportive housing units that are on site or in conjunction with a homeless shelter facility. The location of the housing unit next to a shelter would help provide services for those that are disabled or suffering from severe illness.

No other comments were received during the public comment period.

Summarize any comments or recommendations that were not accepted and state the reason why:
All comments were accepted.

Need Assessment and Gap Analysis

To assess the unmet needs of HOME-ARP qualifying populations, the County evaluated the size and demographic composition of those populations. In addition, the County also identified gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory, as well as the service delivery system. The needs assessment and gaps analysis utilized the most current data available, including: the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Data (CHAS), 2021 Point in Time Count (PIT Count), 2021 CoC Housing Inventory Count (HIC), the 2020 CoC Housing Placement Report, The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at the University of Florida, the 2015-2019 American Community's Survey, the National Network to End Domestic Violence 2021 - 15th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report, and data as reported in HMIS by jurisdiction agencies. The following information includes the basis for the needs assessment and gap analysis for HOME-ARP qualified populations.

Housing *Inventory - Homeless*

	Total # of Beds	Veterans # of Beds
Emergency Shelter	339	0
Transitional Housing	257	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	415	340

Source: HUD 2021 CoC Housing Inventory Count Report.

The table above shows the inventory of beds in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing as reported in the HUD 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count Report. This report is based on information reported from every CoC, including CoC FL-504 which encompasses the entire Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area of Volusia and Flagler County. It is important to note that number of permanent supportive housing (PSH) beds reported is not exclusive to housing units or beds set-aside for the use of permanent supportive housing. The number includes project-based units, scattered supportive housing, specific vouchers through housing authorities, and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. The high number of veteran PSH beds can be attributed to VASH vouchers utilized in our area which assist veterans with housing and connect them with a case worker.

Homeless Population

	Adults/Families	Veterans
Sheltered Homeless	348	22
Unsheltered Homeless	309	N/A

Source: 2021 Point in Time Count.

Due to COVID-10 precautions only a head count was taken during the unsheltered PiT count, as a result Veteran status was not collected. Almost half of the population of residents who are experiencing homelessness are unsheltered according to the most recently report Point in Time Count. In addition to the homeless population listed above, the National Network to end Domestic Violence recorded 23 sheltered victims of domestic violence and 16 unsheltered victims of domestic violence in Volusia County in 2020. The local CoC identified 672 chronically homeless during 2021, some of which are part of households and some which are individuals. There are local rapid re-housing programs which can help the sheltered and unsheltered homeless find permanent housing, however those that are chronically homeless will likely have a hard time functioning in permanent housing which does not include case management and other supportive services. It is also important to look at the housing inventory in Volusia

County to see that even with funding available for rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention programs, the number of affordable rental units is limited. The table on the following page shows the available rental units, the number that are considered affordable to those making 30% and 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), as well as the number that are experiencing a housing problem. Housing problems are defined by HUD as: 1) housing unit lacks complete kitchen facilities; 2) housing unit lacks complete plumbing facilities; 3) household is overcrowded; and 4) household is cost burdened. Affordable housing units for those below 50% of AMI is a clearly identified gap for homeless and non-homeless populations in Volusia County.

Housing Inventory – Non-Homeless

	Current Inventory # of Units	**Level of Need** # of Households
Total Rental Units	68,330	
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (at risk of homelessness)	10,283	
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (other populations)	23,137	
0-30% AMI Renter HH with 1 or more housing problems (other populations)		7,685
30-50% AMI Renter HH with 1 or more housing problems (other populations)		8,510

Sources: CHAS 2020; 2015-2019 American Community Survey

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

HUD requires HOME-ARP funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in specified HOME-ARP "qualifying populations." Qualifying populations include, but are not limited to, the following:

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

Homeless Population

In accordance with HUD's definition of homeless under the HOME-ARP grant, the County will consider a homeless family or individual to generally include:

- An individual or family who lacks a permanent and adequate permanent home
- A person or family who will imminently lose their permanent home due to a lack of resources or support
- A youth under the age of 25, even if accompanied by an adult, that does not have a permanent home

In the 2021 point in time count, 657 persons were experiencing homelessness in Volusia County, 25 of these were veterans.

Individuals and Families at Risk of Homelessness

The analysis of American Community Survey (ACS) and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data as well as data and information from local sources shows that there is a significant need for affordable housing in Volusia County. In 2021 the county was home to 218,423 households; 45% of these households were below the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) threshold. The ALICE Threshold represents the minimum income level necessary for survival for a household. Derived from the Household Survival Budget, the ALICE Threshold is rounded to the nearest American Community Survey income category and adjusted for household size and composition for each county.

