

State of Arkansas 2024 Action Plan

Annual Update

Consolidated Plan

2020-2024

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive community input on the 2024 Annual Update to the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan

**Five Year
Consolidated Plan
2020 - 2024**

**Annual Action
Plan Program
Year
2024 - 2025**

**Analysis of
Impediments
2020**

The Arkansas 2024 Annual Action Plan affirms the goals and objectives of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, which relate to major commitments and priorities of the four agencies.

Through the development of the Consolidated Plan, it was determined that there were three overarching objectives guiding the proposed activities that include:

- **Provide Decent Housing**
- **Provide a Suitable Living Environment**
- **Expand Economic Opportunity**

The main priorities and objectives within the 2024 AAP include:

- **Housing Priority Need**
- **Community Development Priority Need**
- **Economic Development Priority Need**
- **Homeless Services Priority Need**
- **HOPWA Services Priority Need**

The Consolidated Plan addresses the following community needs:

- **Housing**
- **Economic Development**
- **Public Services – community, social, human, and health**
- **Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure**

CDBG Program Overview

Where Does the Money Come From?



Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



Jacksonport, AR.
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CDBG Program Overview

How are Funds Allocated?

- Created by the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974, as amended.
- Congress appropriates funds annually
- States and “entitlement cities and counties” receive their portion of the appropriations through annual allocations determined by statutory formula
- All Arkansas counties and all cities in Arkansas other than the fourteen “entitlement cities” are eligible for ACEDP grants.
- Entitlement cities receive their own CDBG funding directly from HUD.

CDBG Program Overview

Meeting a National Objective

Grants funded must address one of the following national objectives of the program:

- Benefit to low and moderate income (LMI) persons
- Eliminate conditions of slum and blight
- Address an urgent need

CDBG Program Overview

Allocation of Funds

Economic Development	\$6,120,000		35%
General Assistance	\$9,236,333		53%
Water/Wastewater (minimum)		\$4,370,000	25%
Other Infrastructure & Facilities		\$4,866,333	28%
Emergency/Urgent Need	\$500,000		3%
Rural Services	\$1,000,000		6%
Admin & TA (3% + 100,000)	\$624,422		3%

\$17,480,755

100%

State Program Name: General Assistance

Funding Sources: CDBG

Description: Within the Public and Community Facilities, and Infrastructure Priority Need, CDBG funds will be utilized for public infrastructure and public facility projects. Within this Program, CDBG funds will be utilized for and will generally be made available under the LMI Area Benefit or LMI Limited Clientele or Presumed Benefit National Objective measures. Funds are awarded for: residential water and wastewater; senior centers; childcare centers; public health facilities; youth centers; accredited public libraries; removal of architectural barriers from city halls or county courthouses for accessibility; street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, or storm sewer; flood control and drainage; and, other public facility or infrastructure project determined to be a high priority, and not eligible to be funded under another CDBG program. For more information see Application Guidelines, posted online at <http://arkansasedc.com/grants>

Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria. The Method of Distribution section of the Application Guidelines contains specific information regarding the scoring criteria for each Program. Program Guidelines and Application include a Scoring Criteria Matrix for the General Assistance Program. The Matrix describes each selection criteria as a numerical score within the General Assistance Program. The maximum number of points available within any application is 100 points.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Project Need	Project Impact	Project Readiness	Citizen Participation	Funding Leverage	LMI Benefit	Bonus Points	TOTAL
25	15	30	15	5	5	5	100 points

Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories. For the 2024 Program Year (PY), AEDC is considering funding public infrastructure and public facility projects with an anticipated **\$9,236,333** in CDBG resources. The award amount is based on beneficiary data of the project area as well as the feasibility and need for the project.

Describe threshold factors and grant size limits. Grant requests should range from a minimum of **\$75,000** to a maximum of **\$500,000**, and up to **\$1,000,000** for specific types of projects, including design fees, although maximum awards may be based on project type, as designed upon release of program application package. Administrative fees will be added to the announced award amount. Additional project awards may be made throughout the year from the existing pool of applications as funds become available, including from unexpended funds from prior funding years, if eligible under that funding year's annual action plan. Technical assistance will be available

What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution? An estimated **7,000** people will benefit from these public infrastructure and public facility projects.

