State of Arkansas

2025-2029 Consolidated Plan & 2025 Action Plan



The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive citizen input on the 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Update

Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2025 - 2029

Annual Action Plan Program Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026



The Arkansas 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan & 2025 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 2025 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



Where Does the Money Come From?





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



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 14 "entitlement cities" are eligible for ACEDP grants.
- Entitlement cities receive their own CDBG funding directly from HUD.



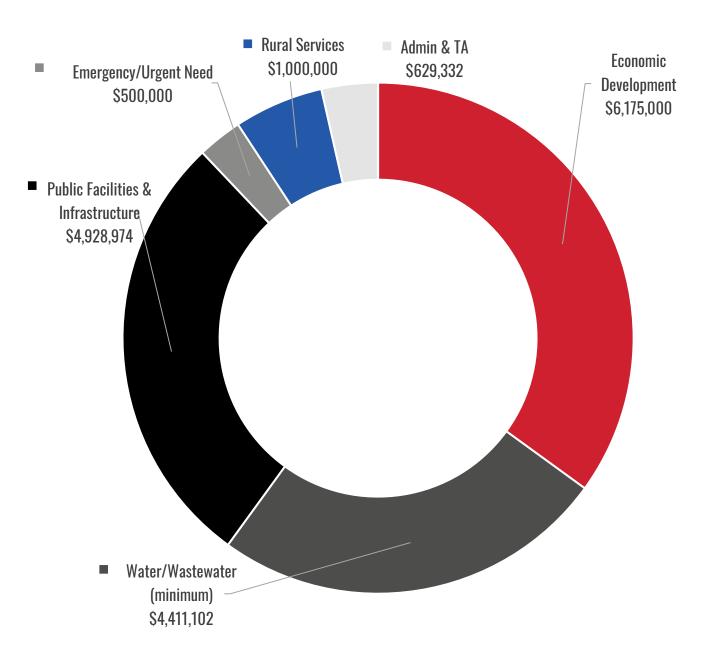
FY 2	FY 2025 Community Planning and Development Formula Program Allocations						
NAME	Туре	CDBG	НОМЕ	ESG	HOPWA	HTF	Total
State of Arkansas	Non-entitlement	\$17,644,408	\$9,051,604.22	\$2,271,567	\$1,480,511	\$3,001,259.36	\$33,449,350
Bentonville	Principal City	\$296,575	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$296,575
Conway	Principal City	\$510,478	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$510,478
Fayetteville	Principal City	\$834,927	\$435,942.67	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$1,270,870
Fort Smith	Principal City	\$812,726	\$364,809.69	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$1,177,536
Hot Springs	Principal City	\$419,586	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$419,586
Jacksonville	Metro City	\$254,968	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$254,968
Jonesboro	Principal City	\$728,792	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$728,792
Little Rock	Principal City	\$1,546,201	\$734,198.12	\$0	\$1,055,007	\$0.00	\$3,335,406
North Little Rock	Principal City	\$632,968	\$300,512.40	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$933,480
Pine Bluff	Principal City	\$641,918	\$202,122.40	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$844,040
Rogers	Principal City	\$529,688	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$529,688
Springdale	Principal City	\$862,531	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$862,531
Texarkana	Metro City	\$300,959	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$300,959
West Memphis	Metro City	\$241,307	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$241,307
Totals		\$26,258,032	\$11,089,190	\$2,271,567	\$2,535,518	\$3,001,259	\$45,155,566

Allocation of Funds

Economic Development	\$6,175,000		35%
General Assistance	\$9,340,076		53%
Water/Wastewater (minimum)		\$4,411,102	25%
Public Facilities & Infrastructure		\$4,928,974	28%
Emergency/Urgent Need	\$500,000		3%
Rural Services	\$1,000,000		6%
Admin & TA (3% + 100,000)	\$629,332		3%



^{*1%} increase (\$163,653) from 2024



Arkansas Community & Economic Development Grant Program (ACEDP)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
State's Program for Small Cities

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

2025 Allocation: \$17,644,408



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



Grants Process

Submission of Application

Applications are submitted to AEDC Grants Division

- Eligible applicants include all Arkansas cities and counties excluding 14 "entitlement cities"
- Funding generally provided for non-housing, residential public infrastructure & public facilities, and economic development
- Grant requests range from \$75,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000; up to \$1 million for new water/wastewater new construction with new customers, only
- Competitively Scored (Readiness, Need, Impact, Leveraging, etc.)

