



# **Community Development Annual Update**

**Health and Community Services  
Committee**

**April 5, 2022**

# Planning, Building & Development

## Community Development

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- Advises County Board on grants from U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), L.C. Video Gaming Revenue and L.C. Affordable Housing Fund
  - Oversees a five-year community planning process to guide annual funding allocations
  - Staffs the **Housing and Community Development Commission**
- Works to further Fair Housing Choice
  - Conducts a periodic HUD-required Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (Lake County is required to annually certify it affirmatively furthers fair housing)
- Liaises with the Lake County Coalition for the Homeless
  - Staffs and coordinates homeless funding decisions with the Coalition
  - Conducts the Annual Homeless Census (Point in Time Count)
- Manages the ServicePoint Referral Network
  - Integrates with Lake County 211 (United Way of Lake County)

# Investing Funding with Community Partners

## Funding is managed under four goals:

1. Improve homeless crisis response system
2. Assist persons with special needs (including mental health)
3. Maximize affordable housing
4. Prioritize pathways for upward economic mobility



Barwell Manor Redevelopment in Waukegan

# Community Development Funding

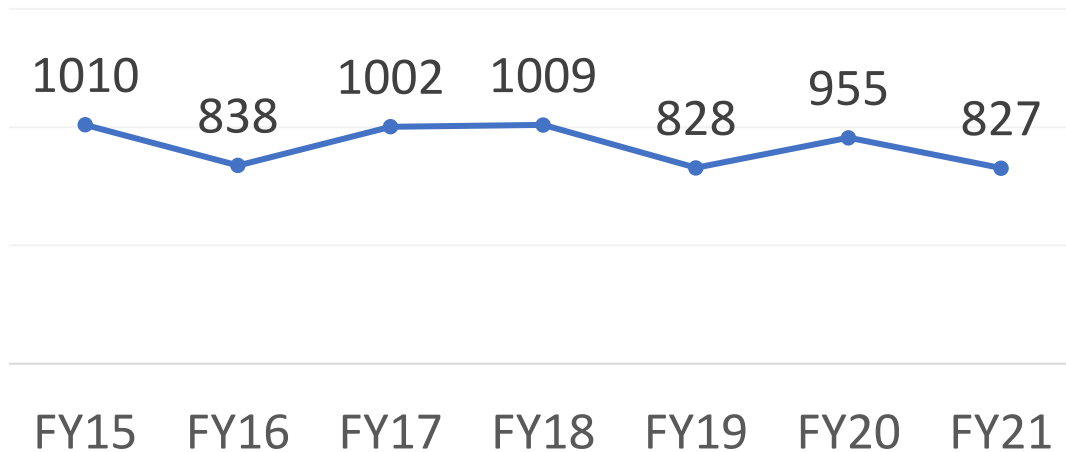


Funding Source	Annual	COVID Funding	COVID Funding Notes
Community Development Block Grant	\$2,927,441	\$4,772,657	80% expenditures by 7/23
HOME	\$1,662,483	\$6,025,377	Allocations in progress
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$225,934	\$2,298,340	Funding ends 9/30/22
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$288,831	\$892,710	
Lake County Affordable Housing Program	\$300,000	n/a	
Video Gaming Revenue	\$672,409	n/a	
Homeless Continuum of Care	\$3,022,005	n/a	
ARPA State and Local Recovery Fund	n/a	\$12,000,000	
Emergency Rental Assistance	n/a	\$36,983,579	Program will end in 2022
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,099,103</b>	<b>\$62,972,663</b>	

# Homeless Crisis Response System Data



Total Unduplicated Sheltered People (ES)



Federal fiscal years run October 1 – September 30  
Data from HUD's System Performance Measures Report

- The daily census of people in emergency homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters is reflected in higher point in time number from 1/26/2022 (402 up from 372 in 2021).
- Length of time homeless is nearly triple what it was pre-pandemic (110 days in the year ending 9/30/2021 compared to 38 days).
- People experiencing homelessness are less likely to exit to a permanent destination (46% compared to 59%).