Application Process – General Assistance

Eligible Projects

Public Infrastructure

Residential Water and Wastewater

Drainage and Flood Control

Street & Road Improvements

Handicap Accessible Ramps and Sidewalks

Public Facilities

Senior Centers

Homeless Shelters

Childcare Centers

Accredited Public
Libraries

County Public
Health Units

Food Pantries

Youth Centers

Abused Children's
Safety Centers

State Program Name: Rural Services

Funding Sources: CDBG

Description: Within the Public and Community Facilities and Fire Equipment Priority Need, CDBG funds will be utilized for community center, fire station, multi-purpose center, fire truck, fire-fighting and life saving equipment projects. CDBG funds will be utilized for and made available under the LMI-Area Benefit National Objective measures. For more information see Application Guidelines.

Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria. The Arkansas Rural Development Commission will review Application and make recommendations for funding of projects to benefit rural communities with a population of less than 3,000 persons. Applicants should contact the Division of Rural Services to obtain an application for the Rural Services Block Grant Program (RSBGP). In order to receive funding from AEDC, the applicant must receive approval from the Arkansas Rural Development Commission. Up to \$75,000-\$1,000,000 of the annual CDBG allocation will be used for this category. Applications will be evaluated on:

1. The extent to which the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons and meet CDBG eligibility requirements;
2. The extent to which other funds will be used to leverage the grant funds proposed for the project;
3. Appropriateness of the project to Division of Rural Services-Rural Community Fire Protection Grant Program and the Rural Community Development Block Grant Program. Projects may include fire protection and multi-use community centers;
4. The applicant's readiness to proceed with the project;
5. Other criteria as defined in the application as prepared by the Division of Rural Services.

Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories. For the 2024 Program Year, AEDC will fund Rural Services projects in partnership with the Arkansas Division of Rural Services, with an anticipated \$1,000,000 in CDBG resources. The RSBGP award amount is based on beneficiary data of the project area as well as the feasibility and need for the project.

Describe threshold factors and grant size limits. Each project funded must meet the CDBG National Objective of benefiting low to moderate (LMI) income persons. Up to \$75,000-\$100,000 in CDBG funds may be awarded per project for project activity and general administration combined; no more than 15% of the total award may be used for general administration. The match for this grant is 10% and may be comprised of in-kind labor, in-kind materials or cash.

What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution? Approximately 3,000 people will benefit from these activities.

State Program Name: Emergency/Urgent Need

Funding Sources: CDBG

Description: Within the Public and Community Facilities, and Infrastructure Priority Need, CDBG funds will be used to assist local units of government with situations that pose a serious and immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare. Priority is given to those projects that are meeting the Urgent Need national objective criteria but could qualify under LMI Benefit Area or Limited Clientele.

Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria. **Local units of government must submit a pre-application to the WWAC (if a water or wastewater project) or should otherwise consult with the AEDC Grants Division before submitting a full application. Applications are accepted any time during the year. The Grants Division will determine whether the community and project are eligible for funding. This determination may be made in consultation with appropriate federal, state and/or local agencies. If the pre-application and/or consultation meets the requirements, AEDC will invite the local unit of government to submit a full application. Full applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis by AEDC. AEDC will issue a notice of approval to those applicants who demonstrate a need, eligible CDBG activity, and meet the CDBG national objective. The applications must be signed by the chief elected official and must identify how the proposed project meets and/or addresses all of the following:**

In applying for an Urgent Need grant from the Community Development Block Grant program, the city/county is certifying that the project primarily serves persons of low- to moderate-income, and that:

- **The proposed project must alleviate existing conditions which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.**
- **The conditions developed or became urgent within 18 months of the date the proposal is submitted (not as result of neglect or lack of proper maintenance).**
- **The applicant locality is unable to finance the project on its own, no other funding is available to address the problem, and the CDBG funding will be directly targeted towards alleviation of the threatening conditions; and,**
- **The threat must be supported by either:**
 - **A current declaration of an emergency by the Governor of Arkansas relative to a flood, a hurricane, a tornado, an earthquake, or other disaster event, not including droughts, snow, or ice conditions; or,**
 - **A current declaration of an immediate and severe health threat by the Arkansas Department of Health or Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality relative to the complete failure of a public water or sewer system or incident of similar significance.**

Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories. For the 2024 Program Year, AEDC is considering funding emergency projects with the anticipated \$500,000 of funding allocated to this Program

Describe threshold factors and grant size limits. Grant requests should range from a minimum of \$75,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for specific types of projects, including design fees, although maximum awards may be based on project type, as designed upon release of program application package. Administrative fees will be added to the announced award amount. Additional project awards may be made throughout the year from the existing pool of applications as funds become available, including from unexpended funds from prior funding years, if eligible under that funding year's annual action plan. Technical assistance will be available.