These projects must receive a referral from a partner division:

- Fire Protection/Community Centers (under 3,000 in population) Rural Services Division, AEDC
- Economic Development Business Development Division, AEDC



Grants Process

Application Requirements

Activities submitted for funding must:

- Meet one of the national objectives
- Be an eligible CDBG activity
- Address one of the high priority goals in the CDBG Method of Distribution described in the current Consolidated Plan, AND
- Not be eligible for funding under another State CDBG funding program in the current Annual Action Plan



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



Scoring Criteria

The Matrix below 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. All selection criteria will be scored in five-point increments and shall be scored on a scale.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Project	Project	Project	Citizen	Leverage	LMI	Bonus	TOTAL
Need	Specs	Readiness	Participation		Benefit	Points	
30	10	30	15	5	5	5	100 points

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Project	Project	Project	Cost	Citizen	Leveraging	LMI	TOTAL
Need	Specs	Readiness	Effectiveness	Participation		Benefit	
30	10	30	10	10	5	5	100 points



Application Requirements – General Assistance

- Due: October 17, 2025 (tentative)
- New applications and resubmissions; no 2nd resubmission only cycle Minimum grant request \$75,000
- Maximum grant request \$500,000 (or up to \$1M for water/wastewater new construction or extension projects where new customers are added)
- Grant request should include all design fees and expected costs except administration
- Administrative fees will be added to grant award





Referrals for Economic Development Projects are made by the AEDC Business Development Division



Economic Development Projects

Creating Jobs for LMI Persons

Utilized for providing communities with resources to assist businesses which expand the state's economic base and which create quality jobs principally benefiting low- to moderate-income (LMI) employees.

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.



Application Process

Economic Development Selection Criteria

Economic Development commitments are made year-round.

Successful applicants are invited to make formal application to AEDC, and the project is then administered by Grants Division.

Applications evaluated on (not limited to):

- Cost benefit analysis
- Financial feasibility
- Credit worthiness
- Creation or retention of jobs, 51% of which must be made available to LMI persons at the time of hire





The AEDC Division of Rural Services awards community center, fire station, fire truck, and fire equipment and life-saving fire-protective gear projects up to \$100,000 through the Rural Services Block Grant Program (RSBGP) for communities of 3,000 persons or less with 51% LMI Benefit

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In 2024, the Grants Division awarded just under \$15 million in State CDBG funds, which primarily benefit persons of low- to moderate-income in non-entitlement small cities and communities throughout the state:

- O 24 General Assistance projects totaling \$12.7 million for a variety of public facility and public infrastructure projects, including residential water and wastewater, streets and roads, senior citizen centers, youth centers, abused children advocacy centers, and disabled persons centers, benefitting over 57,000 persons.
- Five (5) Rural Services Block Grant projects totaling over \$333,0000 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 over \$1.8 million, which will result in the creation of 458 jobs.





Program Overview

Applications & Guidelines

- Application Guidelines
 - 2025 Deadline Oct. 17
- Application Forms
- Exhibits Package
- Scoring Criteria
- Income Eligibility Information
- Survey Methodology



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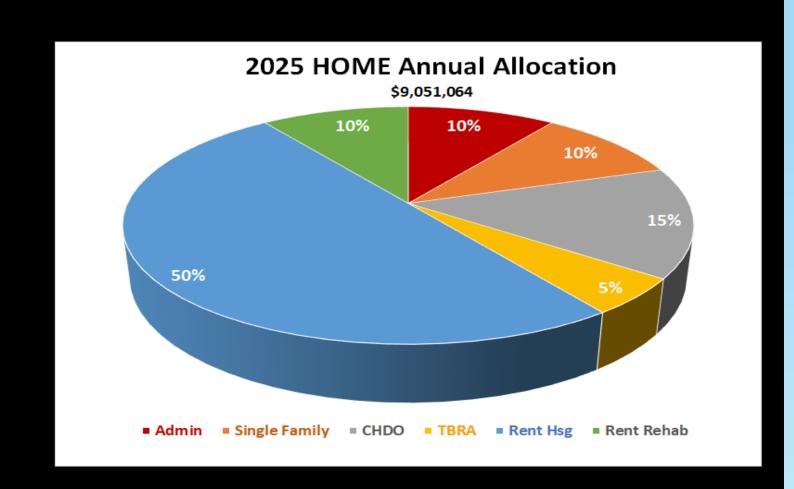
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HOME - Home Investment Partnerships Program 2025 Annual Allocation - \$9,051,064