The most significant housing problem facing both owners and renters in Volusia County is housing cost burden greater than 50% of income, with 7,792 renters and 8,909 owners who are experiencing this cost burden. Severely cost burdened households have higher levels of housing instability and likely need additional support. In Volusia County, 16.3% of all households are severely cost burdened. Households, renting and owning, with income between 0-30% AMI are the most impacted in this category.

Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness

The County identified the non-homeless special needs population that require supportive services as the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addiction, victims of domestic violence, and persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Affordable housing is a high need for these populations as well as support services.

While Covid-19 concerns have limited the ability to accurately assess mental health issues and substance abuse in PiT counts, surveys in 2019 reported that 96 self-identified as having substance abuse issues and/or mental health issues.

Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking

For HOME-ARP, this population includes any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence (DV), dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. It includes cases where an individual or family reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence due to dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return or remain within the same dwelling unit.

In FY20/21 1806 calls that met the Category 4 Definition of homelessness were received by the Local DV call centers as tracked by the Department of Children and Families and needed immediate and prioritized housing. HMIS data for the same time frame projects serving an additional 164 survivors through Coordinated Entry.

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

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

Many of the needs of the qualifying populations are similar and include the need for a flexible response system, available housing that is affordable, wrap around services, and supportive services or assistance

that could prevent homelessness or greater housing instability. The following reviews the needs of each qualifying population.

Homeless Populations:
In FY20, the Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless (VFCCH) fielded 2,280 Homelessness prevention referrals, in addition to 959 housing placements. In 2021 HUD's Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) VFCCH experienced a 100% participation rate in year-round transitional housing beds; 100% participation rate in Safe Haven beds; and a 95.6% participation rate in Rapid Rehousing beds. Indicating an imminent need for additional resources and permanent housing solutions in the region. For people to exit Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or unsheltered homelessness, there must be housing available a person can obtain which will then end that person's housing crisis. Although there is importance to provide crisis services and shelter for those who lack it, the community needs significant investment in housing that is available and affordable to all of Volusia County's residents, especially the most vulnerable who seek to end their housing crisis.

Individuals and Families at risk of homelessness:
Historically, Individuals and families at risk of homelessness may need housing assistance that could vary from eviction assistance, diversion assistance, or rent and utility assistance in addition to other types of supportive services. Households who need assistance with maintaining or regaining housing to prevent homelessness will benefit from targeted services. According to Shimberg Center data 17,471 households pay 50% or more of their monthly household income on rent placing them on unstable ground for sustained occupancy.

Many of the households that need assistance to prevent homelessness, or those at the greatest risk of housing instability, are identified in the persons with special needs. Volusia County recognizes the importance of accessibility to public resources that ensure inclusion for residents who may require support. Within the non-homeless special needs category, persons within these subpopulations are often more vulnerable and at risk of housing insecurity due to limited income and targeted service needs. The highest need recognized in the community survey is the need for Housing for persons with special needs. Historically, Volusia County contributes to community-based services that assist persons with special needs through coordination and funding to address these needs of the residents.

Affordable housing for all subcategories, and within the general Volusia County population, is a high priority need across all systems. Community integration and accessibility is necessary to ensure that persons who have special needs and disabilities can access housing and services in an inclusionary manner without interruption and in a way that accommodates their needs. Volusia County's residents have complex and basic needs, requiring the assistance of multiple systems to fully address the needs of this population.

Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking:
At current capacity, the DV shelters could only accommodate 369 survivors or 20% of the total number of DV victims seeking assistance annually. DV Shelters and CoC program capacity combined accounted for 533 survivors being served annually or only 29.5% of the calls received into the DV Call Centers.

Florida Department of Children and Families 2019-2020 Annual Capital Needs Assessment details that there is a need to increase emergency shelter and transitional housing capacity to provide services to persons fleeing domestic violence. The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence identifies the following essential services for victims of domestic violence: survivor focused safety plans, counseling and advocacy,

information and referrals for persons seeking assistance, child and youth-specific activities, youth-targeted education, education and training for adults.

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:

The following agencies provide emergency shelter beds and services to families, individuals, youth and the special needs population: The Beacon Center, The Salvation Army, The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia, Hope Place, First Step Shelter and the Neighborhood Center's Bridge Shelter. The Bridge Shelter, located in DeLand, and operated by the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia, currently has a capacity to accommodate up to 30 homeless individuals with short-term overnight lodging, food and water, access to non-emergency health care and social services programs. First Step Shelter, serving Volusia County at large, currently has a capacity to accommodate 45 homeless individuals.