What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution? An estimated 1,000 people will benefit from these public infrastructure and public facility emergency/urgent need projects.

State Program Name: Economic Development

Funding Sources: CDBG

Description: Within the Economic Development Priority Need, CDBG funds will be utilized for providing communities with resources to assist businesses which expand the State's economic base, and which create quality jobs principally benefiting LMI employees and made available under the LMI CDBG National Objective criteria. Eligible activities will generally include: grants or loans to for-profit businesses (through the applicant community) for a variety of business purposes; or public facilities (infrastructure) projects undertaken by applicant communities for economic development purposes, where a benefiting business agrees to locate or expand premised on the infrastructure improvements and agrees to create jobs for LMI persons.

AEDC shares the cost of project infrastructure needs by committing grants from state and federal infrastructure funds. The amount of assistance committed is dependent upon the strength of the company, number of jobs, average wage, project investment and costs associated with facility/site improvements.

Funds may be used by eligible applicants to:

- 1. Provide infrastructure necessary to serve the location of a new or expansion of an existing industry which will create new jobs or retain existing jobs; or,**
- 2. Provide loans to industry for economic development purposes when it can determine that the provision of such financing is necessary to create new jobs and/or retain existing jobs. Eligible activities for loans include, but are not limited to the following: acquisition, construction and equipment; or**
- 3. Provide funds for the construction of facilities;**
- 4. Provide funds for a Commission-approved training program; or**
- 5. Undertake any combination of 1 through 4 above, provided that all other requirements can be met.**

Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.

Projects are generally evaluated through a cost benefit analysis process; and for basic eligibility, financial feasibility, appropriateness and the extent to which the project will result in the creation and/or retention of permanent jobs, primarily for low and moderate-income persons. The Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) and HUD's CDBG regulations outline basic project "underwriting" guidelines/standards so that State programs will achieve the federal objectives of the CDBG Program. The underwriting standards used in the Arkansas ED program are designed to address these federal guidelines.

Application for Economic Development funds are reviewed according to the following process:

Loans. Applications complete a four-step process:

1. Review for eligibility and compliance with applicable requirements;
2. Evaluation of the business plan for appropriateness, feasibility, and credit worthiness;
3. Review and recommendation by Economic Development Commission; and
4. Decision made by the Commission's Executive Director.

Infrastructure. Applications complete a three-step process:

1. Review for eligibility and compliance with applicable requirements;
2. Determination of appropriateness, feasibility, need, and recommended funding level; and
3. Decision by the Commission's Executive Director.

Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories. For the 2024 Program year, AEDC is considering funding economic development activities/projects with the anticipated **\$6,236,333** of funding allocated to this Program. Other activities/projects will be funded from AEDC's CDBG Economic Development State Revolving Loan Fund (SF). There is no limitation on the number of economic development applications and/or active projects which an eligible applicant may have with the Commission except as limited by the requirements defined in the Method of Distribution. Approximately 35% of the 2024 allocation will be used for this category and 100% of any program income received by the Commission generated from economic development projects will be used to make additional projects through the State Revolving Loan Fund, with up to 3% of that being eligible to be budgeted for State Administration.

Describe threshold factors and grant size limits. AEDC shares the cost of project infrastructure needs by committing grants from state and federal infrastructure funds. The amount of assistance committed is dependent upon the strength of the company, number of jobs, average wage, project investment and costs associated with facility/site improvements. It is generally expected that CDBG grants will be a minimum of \$75,000, and there is no specific maximum grant size limit, although required to be considered is a company's ability to meet the public benefit standard per job to be created as a result of the grant funding.

Threshold Requirements

- Activities proposed are eligible and comply with CDBG National Objectives and State CDBG priorities. See the CDBG National Objective Section for more information;
- Applicant has no significant, unresolved audit findings;
- Applicant has no legal actions underway that may significantly impact its capacity;
- A city may only have one open General Assistance or Rural Services grant open at a time, a county is limited to two

Threshold Requirements, cont.

- Applicant is following a detailed Citizen Participation Plan and Anti-Displacement Plan;
- Applicant has adopted an authorizing resolution;
- Applicant must have addressed and cleared all compliance findings from monitoring; and,
- Applicant is current with all reporting requirements (Semi-Annual Status Reports, closeout reports, audit reports, notification of annual audits, etc.).

CDBG's impact is significant and extends across several key areas of community **and** economic development.