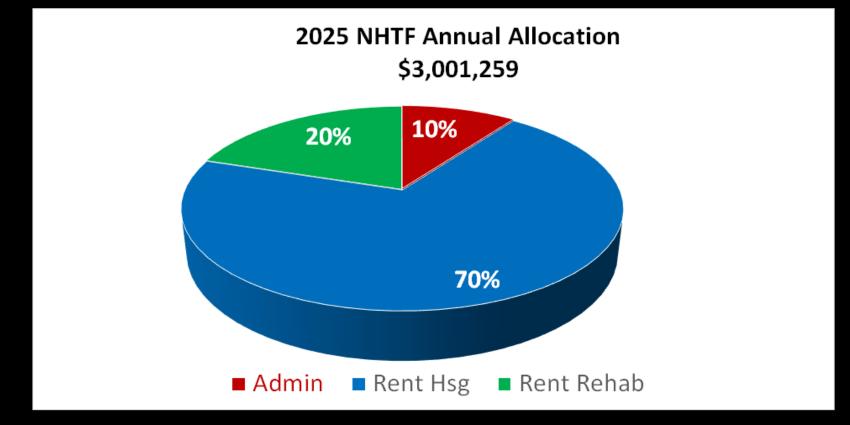
HOME \$9,051,064

Admin	Single Family	CHDO TBRA		Rent Hsg	Rent Rehab	Total
10%	10%	15%	5%	50%	10%	100%
\$905,106	\$905,106	\$1,357,660	\$452,553	\$4,525,532	\$905,106	\$9,051,064



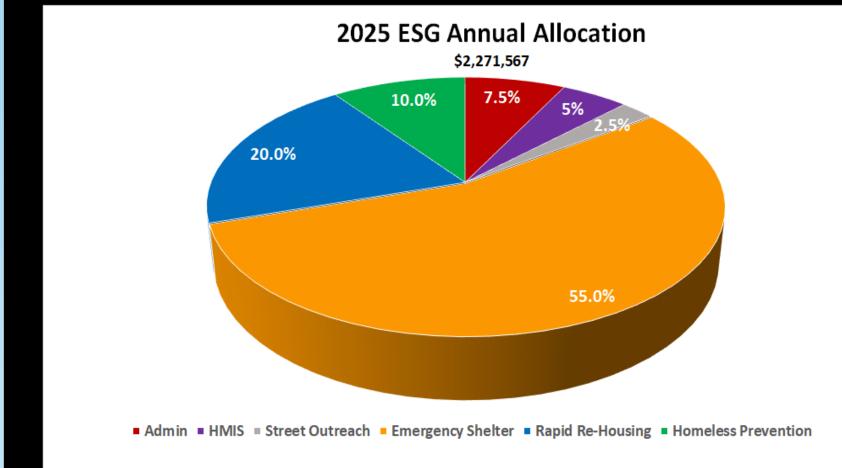
NHTF - National Housing Trust Fund 2025 Annual Allocation - \$3,001,259



