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# City of Columbia

## HOME-ARP

# Virtual Stakeholder Meeting

January 13, 2022



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## TODAY'S FOCUS:

- Stakeholder's insights and assessment of the City's unmet needs for the homeless and at-risk population.
- Identify gaps to address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services





# HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

- Additional \$5 billion in federal funds to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations
- Goal: Reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the nation.
- City of Columbia HOME-ARP allocation: \$2,500,820
- City HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is under development

# Qualifying Populations

- Individuals or families who are
    - 1) Homeless;
    - 2) At risk of homelessness;
    - 3) Fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;
    - 4) Other Populations where assistance would:
      - Prevent the family's homelessness; or
      - Serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability
- \*Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4) above.

# 2020 Point In Time (PIT) Count

## 2020 SC-502 Columbia/Midlands CoC PIT Count

| Total People Experiencing Homelessness | People in Shelters | People in Unsheltered Situations | Chronically Homeless Persons | Veterans |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1,140                                  | 874                | 266                              | 271                          | 155      |

Source: SC-502 Columbia/Midlands CoC  
Point-in Time Date: 1/22/2020

## 2020 Richland County CoC PIT Count

| Total People Experiencing Homelessness | People in Shelters | People in Unsheltered Situations | Chronically Homeless Persons | Veterans |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 743                                    | 638                | 105                              | 193                          | 75       |

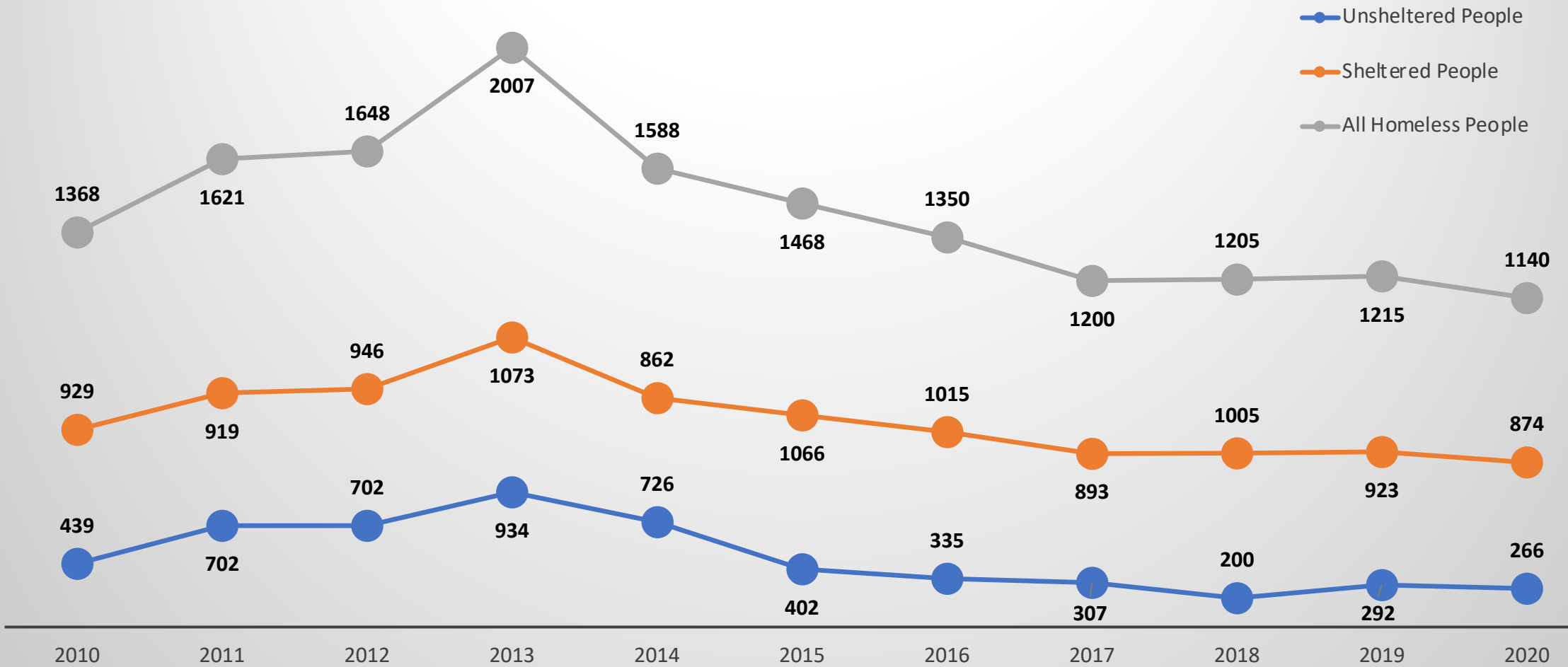
Source:2020 South Carolina State of Homelessness Report