In 2023, the Grants Division awarded over \$21.6 million in State CDBG funds, which primarily benefit persons of low- to moderate-income in non-entitlement small cities and communities throughout the state:

- 34 General Assistance projects totaling over \$10 million for a variety of public facility and public infrastructure projects, including drainage, sidewalks, streets and roads, and residential water and wastewater, benefitting over 63,200 persons.
- Seven (7) Rural Services Block Grants totaling \$475,000 through a partnership with the AEDC Division of Rural Services for the renovation of community centers and expanded fire protection in communities under 3,000
- Three (3) economic development projects totaling \$5.5 million, which will result in the creation of 237 jobs.

Program Overview

Applications & Guidelines

- Application Guidelines
 - PY24 Deadline Oct. 11
- Application Forms
- Exhibits Package
- Scoring Criteria
- Income Eligibility Information
- Survey Methodology



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FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

HOME - Home Investment Partnerships Program

NHTF – National Housing Trust Fund

ESG – Emergency Solutions Grant

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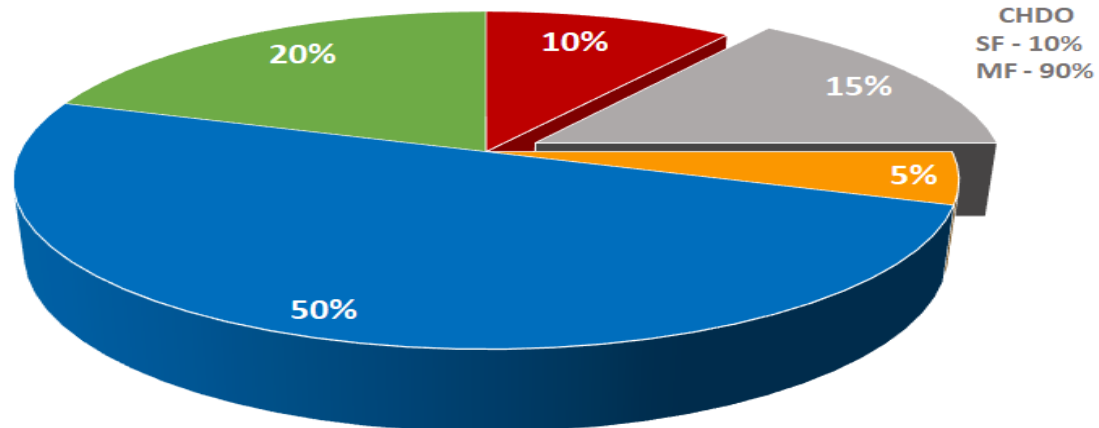
HOME - Home Investment Partnerships Program 2024 Annual Allocation - \$8,859,676

HOME
\$8,859,676

Admin	CHDO	TBRA	Rent Hsg	Rent Rehab	Total
10%	15%	5%	50%	20%	100%
\$885,968	\$1,328,951	\$442,984	\$4,429,838	\$1,771,935	\$8,859,676
CHDO					
Single-Family		Multi-Family			
\$132,895		\$1,196,056			

2024 HOME Annual Allocation

\$8,589,676



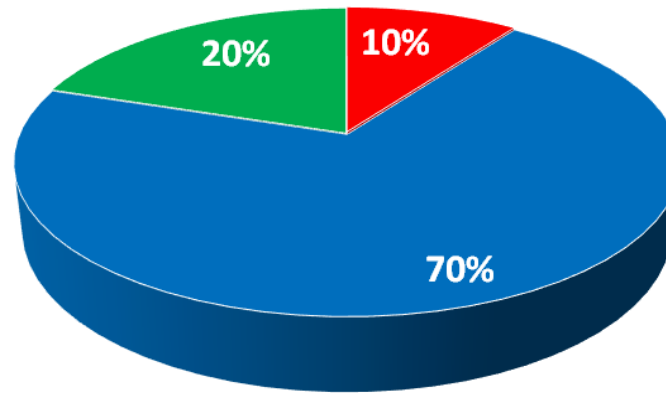
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NHTF - National Housing Trust Fund **2024 Annual Allocation - \$2,296,487**

NHTF
\$3,000,095

Permanent Housing			
Admin	Rent Hsg	Rent Rehab	Total
10%	70%	20%	100%
\$300,009.50	\$2,100,066.50	\$600,019.00	\$3,000,095.00

2024 NHTF Annual Allocation
\$3,000,095



■ Admin ■ Rent Hsg ■ Rent Rehab

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ESG - Emergency Solutions Grant **2024 Annual Allocation - \$2,296,487**

