



HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Public Hearing and Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Brevard County HOME Consortium, FL

March 21, 2023

HOME – American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act allocating \$5 billion to communities across the country to help meet the needs of specific vulnerable populations.

HOME-ARP Allocation for Brevard County HOME Consortium is
\$4,524,586

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations

People Experiencing Homelessness

People At Risk of Homelessness

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

Other Populations At Greatest Risk of Homelessness/Housing Instability

Five HOME-ARP Eligible Activities



Production or
Preservation of
Affordable
Rental Housing



Tenant-Based
Rental Assistance
(TBRA)



Supportive Services

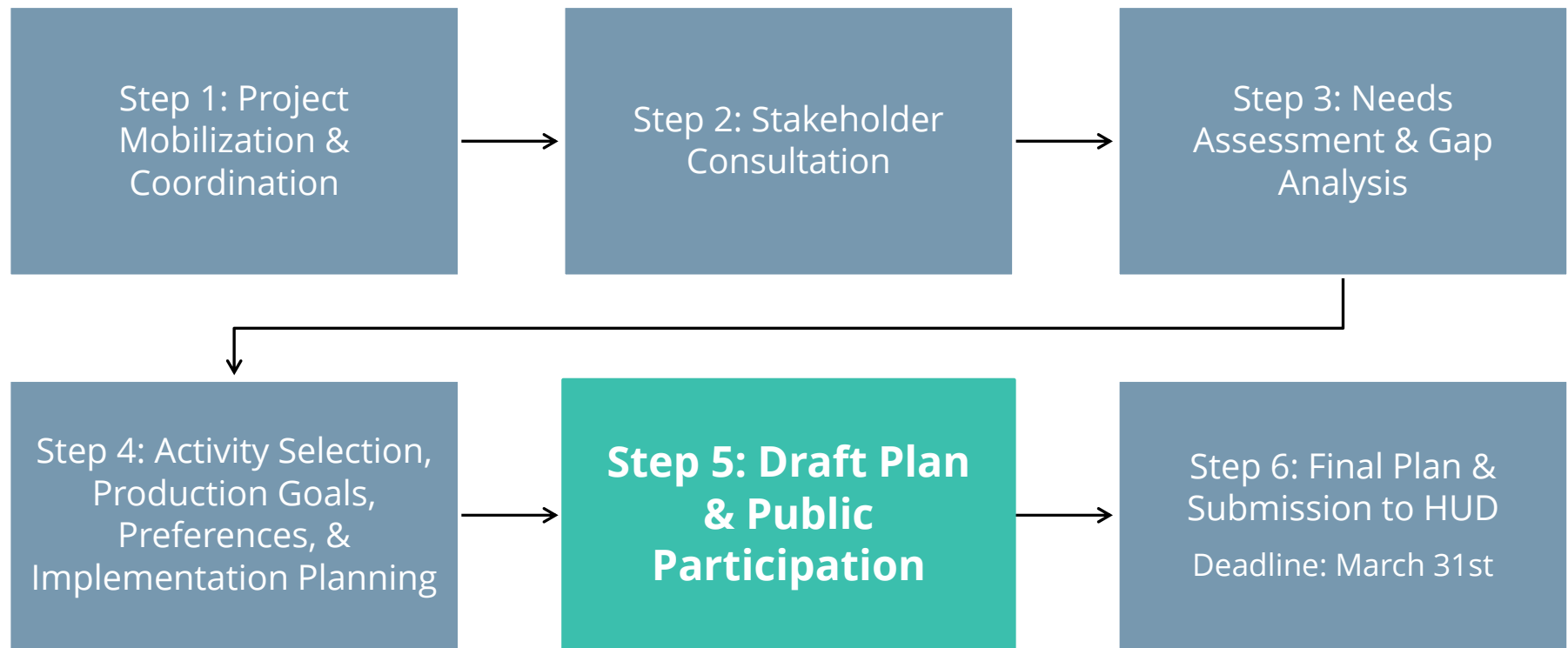


Purchase and
Development of
Non-Congregate
Shelters



Nonprofit
Operating and
Capacity-Building
Support

Allocation Planning Process



Public Participation Methods

Public Notice

- Notices published in Al Dia Today, Ebony News, and Florida Today.
- Notices posted on County and City websites.

Allocation Plan Availability

- Plan emailed to consultation participants.
- Plan posted on County and City websites.
- Social media posts asking for public comment published on Twitter and Facebook.

Public Hearing

- Brevard County Commissioner's Meeting.

Stakeholder Consultation Methods

Overall, **47 organizations** were consulted in the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan through two methods:

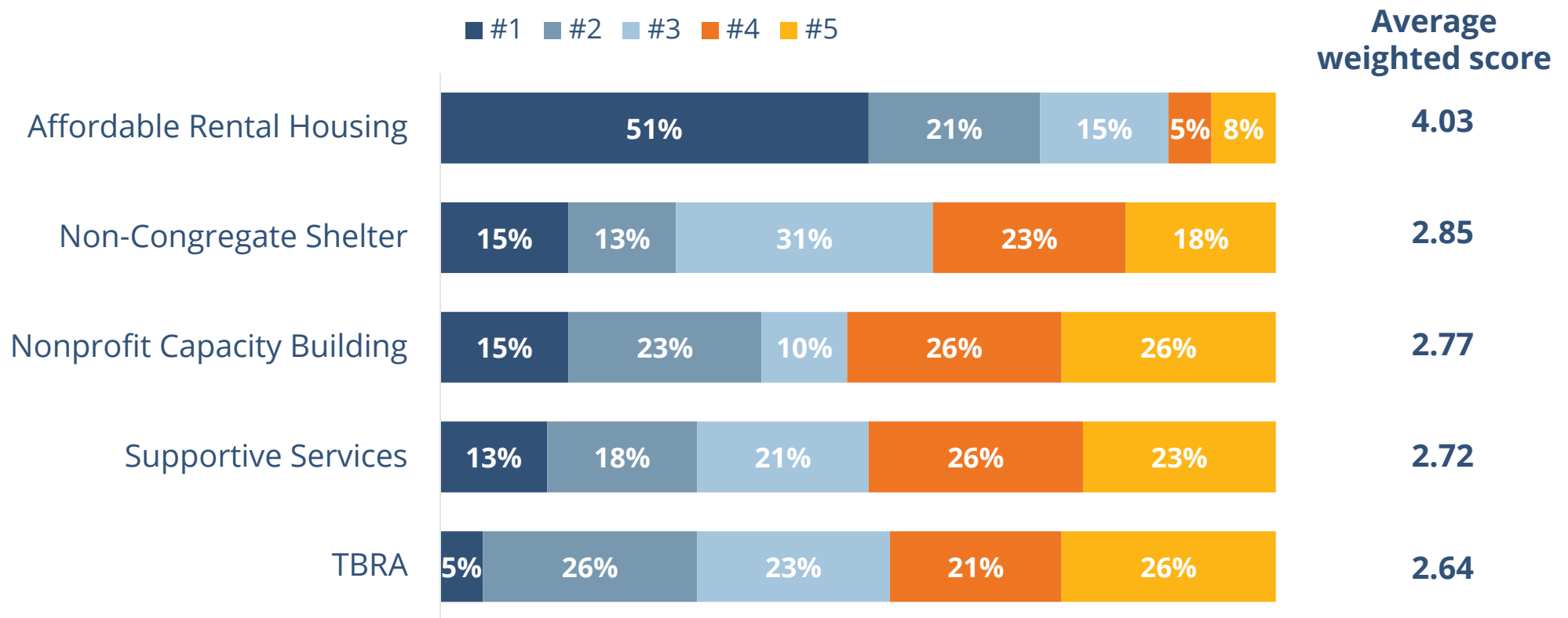
Online Stakeholder Survey

- Received 39 responses from stakeholders (29 unique organizations) serving the HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

Preexisting Meetings

- County staff joined 7 standing meetings (e.g., committee meetings, staff meetings, etc.) that included 34 participating organizations.

Survey: Prioritization of HOME-ARP Eligible Activities



Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis: Data Sources

Individuals Experiencing Homelessness	Individuals At Risk of Homelessness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuum of Care HMIS and Point In Time Count data (2021-2022) Brevard Homeless Coalition 2020 Gaps Analysis and System Performance Report (2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015-2019 CHAS data McKinney-Vento EDFacts data on student homelessness (2019-2020) Public Housing Authority client data (2021) Shimberg Center for Housing Studies data (2020)
Persons Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Violence	Others At Greatest Risk of Homelessness/Housing Instability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuum of Care HMIS and Point In Time Count data (2021-2022) Serene Harbor program data (2022) Brevard County Women's Center program data (2022) Florida Depart. Of Law Enforcement Uniform Crime Reports (2020) Space Coast Human Trafficking Task Force data (2022) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015-2019 CHAS data ACS data (2017-2021) Brevard County Consortium's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan Shimberg Center for Housing Studies data (2020)

Key Takeaways from Consultations & Data Analysis

Affordable Housing Inventory & Rental Assistance

- Housing has become increasingly less affordable for owners and renters over the past several years. Factors such as tourism and job growth have increased demand on the local housing stock which has increased housing costs for many.
- Rental assistance such as TBRA can be vital to keep individuals stably housed but there are challenges with existing programs that can limit program effectiveness.

Key Takeaways from Consultations & Data Analysis

Shelter Inventory

- Countywide, the number of rapid rehousing beds has increased but this is often not a suitable replacement for permanent supportive housing for individuals with complex needs.
- Existing shelter capacity is often unable to accommodate entire households experiencing homelessness which means families may need to split up across facilities.
- There are no designated shelter beds for victims of domestic violence.
- Specific subpopulations with unmet shelter needs include single men/women, unaccompanied youth/youth aged out of foster care, seniors, and LGBTQ+ individuals.

Key Takeaways from Consultations & Data Analysis

Supportive Services

- There's need for a variety of supportive services to meet evolving needs including case management and financial assistance costs.
- Victims' services were identified as a top needed supportive service for 3 of the 4 HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
- Stakeholders noted the need for eviction prevention assistance and legal services for those facing eviction.

Key Takeaways from Consultations & Data Analysis

Nonprofit Capacity

- Service organizations are experiencing widespread staff turnover and burnout due in part to low pay and high workloads.
- High inflation has increased operating costs for many organizations.
- Some organizations heavily rely on volunteers who may not be adequately trained.
- Stakeholders noted the need for improved coordination across agencies serving the HOME-ARP qualifying populations to better align resources across the County.

Priority Uses of HOME-ARP Funds



Production or
Preservation of
Affordable
Rental Housing



Supportive Services



Nonprofit
Operating and
Capacity-Building

HOME-ARP Allocation

Eligible Activity	\$ Funds	% Allocation	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$500,000	11%	
Non-Congregate Shelter	\$0	0%	
TBRA	\$0	0%	
Affordable Rental Housing	\$3,045,898	67%	
Nonprofit Operating	\$150,000	3%	5%
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$150,000	3%	5%
PJ Administration and Planning	\$678,688	15%	15%
TOTAL	\$4,524,586	100%	

Questions