# Homeless Solutions



**Connected 58 emergency housing vouchers into the homeless coordinated entry system**



**Expanded Rapid Rehousing with two pilot projects and expansion of existing partners**



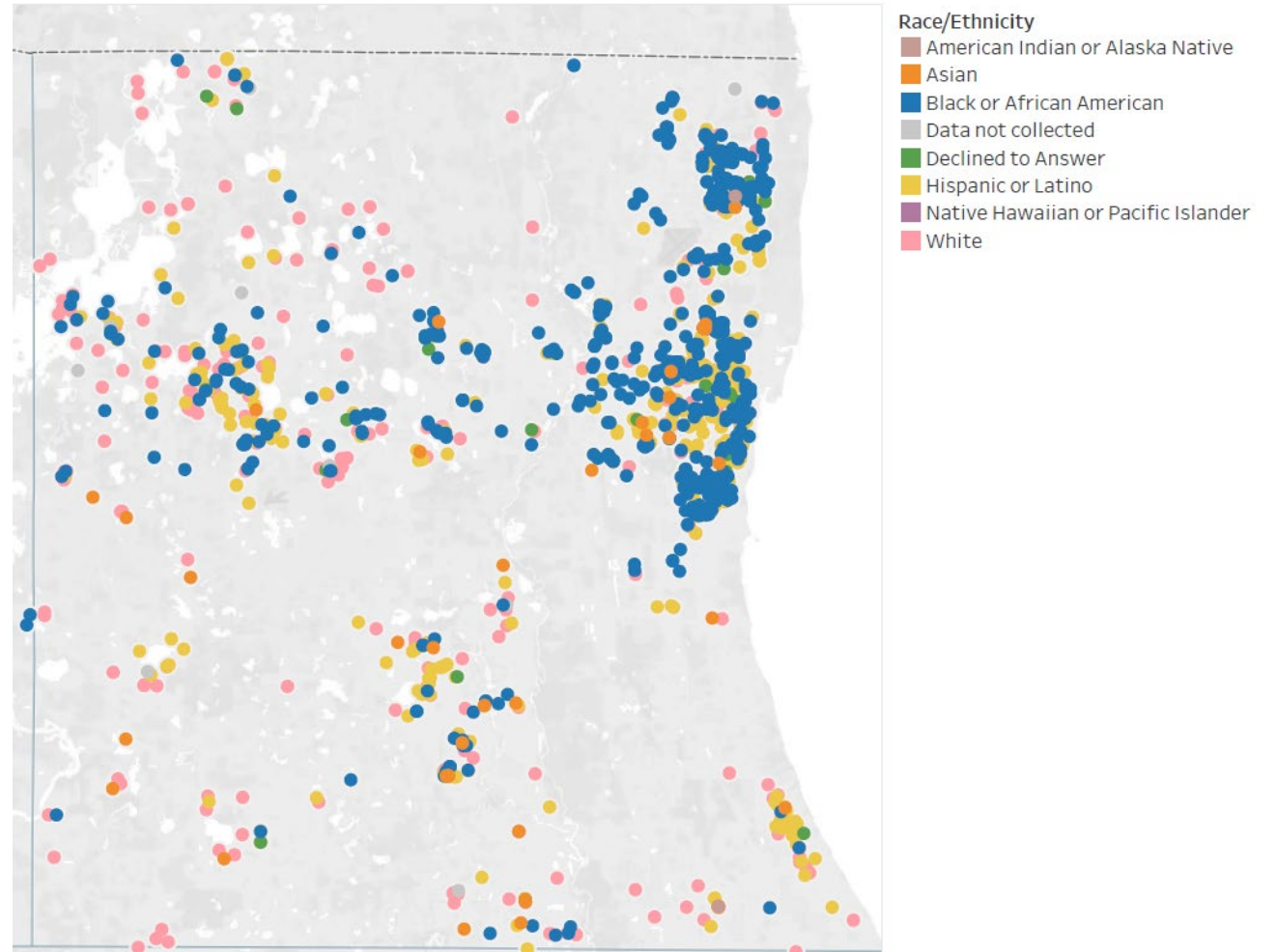
**Expansion of landlord outreach and incentives**



**Investment in site-based shelter with PADS Lake County**

# Rental Assistance and Eviction Prevention

- Local program, Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (FERA) has distributed \$23,167,734.81 of direct assistance to 3,092 households.
- With ~\$32M of assistance available, the program will wind down in 2022.
- Bilingual staff are available at eviction court (in person and virtual) to assist with applications.
- State of Illinois (IHDA) will have an upcoming round of rental assistance (<https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/>) in April.



# Furthering Fair Housing

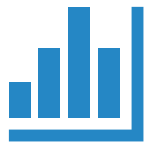
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**Partnership with Prairie State Legal Services for Fair Housing training and testing**



**Partner with municipalities regarding affordable housing development and policy**



**Continued assessment of housing data and opportunities to further fair housing**



# Attainable Housing

- Expansion of the multifamily rental portfolio by 287 units in 7 buildings
- Expanded homeownership support
  - Launched foreclosure prevention program in partnership with courts
  - Down payment assistance to 47 households
  - Completed 8 community land trust homes
- Innovative partnership with Lake County Housing Authority to preserve 18 affordable single family home rentals



Rendering of Kirwan Apartments in Waukegan, currently under construction

# Plans for the Coming Year

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- Continue to support allocation, contracting and management of one-time Federal funding (i.e. HOME-ARP, ARPA SLFRF).
- Project management and reporting on an increased portfolio of grants.
- Wind down the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (FERA) program.
- Facilitate plans to end chronic homelessness with the Lake County Coalition for the Homeless.
- Staff the Planning, Building and Development's Attainable Housing Task Force (PWPT authorized).



**Questions**