ESG

\$2,296,487

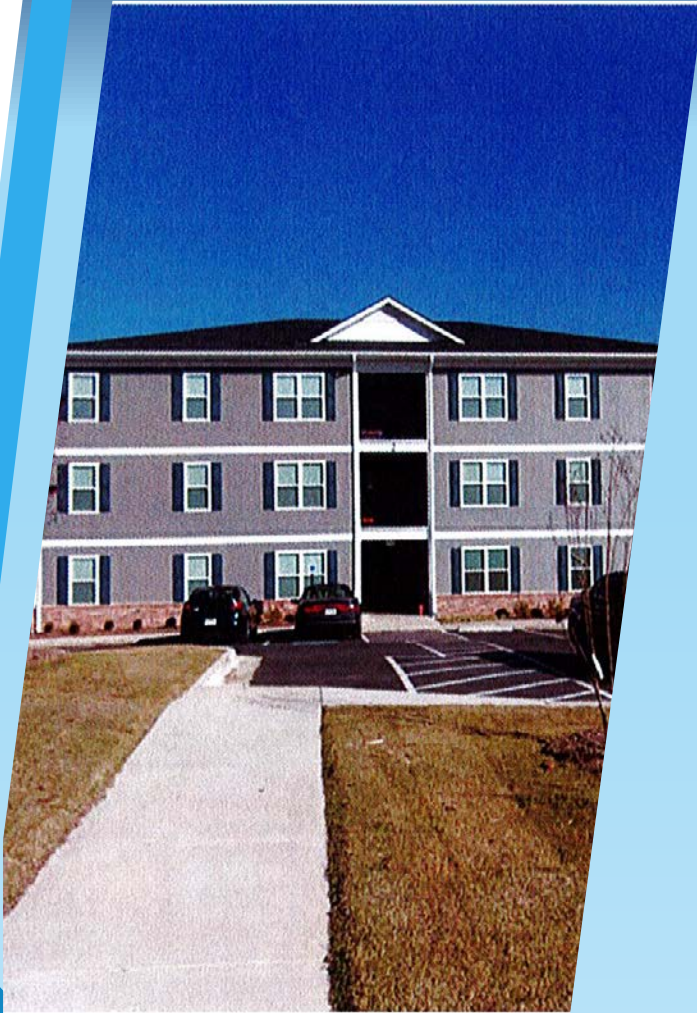
Activities, funding, and anticipated accomplishments will be determined later.

The updated information will be published in a Substantial Amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan.

\$2,296,487					
Admin	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Rapid Re-Housing	Homeless Prevention	Total

7.5%
\$172,237

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HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program

The HOME Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA) and has been amended several times by subsequent legislation. It is the largest Federal block grant available to communities to create affordable housing.

- Objectives. The intent of the HOME Program is to:
- ✓ Increase the supply of decent affordable housing to lower-income households,
 - ✓ Expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers,
 - ✓ Strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing, and
 - ✓ Leverage private-sector participation.

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HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program



ADFA's Home Program provides financing for Multi-Family Rental Projects, Single Family Home Construction, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

- **Multi Family Rental New Construction**
 - **Multi Family Rental Rehabilitation**
 - **Single Family New Construction – Homebuyer Program**
 - **Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)**
 - **CHDO (10% Single Family New Construction - Homebuyer)
(90% Multi-Family Rental New Construction/Rehab)**

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HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program

- Multi Family Rental New Construction - 50% of 2024 Allocation
- Multi Family Rental Rehabilitation - 20% of 2024 Allocation
- Multi Family Rental New Construction/Rehab – 90% of 2024 CHDO Allocation



With a per-project loan limit of \$2 million at 1%, and an additional \$1 million at 2%; HOME funds are utilized to finance Multi-Family Rental Projects, including new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation.

HOME funds are often combined with other Federal Program Financing tools such as National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF), and Low-Income Housing Tax-Credits (LIHTC), to construct or rehabilitate Multi-Family Rental Housing Units.



HOME funding creates incentives for Private Participation through its MATCH requirements. MATCH can include donations such as: land, cash, professional services, construction materials and/or appliances, as well as sweat equity through volunteer participation.

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HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program



➤ **Single Family New Construction – Homebuyer Program – 10% of 2024 CHDO Allocation**

ADFA's Single Family New Construction – Homebuyer program allows for development of new construction homes and provides direct assistance to eligible homebuyers in the form of mortgage subsidies.

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HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program

➤ Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) is a program that enables individual households to rent safe, sanitary housing units.