# 2020 SC-502 (PIT) Count – Subpopulations

## Subpopulation Summary:

|                              | Sheltered         |                      | Unsheltered | Total |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------|
|                              | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing |             |       |
| Chronically Homeless         | 162               | 0                    | 109         | 271   |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 45                | 13                   | 11          | 69    |
| Veterans                     | 51                | 79                   | 25          | 155   |
| Unaccompanied Youth          | 36                | 31                   | 15          | 82    |

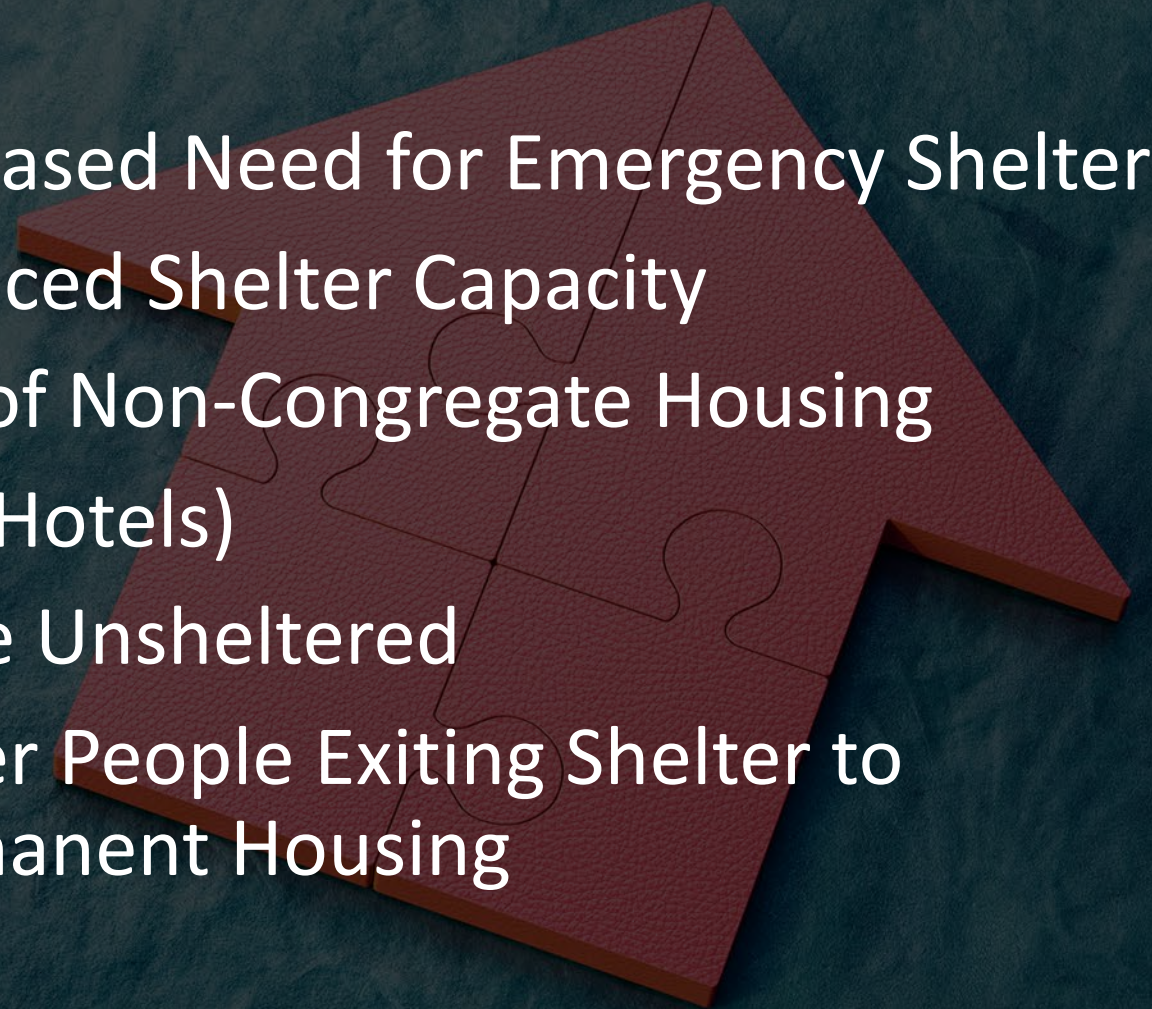
## SC-502 PIT Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness (2010 – 2020)