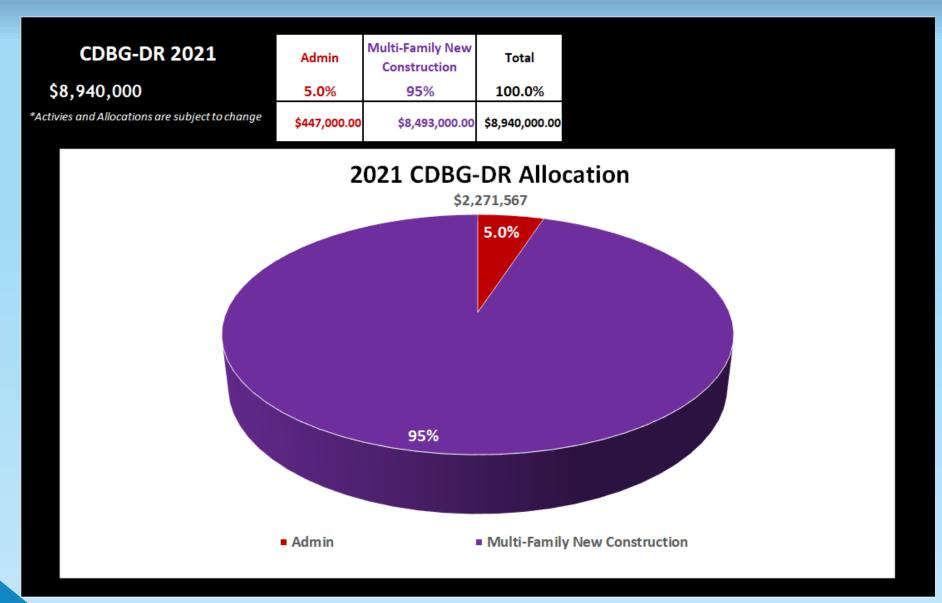


ESG - Emergency Solutions Grant 2025 Annual Allocation - \$2,271,567

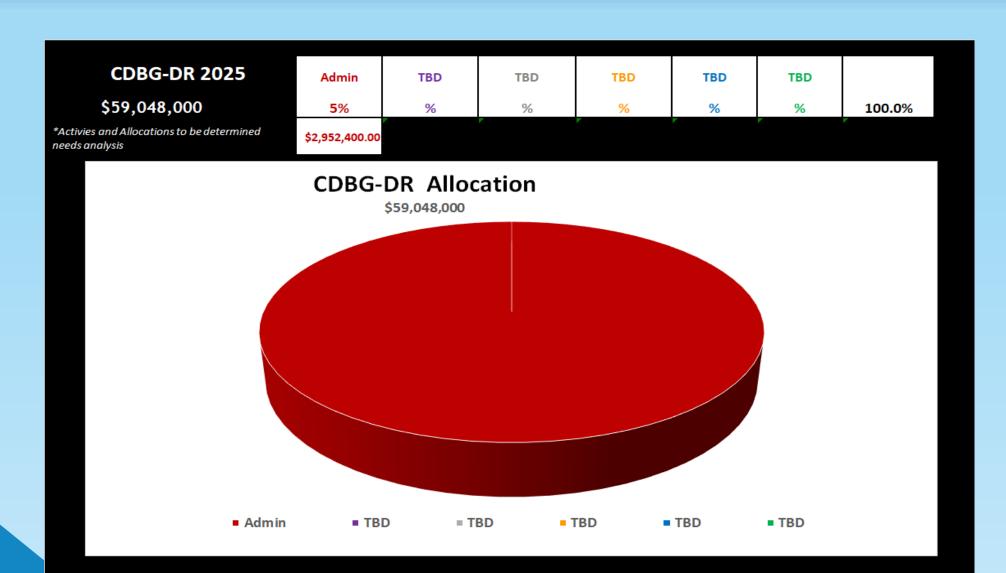
ESG	Admin	HMIS	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Rapid Re- Housing	Homeless Prevention	Total
\$2,271,567	7.5%	5%	2.5%	55.0%	20.0%	10.0%	100.0%
*Activies and Allocations are subject to change	\$170,367.53	\$113,578.35	\$56,789.18	\$1,249,361.85	\$454,313.40	\$227,156.70	\$2,271,567.00



CDBG-DR - Disaster Recovery 2021 Allocation for 2018/2019 Disasters(DR-4441) - Restricted to HUD MID Areas Perry and Jefferson Counties



CDBG-DR - Disaster Recovery 2025 Allocation for 2023/2024 Disasters (DR-4698) & (DR-4788) - Restricted to HUD MID areas Cross, Benton, & Pulaski Counties





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.

HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program

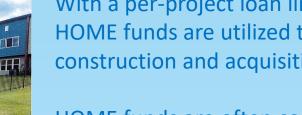


ADFA's Home Program provides financing for Multi-Family Rental Projects, Single Family Home Construction, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance.

- 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)

Home Investment Partnerships Program

- Multi-family Rental New Construction 50% of 2055 Allocation
- **→** Multi-family Rental Rehabilitation 10% of 2025 Allocation
- Multi-family Rental New Construction/Rehab 90% of 2025 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.

HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Program



➤ Single Family New Construction – Homebuyer Program – 10% 2025 HOME Allocation and an additional *projected* (10% of 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.

Home Investment Partnerships Program

> Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

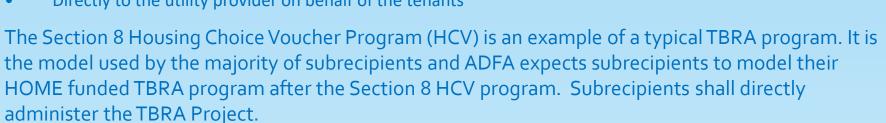
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) is a program that enables individual households to rent safe, sanitary housing units.

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





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.

NHTE

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.