Subrecipients can provide TBRA to very low- and low-income households in three forms:

- Monthly rental assistance payment (not to exceed two years)
- Upfront security deposit assistance
- Utility deposit assistance

ADFA requires that TBRA assistance be made:

- Directly to the landlords on behalf of the tenants
- Directly to the utility provider on behalf of the tenants

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) is an example of a typical TBRA program. It is the model used by the majority of subrecipients and ADFA expects subrecipients to model their HOME funded TBRA program after the Section 8 HCV program. Subrecipients shall directly administer the TBRA Project.



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HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program

➤ **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)**

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) objective includes promoting partnerships between the states, local governments, and nonprofit organizations. A “community housing development organization” (CHDO) is a specific kind of community based nonprofit housing organization defined by the HOME Final Rule (24 CFR Part 92). CHDOs have a distinct and special status within HOME.

Each Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) must set-aside at least 15% of its total HOME award each year for specifically for projects that will be owned, developed, or sponsored by CHDOs. At a high level, the CHDO definition can be grouped into four key elements.

➤ **To be recognized as a CHDO, an organization must be:**

A legally incorporated tax-exempt nonprofit organization

An independent organization free of undue control by for-profit or governmental entities

Accountable to the low-income community it serves; and

Capable of undertaking the development of affordable housing.

➤ **ADFA Requires that TBRA assistance be made:**

Directly to the landlords on behalf of the tenants

Directly to the utility provider on behalf of tenants



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NHTF

National Housing Trust Fund



The National Housing Trust Fund (“NHTF”) is an affordable housing production program that will complement existing federal, state and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low-income (“ELI”) households, which are defined as households at or below 30% of area median income (“AMI”).

ADFA will administer the NHTF program to provide funds to develop new construction or rehabilitate existing structures to create decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing, primarily targeting a specific underserved group: The ELI population in Arkansas.

Preference will be given to **ELI Veterans**

- **With special needs**
- **Who are homeless or may become homeless**
- **With mental health issues, and/or**
- **Who are leaving correctional facilities**
- **Preference will also be given to surviving spouses of deceased Veterans.**
- **90 % of 2024 NHTF Allocation**

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HOME

ADFA has funded **\$297 million** in Low to Moderate Income Units totaling:

3,703 Multi-Family Units
8,130 Single-Family Units;

and Rental Assistance for:

5,684 TBRA Households

CHDOs have received over **\$43.1 million** to develop housing in Arkansas.



NHTF

ADFA has funded **\$14,071,411** for **52** Extremely Low Income, rent restricted Multi-Family Units

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ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant

The ESG grant program is designed to end homelessness.

Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) informed Housing and Urban Development (HUD) they would no longer administer the ESG program, effective October 1, 2024. ADFA has agreed to administer the ESG program going forward.

Upon determination of Activities to be offered and Funding Allocations for those Activities, ADFA will file a Substantial Amendment to the 2024 Arkansas Action Plan.

Potential Activities Offered:

- **Street Outreach**
- **Emergency Shelter**
- **Homeless Prevention**
- **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**



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ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant



Potential Activities Offered:

➤ **Street Outreach:**

The intent is to target individuals and families who live on the streets or in places not intended for human habitation. These individuals may be unwilling or unable to access services in an emergency shelter.

➤ **Emergency Shelter:**

The intent is to make emergency shelters safe and available so that homeless people can have a place to sleep at night. Buildings can be renovated, rehabilitated, or converted with ESG funds and must be maintained as emergency shelters from three to ten years, depending on the value of the building and level of improvement. Funds cannot be used to purchase a building.

● **Shelter Operations:**

Shelter Operations are eligible for reimbursement and include maintenance, fuel (winter heat), food, supplies, rent, insurance, furnishings, hotel/motel vouchers (3 days only), security, utilities, and equipment.

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ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant

Potential Activities Offered (cont) :

➤ Homeless Prevention:

The intent is to assist individuals or families at risk of homelessness with housing stability. Homeless Prevention also requires an initial income evaluation for all households and must have an income level that cannot exceed 30% AMI.



➤ Rapid Re-Housing:

The intent is to move literally homeless individuals and families out of emergency shelters and into permanent housing by providing housing relocation and stabilization services and rental assistance. There are three subcomponents to RRH: Rental Assistance, Financial Assistance, and Services.



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ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant

Potential Activities Offered (cont) :

➤ **Rapid Re-Housing (cont):**

There is no income limit required for RRH at the initial application period; however, reevaluation must take place at least once every year, and the household's income level cannot exceed 30% AMI.