A variety of agencies offer not only transitional housing, but diverse supportive services that help the homeless transition to permanent housing with skills to live independently and prevent them from becoming homeless again. The services include referrals to other agencies for drug and mental health counseling, and education/skills development that support employment and independent living. Services also support persons at risk of homelessness or other disadvantaged populations covering workforce development and vocational rehabilitation, rental assistance for persons with a disability, utility subsidies, mental health and substance treatment services, services for persons fleeing domestic violence, legal services, benefit acquisition using the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) model, housing navigation and care coordination services, and peer support.

Additionally, the CoC facilitates bi-annual trainings for service providers and community stakeholders about accessing non-employment cash and non-cash benefits, SNAP (food stamps), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), affordable healthcare and linkage to the VA case managers for service and non-service connected disabilities and pensions for veterans.

There are four public housing authorities and one public housing agency in Volusia County. The DeLand Housing Authority (DHA), Daytona Beach Housing Authority (DBHA), the Housing Authority of the City of New Smyrna Beach (HANSB) and the Ormond Beach Housing Authority (OBHA) offer public housing units and the Housing Choice Voucher Program - Section 8 to eligible residents, while the County of Volusia offers only the Housing Choice Voucher Program - Section 8. The DHA, HANSB and OBHA receive federal funds for capital improvements to modernize and repair the public housing units.

In FY2021 Volusia County administered the following grant programs that contributed to ending homelessness and supporting families at risk of homelessness:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Community Development Block Grant – Cares Act (CDBG-CV)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Emergency Solutions Grant- Cares Act (ESG-CV)
- Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- General fund, Children and Families Advisory Board (CFAB) programs
- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)
- Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)

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

The County collaborates with area organizations and agencies to help individuals, children, and families facing housing crises. The County works closely with CoC member organizations to provide foundational support for these organizations to be able to continue to provide needed services to the residents of the county. The coordination between the County and the regional CoC is imperative to assess the needs of homeless and low-income families in avoiding homelessness, addresses the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs, and helps both homeless and chronically homeless make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The need for supportive housing and permanent housing is a critical need in the County. Members of the CoC noted the following gaps in the County's programs and infrastructures:

- *Wrap around services:* Mental Health supportive services; Substance abuse services; Health Care access; sufficient case management to follow all clients into housing and assist with moving towards self-sufficiency; Assistance obtaining IDs; financial literacy: banking, saving money, budgeting, paying bills on time.
- *Permanent Supportive Housing:* Scattered site PSH units to support the chronically homeless populations;
- *Emergency Shelter:* Homeless Shelter beds/units;
- *Affordable housing*: Pathways out of homelessness; affordable rental units; more opportunities to pursue home ownership; Application Fee and Security Deposit assistance for those moving into housing; more housing vouchers available to homeless population.
- *Communication:* Community awareness of resources available; Agency and organizational collaboration and resource sharing.
- *External factors:* Income versus rental rates.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Based on feedback and relevant data, the three top priorities for qualifying populations in Volusia County are:

1. Development and Support of Affordable Housing
2. Nonprofit operating and capacity building assistance
3. Provision of support service

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:

The housing needs of the qualifying populations were determined through gaps analysis of current services and the needs assessment feedback gathered by the County. Shelter data presented in the questions above was determined by examining the latest AHAR data available from HUD as well as community feedback. The level of need for unsheltered and shelter households experiencing homelessness was determined by evaluating the number of unsheltered households and the level of resources available to adequately house the families or individuals with permanent supportive housing and critical long-term supportive services to achieve housing stability.

For households that are currently housed but have challenges maintaining their home, the level of need was measured by the amount of inventory that had affordable, safe, and adequate living conditions and the number of renter households that are experiencing severe housing cost burdens. These households

need assistance that helps them stay housed without encumbering them with the cost of their home. Affordable rental housing occupancy reports and data were collected from occupancy reports from the Florida Housing Coalition. Specific community needs and insights into service were provided by the CoC and community agencies that completed the needs assessment as well as data gathered from administration of past Housing and Homelessness support programs.

HOME-ARP Activities

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

The County of Volusia will use the County's formal solicitation Request for Proposal (RFP) process to receive proposals from interested non-profit and for profit organizations. Community Assistance staff and the Purchasing and Contracts Division will be responsible for developing the HOME-ARP RFP. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be advertised on the County's website which will include specific requirements and criteria that interested non-profit and/or for profit organizations must meet to be considered for funding. A legal ad will also be advertised within the local newspaper for public review regarding the County accepting RFPs for a minimum of a week. RFP received will be reviewed by an evaluating committee to ensure that each proposals meets the advertised RFP criteria and select which RFPs will be submitted to County Council for final review of proposals. All eligible proposals will be given an opportunity to present their proposal to County Council to show the impact that it will have on the community. The County Council will have final approval of which RFPs will be awarded through HOME-ARP funds.