HOME

ADFA has funded \$304 million in Low to Moderate Income Units

totaling:

3,785 Multi-Family Units 8,145 Single-Family Units;

and Rental Assistance for:

5,662 TBRA Households

CHDOs have received over **\$44.8 million** to develop housing in Arkansas.



NHTF

ADFA has funded \$22,493,078 for 107 Extremely Low Income,

rent restricted Multi-Family Units



ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant

The ESG grant program is designed to end homelessness.

Activities Offered:

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



Emergency Solutions Grant

Activities Offered:



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.

Emergency Solutions Grant

Activities Offered (cont):



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.



Emergency Solutions Grant

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



Emergency Solutions Grant

Activities Offered (cont):

- Rapid Re-Housing (cont):
- Services:

Housing Search and Placement

Housing Stability Case Management

Mediation

Legal Services

Credit Repair



CDBG - DR Disaster Recovery

CDBG-DR 2021

Activities Offered:



Arkansas can address the most critical needs and reach the largest effected population with a new Activity:

Multi-Family New Construction

ADFA is preparing a Substantial Amendment to the original Allocation Plan. The Amendment proposes a new activity for Multi-Family New Construction. Additionally, all resources will be targeted directly to the two Arkansas areas with the greatest unmet disaster needs, Jefferson and Perry Counties, as stipulated in the <u>Federal Register</u> / Vol. 85, No 17/ Monday, January 27, 2020, Notice,

CDBG-DR 2025

Activities Offered:

Activities will be determined after a needs analysis has been completed.









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ARKANSAS HOPWA PROGRAM 2025-2026



Arkansas HOPWA Program



Arkansas HOPWA Program works to:

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

Who are HOPWA clients?



Men and Women living with HIV/AIDS.

Some are families with children.

ALL have a demonstrated housing need, AND

Have a current notice of eligibility, after screening.



Clients facing competing demands for getting basic needs met have problem maintaining care.

Ex.

- Housing
- Food
- Child-care

It is important to reduce barriers that impede access to services.

Not having affordable, accessible housing is one of such barrier.

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
 - cumulative AIDS cases and area incidence

 Funding provides Arkansas with resources for meeting the housing needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their Families.

Our priority population:



 HIV/AIDS clients with incomes ≤ 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).

HOPWA MAP





Project Sponsors



- ADH administers HOPWA through non-profit agencies called Project Sponsors.
- Currently there's just one:

Arkansas Supportive Services dba

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:

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

Service Description & Categories Cont'd



(ii) Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, & Utility Assistance (STRMU): Prevents homelessness of mortgage holder or renters <u>already</u> housed; allows assistance for up to 21wks in any 52wk period.

(iii) 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.

Service Description & Categories Cont'd



(iv) Permanent Housing Placement (PHP):

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

III. Supportive Services:

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

 CASE-BY-CASE NEEDS BASED ASSISTANCE TO NON-ADH JURISDICTIONS UPON REQUEST.

Supportive Services



- Substance Abuse treatment-short term (≤ 120dys)
- 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.

Common barriers to affordable, stable housing in AR:



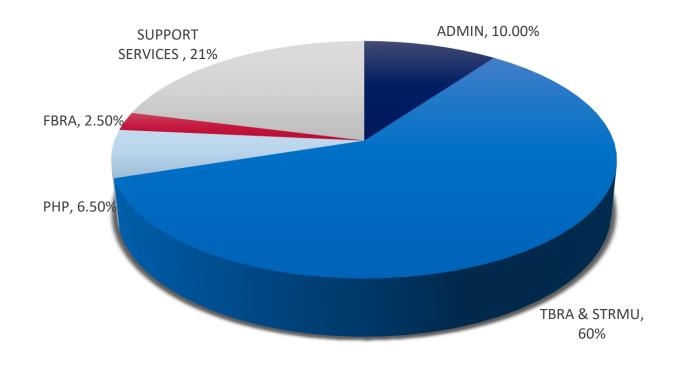
- Criminal justice history
- Rental history
- Credit history
- Housing availability
- Housing affordability
- Multiple diagnoses/mental health issues
- HOPWA/HUD regulations
 - Rent determination & Fair market rents

Funding Breakdown



Funding Breakdown by Service Category

SERV. CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
ADMIN		
	10.00%	\$148,051.10
TBRA & STRMU		
	60%	\$888,306.60
PHP		
	6.5%	\$96,233.21
FBRA		
	2.5%	\$37,012.78
SUPPORT SERVICES		
	21%	310,907.31
TOTAL AMOUNT		
	100.00%	\$1,480,511.00



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