- **Rental Assistance:**

- Rent Only

- **Financial Assistance:**

- Application Fee
 - Security Deposit
 - Last Month's Rent
 - Utility Deposits
 - Utility Payments
 - Moving Costs



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ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant

Potential Activities Offered (cont):

➤ Rapid Re-Housing (cont):

- Services:

- Housing Search and Placement
- Housing Stability Case Management
- Mediation
- Legal Services
- Credit Repair



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Arkansas Housing Opportunities for Persons w/ AIDS (HOPWA) Program 2024-2025

Dr. Cinthia Castro



HOPWA



- The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program is the only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Under the HOPWA Program, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes grants to local communities, States, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

FUNDING



The State of Arkansas anticipates receiving approximately \$33 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during the 2024 program year. The amount includes funding for:

1. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), to be administered by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC).
2. The HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME).
3. The National Housing Trust Fund (HTF).
4. The Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), to be administered by the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA).
5. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA), to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

Arkansas HOPWA Program



Arkansas HOPWA Program works to:

- Provide safe, decent, and affordable housing.
- Increase housing stability, access to supportive services, and HIV care.
- Decrease the risk of homelessness.

HOPWA IN ARKANSAS



- HOPWA's grant for the State of Arkansas is administered by the ADH.
- The grant is formula-based. Calculated based on HIV/AIDS surveillance data of cumulative AIDS cases and annual incidence
- Funding provides Arkansas with resources for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Who Are HOPWA Clients?



- Men and women living with HIV/AIDS.
- Some are families with children.
- All have a demonstrated housing need.

Common barriers to affordable, stable housing in AR:



- Criminal justice history
- Rental history
- Credit history
- Housing availability
- Housing affordability
- Multiple diagnoses/mental health issues
- HOPWA/HUD regulations
 - Rent determination & fair market rents



HIV/AIDS clients with incomes \leq 80% of the AMI (Area Median Income) for the area in which they live.

ADH HOPWA SERVICE AREA



As a state Arkansas provides services in 68 counties (out of 75) grouped into HOPWA districts.



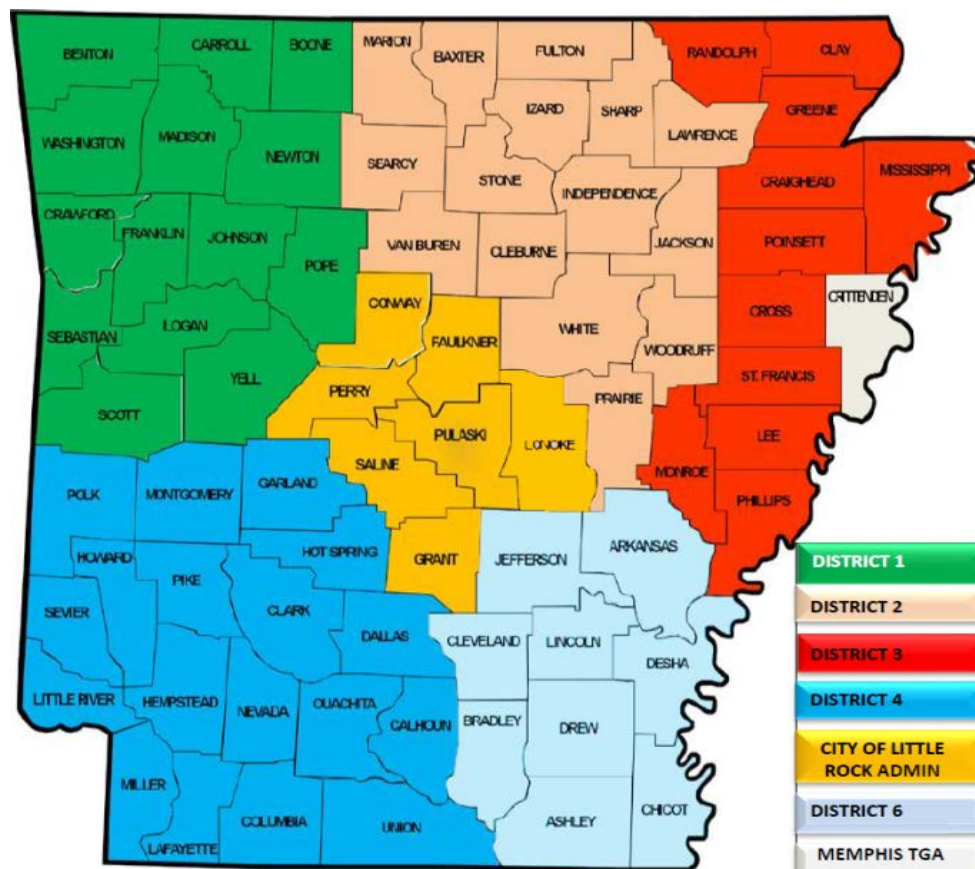
Crittenden County in Northeast Arkansas is covered as part of the Memphis Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA)



ADH administers HOPWA in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 [see map]



District 5 HOPWA under separate grant administered by *City of Little Rock* (6 counties).