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

The County of Volusia will not make any funds available to any subrecipients or contractors prior to the approval of the HOME-ARP allocation plan by HUD.

PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	~~$0~~ $85,891	3%	N/A
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	$0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	~~$0~~ $773,020	29%	N/A
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	~~$2,165,515~~ $1,360,000	51%	N/A
Non-Profit Operating	$50,000	2%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	~~$50,000~~ $0		
Administration and Planning	~~$399,796~~ $400,395	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	~~$2,665,311~~ $2,669,306		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

If needed, the County of Volusia will provide additional narrative regarding the above budget.

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 compiled data within the Needs and Gap Analysis shows that currently within our community there is a lack of affordable rental units. Currently, there is not enough affordable rental units available for very low and low income residents who are and/or at risk of being homeless. The number of households who are in need of affordable housing exceeds the current available inventory. The above analysis shows that the greatest need within Volusia County is the development of affordable rental housing. By making funds available for development of affordable rental housing, this will increase the amount of available rental units for very low to low income residents and assist with reducing the significant gap between the level of need and current inventory of rental housing.

The County of Volusia plans to use the administration and planning funds to have staff assist with technical assistance during the solicitation and construction process for all awarded subrecipients. This funding will ensure that the HOME-ARP program will be implemented effectively and to ensure that subrecipients have continued support to ensure that all rental development projects are completed within a timely manner.

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:

Volusia County projects that the amount allocated to the Development of Affordable Rental Housing category can create an estimated 12 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 mission of the County of Volusia Housing and Grants Administration is to create and preserve affordable housing for households and families throughout Volusia County. Through the HOME-ARP funds the County plans to continue to achieve this goal through using the available funds to create additional affordable housing rental units for qualified populations. The County plans to solicit to interested non-profit and for profit organizations for all parties to be given an opportunity to propose plans on how they can create new affordable housing opportunities throughout Volusia County. By creating additional rental units it will provide residents who are and/or at risk of homeless with additional rental unit's opportunities and help with increasing the housing inventory available to residents.

Preferences

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

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

~~The County of Volusia does not plan to give preference to any of our qualifying population. The County's goal is to focus on developing affordable rental housing that will be available for all eligible qualifying populations within Volusia County.~~

For the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Supportive Services activities, the County of Volusia will provide a preference to veterans and families that include a veteran family member who also meet the criteria as a HOME-ARP qualifying individual or family. Eligible veteran households will be prioritized for assistance under these activities. The preference does not establish veteran status as an eligibility requirement; individuals and families that meet the HOME-ARP qualifying population requirements but do not meet the veteran preference may still apply for and receive assistance, subject to the availability of funds.

The veteran preference will apply only to the TBRA and Supportive Services activities. The County will not apply a veteran preference to its HOME-ARP affordable rental housing activity, which will remain available to all eligible HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

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

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The county's needs assessment and gap analysis identified veterans among the individuals experiencing homelessness within the jurisdiction and identified an ongoing need for affordable housing, rental assistance, case management, and other supportive services for persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Although existing resources within the community provide housing and services to veterans, the needs assessment demonstrates that veterans continue to experience homelessness and housing instability.

Providing a preference to eligible veteran households for TBRA and Supportive Services will help address these identified needs by prioritizing access to rental assistance and supportive services that can assist veterans and their families in obtaining and maintaining stable housing. The preference is intended to supplement existing resources available to veterans while addressing the broader need for housing assistance and supportive services identified in the county's needs assessment and gap analysis.

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

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The veteran preference will not exclude other HOME-ARP qualifying populations from receiving assistance. Individuals and families that meet the requirements of a HOME-ARP qualifying population but do not qualify for the veteran preference may continue to apply for and receive TBRA and Supportive Services, subject to the availability of funds. The preference establishes a priority for eligible veteran households rather than limiting eligibility for these activities exclusively to veterans.

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 with the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

• ***Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity***

The County of Volusia does not plan to use any HOME-ARP funds for refinancing at this time. The County is focused using all available funding on adding additional rental units to the current inventory for residents.

• ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***

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• ***State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.***

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• ***Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.***

The County of Volusia does not plan to use any HOME-ARP funds for refinancing at this time. The County is focused using all available funding on adding additional rental units to the current inventory for residents.

• ***State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG***.

The County of Volusia will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

• ***Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:***

N/A