Source: HUD Exchange [2007-2020-PIT-Estimates-by-CoC.xlsx](#)

Pandemic  
Homelessness:  
National  
Impact

- Increased Need for Emergency Shelter
- Reduced Shelter Capacity
- Use of Non-Congregate Housing (e.g. Hotels)
- More Unsheltered
- Fewer People Exiting Shelter to Permanent Housing





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# HOME-ARP: Eligible Activities

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- Affordable Rental Housing Development
- Non-congregate Shelter (NCS)
- Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services Activities



# Rental Housing: Eligible Activities and Costs

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## HOME-ARP Eligible Activities:

- Acquisition of standard rental housing
- Construction of rental housing
- Rehabilitation of rental housing
  - Includes conversion of nonresidential buildings to housing

## HOME-ARP Eligible Costs:

- Development hard and soft costs
- Relocation
- Operating cost assistance/reserves

# HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS)

- Defined as one or more buildings that:
  - Provide private units or rooms for temporary shelter
  - Serve individuals and families that meet one or more of the qualifying populations
  - Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement

## Eligible Activities:

- Acquisition of structures
- New construction, with or without land acquisition
- Rehabilitation of existing structures (such as motels, nursing homes)

## Eligible Costs

- Acquisition Costs
- Development Hard and Soft Costs
- Replacement Reserve (for costs identified in capital needs assessment)

***\*\*Ongoing Operating Costs of NCS cannot be paid for HOME-ARP***

# HOME-ARP Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- Assists QP to pay the rent, security deposits, utility payments/deposits
  - Up to 100% of rent and utility costs
- Assistance is attached to qualifying household rather than the unit

## Eligible Costs include

- Rental assistance
- Security deposit payments
- Utility payments, as part of rental assistance
- Utility deposit payments

## HOME-ARP Specifics

- HOME-ARP TBRA sponsors
- Higher subsidy amounts
- Cannot be used in connection with homebuyer programs

# HOME-ARP Supportive Services Overview

- A standalone program, or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities
- Eligibility restrictions (if already receiving services through another program)

## Supportive Services: Eligible Activities

- **McKinney-Vento Supportive Services** -- adapted from the services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- **HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services** -- adapted from eligible homelessness prevention services under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) regulations and are revised, supplemented, and streamlined.
- **Housing Counseling** -- as defined in Part 5, including requirement that counseling only be provided by HUD-certified housing counselors

# Supportive Services: Eligible Costs

## Eligible Costs - McKinney Vento Supportive Services and Homelessness Prevention Services

- Childcare
- Education services
- Employment assistance and job training
- Food
- Housing search and counseling services
- Legal Services
- Life skills training
- Mental Health Services
- Outpatient Health Services
- Outreach Services
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Case management
- Mediation
- Credit Repair
- Landlord/tenant liaison
- Services for special populations
- Financial Assistance Costs

## Eligible Costs – Housing Counseling

- Staff salaries and overhead costs of HUD-certified housing counseling agencies
- Development of a housing counseling workplan
- Marketing and outreach
- Intake
- Financial and housing affordability analysis
- Action plans
- Follow-up communication with program participants



# Points of Discussion

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# Stakeholder Survey - Link

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[www.surveymonkey.com/r/Columbia-ARP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Columbia-ARP)



# More Information - HUD

## HUD Notice: CPD-21-10

### Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2021-10cpdn.pdf>

## HUD HOME-ARP Program Homepage

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/>