Project Sponsors



- ADH administers the HOPWA Program through a Project Sponsor.
- The ADH Project Sponsor is a non-profit sub-recipient agency
Arkansas Supportive Services
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Northeast Arkansas Regional AIDS Network (NARAN)

Services Description & Categories



I. Administration

- Grantee Admin 3% of federal award.
- Project Sponsor Admin 7% of subgrant award for management, oversight, coordination, evaluation, reporting, etc.

II. Direct Housing Services

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): housing subsidy provided for use on the open rental market.



III. Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, & Utility Assistance (STRMU)

Prevents homelessness of mortgage holder or renters already housed; allows assistance for up to 21wks in any 52wk period.

IV. Facility-Based Rental Assistance (FBRA)

Hotel/motel voucher assistance for up to sixty (60) days within any six (6)-month period, where rental housing is identified but not immediately available for move-in by approved clients.



V. Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)

Assistance with 'move-in' costs. May pay up to two months of rent; one-time security; one-time utility deposit.

VI. Supportive Services

Housing case management, care coordination, home & health assessments, etc.

(Note: Case-by-case needs based assistance to non-ADH jurisdictions upon request.)

Supportive Services



- **Substance Abuse Treatment**; short term (≤ 120 dys)
- **Basic Telephone Service** intended to assist beneficiary in accessing services
- **Child Care** (does not include childcare while beneficiary is at work)
- **Transportation** to assist beneficiary access health care services or housing
- **Meals/Nutritional Services** actual meals or nutritional supplements; essential hygiene items & household cleaning supplies
- **Life Skills Management** psychosocial & interpersonal skills; anger management & conflict resolution; communication; budgeting & money management, etc.

Program Goals



Goal 1:

- Provide housing assistance and appropriate supportive services to enable clients to remain in their homes and to reduce their risks of homelessness.

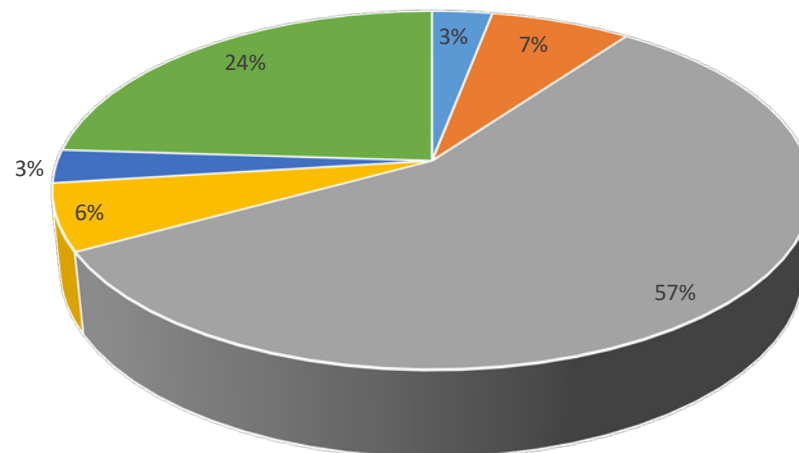
Goal 2:

- Improve access to health care and other supportive services.

Funding Breakdown

Category	Amount	%
Grantee Admin	\$37,725.00	3%
Project Sponsor Admin	\$85,960.64	7%
TBRA & STRMU	\$721,235.21	57%
PHP	\$81,567.00	6%
FBRA	\$30,000.00	3%
Support Svs	\$300,992.15	24%
Total Amount Funded	\$1,257,480.00	100%

HOPWA Funding Breakdown



■ Grantee Admin ■ Project Sponsor Admin ■ TBRA & STRMU
 ■ PHP ■ FBRA ■ Support Svs

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QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2024 Action Plan Schedule

30 Day Public Comment Period
May 22 – June 21, 2024

Public Hearing June 12, 2024

Submission to HUD for
Approval
July 5, 2024

Funding available
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



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